

# Spring 2014

### NEW CLASSROOMS AT WATHITUGA PRIMARY SCHOOL





Dear Friends,

After years of dialogue between the school board, the headmaster, and the teachers of Wathituga Primary School we are proud to announce the completion of a new building housing new classrooms and badly needed office space.

The entire project was approached as a community effort enlisting the help of parents who now feel a vested interest in the care and maintenance of this great improvement to the infrastructure of their school. These new classrooms provide a clean, well-lit and well-ventilated environment for students and teachers who all believe that it will greatly enhance the teaching and learning at their school.

Wathituga received a library in 1991 and immediately their students began to excel. Year after year scholastic awards are won by the children of Wathituga. Headmasters give full credit to the library books and lectures we provide as the source of their achievements. In 2007 we added a fuel efficient cafeteria to the school which we featured in a previous newsletter. This new addition to Wathituga has brought such pride to the school and community that it is obvious to me they have found a new inspiration for learning.

The entire story of the project is featured in photographs on pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter. I hope you too will take pride in what your contributions have created.

On behalf of the students, teachers and parents, I thank you.

President

## News from Kenya

### RURAL SCHOOLS UPDATE

he schools that benefit from the WHWF's Rural Outreach Program have shown once again that providing educational assistance to Kenya's students and teachers not only works, it can result in superior academic achievement.

Students in classes 7 and 8 at Wathituga Primary, Guara Primary, Mlima Kenya Primary and Nyariginu Primary Schools participate in the sessions, which are conducted two or three times monthly at each school.

According to WHWF Education Coordinator, Michael Ng'ang'a, the students continue to shine in the Kenya National Examinations. Guara and Wathituga Primary Schools topped all schools in the Kieni East Zone in last November's testing.

In addition to the new classrooms and office space at Wathituga Primary, the school's kindergarten classroom received a new concrete floor, and the kitchen received a new stove, an additional rain water catchment tank, and and a fresh paint job.



Demonstrating yet again that programs you sponsor can change lives, the Education Center welcomed a new intern, Ivy Wanjiku Ng'iru, a Nairobi University student completing her Wildlife Management degree.

Ivy says that her visit to the Education Center as a schoolgirl was the inspiration for her choice of career, and she hopes to inspire others by her example.

### PEN PAL CLUB I HHASS AF ROCKY START

The Pen Pal Club at Segerstrom High School in Santa Ana, CA tried selling Krispy Kreme donuts before school to raise funds for the Kenyan school their pen pals attend, but they had a terrible start. Then they switched products and instead sold Boba Iced Milk Tea after school for three weeks.

After a tepid start and two slow days due to cold weather, the remaining days' sales were brisk, and they ended up doing pretty well for their first fundraiser!

"It was work, but it was for a good cause! We'll be doing it again!" teacher Brenda Loh pledged via email. The club exchanges letters with Ngenia Secondary School students in Ngenia, Kenya. Loh reports that some students who have graduated still correspond with their Kenyan pen pals.



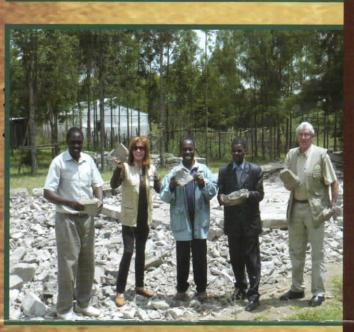


L: T-shirt front R: T-shirt back

## Community Joins Effort to Improve













## Wathituga Primary School Facilities













### A Simple Solution to a Global Concern

ne of our great and longtime supporters,
Marcia Dodge, brought to my attention a
marvelous and inexpensive innovation in
water purification that can change lives and ultimately
protect our most vital resource, WATER.

It has been said that in the future water will be more valuable than gold. In fact, today less than 3% of the world's water is potable (of drinking quality).

Scientists have shown that 97% of the earth's water is non-potable salt water. Only 2.5–2.75% is fresh water, including 1.75–2% frozen in glaciers, ice and snow, 0.7–0.8% as fresh groundwater and soil moisture, and less than 0.01% of it as surface water in lakes, swamps and rivers.

