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Dear Ed,

We begin 2010 with great hope. It is hard to believe that we have been working in Athi River for only one year! It has become in many ways, my second home.

Our Esarunoto ECDE Centre (preschool) has completed its first school year and our two school feeding programs have provided thousands of meals. 2009 saw the Florence Kentucky Rotary Club provide brand new school uniforms for our preschoolers as well as a water tank and gutter system for the school. Emergency food relief was delivered to many in a nearby village! We also began some new ventures such as the purchase of 72 goats for a Maasai women's cooperative. We purchased new school sweaters for a school located in the Kibera slum and a new latrine has been dug for the Kibera school as well. St. Timothy School is expanding into a new building rented by the Ed Colina Foundation. We also provided meals for St. Tim's during the December break.

Here are some interesting numbers of those we are currently assisting:

Esarunoto Preschool Enrollment - 65
Tuition Assistance provided to students attending other schools - 65
Textbooks and Supplies Provided - many students
School Feeding Program - Esarunoto School - 65
School Feeding Program - St. Timothy - 97
Relief Food - 36 widows and their children and grandchildren
School Uniforms - 206 students
Kibera School Sweaters - 45 students
Attending Youth Activity Days - 213
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Youth Day!

Our fourth Youth Activity Day was held recently. 188 children, 19 adults and 6 facilitators attended, making this the largest of our youth gatherings to date!

Singing, dancing and other activities were capped off with food, drinks and awards for good academic performance.

Grant Ideas?

Please contact us if you know of appropriate grants or funding for which the Foundation could apply. Perhaps your business has a "matching funds" program. At this time the Foundation is incorporated in the state of Kentucky with our own EIN. We are currently applying for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the Federal Government.

Donations may be sent to:

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Mission Fund
Ed Colina Projects
5876 Veterans Way
Burlington, KY 41005.

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Adult Education Classes Enrollment - 75 plus
Trainer of Trainers Program Participants - 10
Income-generating program - beads 36 women affecting 144 children
Income-generating program - goats 36 women affecting 136 children
Medical Screenings / Nurse Visits - hoping to assist 500

Thank you so much for your generous response to our mailing!

Sincerely,

Ed

Goat Project Showing Promise

Thirty six Masai women each contributed 1200 shillings (\$16.00) towards the purchase of goats for a new cooperative project. The Foundation will supply 72 goats contributing the remainder of the monies needed. Each woman will receive 2 goats. A goat can be purchased in Kenya for approximately 1800 shillings (\$25.00) The goats will be the property of the women and used for milk and the kids (baby goats) can be sold for the meat. Goat milk is very nutritious and good for boosting the immune system. Pictured above are the first 35 goats purchased. The Masai men were very supportive as well. The initial contributions for the goats purchased was made by the Masai husbands!

New Sweaters & Latrine in Kibera!

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Take Notice

Ed's **JOURNEY** Dates

If you are looking for a speaker for your school or group, contact Ed at ecolina@aol.com

St. Joe's Cold Spring
January 11, 2010

Ed in New Mexico for
retreat January 21-26,
2010

Return to Kenya
March - May 2010
Tentative Dates



The Ed Colina Foundation recently purchased 45 new sweaters for a small school in the Kibera slums. The Foundation also began construction of a new latrine located just outside the small classroom. This is our initial outreach to slums beyond our own Athi River town. Kibera is one of the largest slums in the world; home to over a million inhabitants living on one square mile of land. Pictured above are three students from the Kibera school standing in front of the latrine construction site. They are sporting their new school sweaters.

Ed and Three Preschool Students



New Youth Meetings Conducted

12 secondary school students met with Foundation staff to discuss the topics of relationships and friendship. Tribal divisions continue to breed violence in Kenya and this meeting of our teens attending secondary schools will hopefully help to foster a new generation of understanding and tolerance. This was the first such meeting hosted by the Ed Colina Foundation. Lunch

and soda was provided by our local facilitators.



Adult Education Classes

Adult Education classes have begun in full force. Last Monday, 68 adults showed up for registration. Those attending are mainly women, looking to learn how to count, read and speak English and Swahili. The language spoken by the women is predominately Kimasai - their mother tongue. We quickly ascertained that one teacher cannot handle a class that large and we are looking to divide the numbers to fill three classes. This means that we will also need an additional teacher or two. In the Merimbeti manyatta, adult education classes are also set to begin this week with an additional 17 adults! The numbers are expected to grow at this location as well. At the writing of this newsletter we will have four classes in two different locations, serving approximately 75 adults. Pictured are some of the students.

Journey: The Ed Colina Foundation

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