As climate change rapidly alters reliable sources and overpopulation makes resources unsustainable, WATER fit for consumption must be our principal concern.

The current water crisis cannot wait to be solved by diplomacy or corporations, individuals' ingenuity, however has come up with a system so simple and so cost effective one wonders why it took so long.

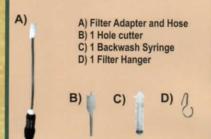
Here's how it works:

- 1) Obtain a clean plastic bucket or container.
- 2) Use the hole cutter provided in the kit to drill a hole 1.5 inches from the bottom of the bucket. (This can be done by hand.)
- 3) Screw the connector, hose and filter onto the bucket.
- 4) Fill the bucket with water from any source, lower the filter below the water line, and let gravity do the rest.

According to their website, "All Sawyer Hollow Fiber Membrane filters are small, portable, easy-to-use, reliable, inexpensive, and can last a lifetime without needing to be replaced.

Our proprietary water filters are comprised of tiny "U" shaped micro-tubes that allow water to enter into their core through minuscule micropores. Contaminates get trapped in the tubes while the decontaminated water passes freely

#### STEP 1: Verify Kit Contents



#### STEP 2: Find a Clean Bucket



Do no use a bucket/pail that previously contained poisonous chemicals. If possible, bucket should be food grade (had food in it before this usage.)

#### STEP 3: Drill a Hole in the Bucket



POWER DRILL NOT REQUIRED> THIS CAN BE DONE BY HAND. Drill a 22mm (13/16") hole in the side of the bucket by twusting the hole cutter (B) about 38mm (1.5") from bottom of bucket. This height will help prevent sediment from entering filter. Debur the hole and make smooth to avoid leaks.

STEP 4: Prepare the Adapter



Unscrew the male adapter from the female adapter and then remove the o-ring from the male adapter.

#### STEP 5: Install the Male Adapter



Place the male adapter through the hole inside the bucket so the threads protrude outside the bucket.

STEP 6: Reattach the Female Adapter



Place the o-ring onto the male threads on the outside of the bucket and screw the female adapter back onto the male threads.

#### STEP 7: Filtering Water



### STEP 8: Stopping the Flow



Raise the filter above the bucket to stop the water flow. When not in use, place the filter in the hanger and hang on side of bucket.

through. The high number of those tiny tubes and their significant surface area allow the filter to have one of the fastest flow rates available in the world. This high flow rate makes our filters easily utilized as point-of-use solutions, which has eliminated the need to store water — one of the leading causes of contaminated water throughout the world."

The technology, based on that of kidney dialysis, has proven to remove 99.9% of bacteria, protozoa, and viruses.

The WHWF is providing Sawyer filters to all our rural schools and will be using the filters as part of our lecture series at our main education center.

For more info on the product visit www.sawyer.com.

### IGD 100 Good Deeds = The Bracelet

n February this year I attended the Sedona Film Festival in beautiful Sedona, Arizona. While in that lovely place I met a most remarkable woman, Mary Fisher. Mary is an artist in so many mediums I can't number them. She is also an activist dedicating her life to fighting AIDS, which led her to Africa where she has spent a decade working with vulnerable women while teaching them the art of bead work jewelry.

This jewelry has been featured in Vogue magazine and the proceeds from online sales go directly back to the women who create the jewelry following Mary's designs and techniques which she has personally taught to every one of them.

In addition, Mary has begun a project very dear to her and it is a gift to all of us that I want to share with you.

In 2011, Mary had just released her memoir, *Messenger*, a story of discovering joy in service, when she met Thomas Morgan, a filmmaker and father, who created the 100 Good Deeds game with his family. The rules of the game: A "good deed" means we've gone out of our way to help someone and only counts if the deed remains anonymous.

Thomas shared the game with Mary who responded by creating the 100 Good Deeds bracelet. The bracelet is both a call to do good deeds and a strategy to empower women. Thomas' game and Mary's bracelet together have launched a worldwide 100 Good Deeds movement.

The 1GD bracelet is carefully hand-braided from a fine nylon thread using a lucet tool. A lucet is a tool used in cord-making or braiding



which is believed to date back to the Viking and Medieval periods, when it was used to create cords that were used on clothing or to hang items from the belt. The braided cord is then strung with 100 unique glass beads and a single rubber ring.

Each time a good deed is performed, the rubber ring is moved one bead closer toward the 1GD button. The bracelets are currently created by women in Haiti, Uganda, Rwanda, Zambia and Johannesburg.



Available in ten colors, the glass bead bracelets may be purchased for \$30 at 100GoodDeeds.org.
Your purchase creates a job for one vulnerable woman.

Donate online at www.whwf.org

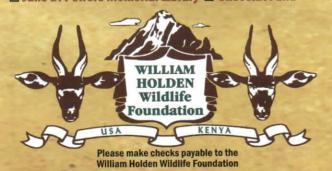
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### SUPPORT WHWF WITH A DONATION

I want to carry on with the work	of the Wi	Iliam Holde	n Wildlife	Foundation.
<b>Enclosed is my contribution of:</b>	□ \$250	□\$100	□ \$50	□ Other \$

Please check this box if your donation is for the

☐ Julie D. Powers Memorial Library ☐ Chocolat Fund



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## WF Merchandise





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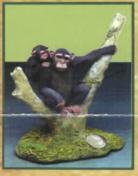
All-occasion cards now sold individually online at www.whwf.org/greetingcards.html Prices range from \$1.75 - \$2.50



Inside verse: I still go ape over you! Happy Anniversary!

100% cotton canvas. 15" x 16", long 24" strap, natural with hunter green imprint.

Also available: black-maned lion, Masai ostrich. and chimpanzee



Elephant & monkey are 11" tall standing, 7" sitting.

From a collection made exclusively for the WHWF by Novelino, the artisans have given these handcrafted sculptures their careful attention by reproducing each minute detail of these beautiful and exotic creatures. Each limited edition piece

has been discreetly signed under the base by WHWF president, Stefanie Powers. Please visit www.whwf.org/novelino.html for the pieces that are currently available.



11 oz. beige ceramic mug with dark green imprint.

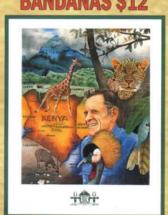


Our off-white logo t-shirts are made of Fortrel EcoSpun, produced from recycled plastic bottle caps. Our dark green and black t-shirts are 100% cotton. Please specify color and size. Earth Day shirts only available in size XL.





Adjustable, 100% cotton, unconstructed cap with velcro closure and embroidered WHWF patch. Your choice of Navy, White or Khaki.



### MERCHANDISE ORDER F

All items are available at our online store at www.whwf.org. If you would like any items gift wrapped and sent as holiday gifts, along with a card that indicates it is from you, please supply the full names and mailing addresses of recipients, as well as who the gifts are from. Call our office with any questions.

Address City

Email \_ Please send check or money order to William Holden Wildlife Foundation Post Office Box 16637, Beverly Hills, CA 90209



ITEM	PRICE	QTY	S/H	TOTAL
WHWF Plush Toys  □ ELEPHANT □ MONKEY  SHIPPING: 56 U.S. ST CAN / 59 INIL	\$27		\$6	
WHWF Mug SHIPPING: \$4 U.S. \$6 CAN / \$8 INTL	\$14		\$4	
WHWF Bandana SHIPPING: \$2 U.S. \$4 CAN / \$6 INTL	\$12		\$2	
CHIMPANZEE by Novelino	\$115		\$20	
WHWF Poster	\$15		\$3	
WHWF Tote Bag SHIPPING: \$3 U.S. \$5 CAN / \$7 INTL	\$10		\$3	
Christmas Cards (boxed set) \$5 CAN / \$7 INTL	\$12		\$3	
WHWF Logo T-Shirts (please indicate size/color selection)  ☐ Recycled Bottle Cap T-shirt (Off-White Only) ☐ 100% Cotton: ☐ Dark Green ☐ Black Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL	\$20		\$6	
Earth Day T-Shirt Limited Quantity SHIPPING: SG U.S. \$10 CAN / \$12 INTL	\$20		\$6	
Safari Caps Color: NAVY WHITE	\$20		\$3	
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