

**President's Corner: \$10K + (\$10K*2) = \$100,000!**

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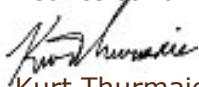
Math at TDS is creative. It reminds one of the famous New Yorker magazine cartoon where the scientist has an elaborate formula on the chalkboard, pointing to a spot in the middle of the formula that reads, "then a miracle occurs." Our TDS math is not depending on miracles—we are depending on you.

The TDS board of directors met on Tuesday, December 1st and voted to launch a new drive to raise funds to complete the girls' dormitory project at Nyegina Secondary School. In doing so, we are affirming our commitment of helping the Nyegina School Board transform the school into a modern six-year high school. We are grateful

for a \$10,000 challenge gift that will leverage every dollar of your donation to even more funds for the school. For every \$2 we raise, we will receive \$1 from this gift by an anonymous donor. With \$30,000 in hand, it is not very far to achieve our \$100,000 goal.

I hope you will read the newsletter and consider a gift to TDS this holiday season. There is nothing that is more powerful to end poverty than giving a girl a secondary education. Your gift to TDS will help many, many girls attend secondary school.

Asante sana! (Thank you)



Kurt Thurmaier,
TDS Board President

Please visit www.tdsnfp.org and make your generous donation today. Or send your gift to:

**Tanzania Development Support
201 Thornbrook Road
DeKalb, Illinois 60115**

Raise \$100,000? First \$10,000 - A Great Start!

We have a tremendous opportunity to change the lives of girls and boys in Tanzania and we invite you to be a part of it. The TDS 2010 campaign will fund and complete the girls' dormitory project at the Secondary School. The facility will consist of two wings that each sleep 80 girls, plus a shower/toilet facility. Each wing will cost \$70,000 to complete. The building's foundation work was completed by the group of volunteers who traveled to Nyegina in June 2009 and was funded by the \$40,000 raised prior to that trip. We are committed to raising the additional \$100,000 by the end of 2010.

Our efforts aim to help Nyegina Secondary School achieve its goal of becoming a highly ranked six-year high school. This requires many projects, including:

- building a new dormitory for girls
- developing science laboratories
- outfitting the school with computers
- providing enough textbooks to reduce the student/textbook ratio to 3:1 (3 students for each textbook represents a vast improvement over the current 10:1 ratio)
- constructing a school library
- building another dormitory for the boys.



The girls' dormitory is the first and most important step in the strategic plan. Research shows that a secondary school education can lift a girl out of the cycle of poverty.

The Girl Effect

- A girl in the developing world who receives 7 or more years of education marries 4 years later and has 2.2 fewer children (United Nation Population Fund, *State of the World Population* 1990).
- Girls and women who earn income reinvest 90% of it into their families, as compared to only 30-40% for a man.
- Better infant and child health in developing countries correlates with higher levels of schooling of their mothers.
- Education offers a girl the opportunity to earn an income, which has a dramatic impact on her ability to make choices and to reduce poverty for herself and her family.
- A literate girl is motivated to hope and aspire for a better life
- Educated women are more likely to send their children to school.



Giving a girl a secondary education is the single most powerful tool for escaping poverty. That is why TDS is so dedicated to helping Nyegina Secondary School achieve its objectives. When these boys and girls get a 21st century education, they can break the cycle of poverty and become the community leaders of tomorrow. More information available at www.girleffect.org.

Challenge Grant

TDS is pleased to announce that we have received a \$10,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor. The grant is made possible by the Jensen-Mitchell family (Cheryl, Bob, Nick, and Jesse) who were volunteers on the work trip this summer to Nyegina. They were given \$10,000 from an anonymous donor and agreed to designate the grant for TDS. We are grateful to both the Jensen-Mitchell family, and to the anonymous donor.



This grant enables us to increase the value of every dollar donated between now and March 31, 2010, the deadline for the challenge. For every \$2 donated by the end of March, we will receive an additional \$1 from the grant. Our benefactor hopes to see the \$10,000 quickly transform into \$30,000. From that point it is not very far to achieve our \$100,000 ultimate goal for 2010. With your help, it will happen.

We are very grateful for the grant and for the generosity of the donor. We also appreciate the donor's desire to inspire others to support our cause by making it a challenge grant. Now it is up to us to meet the challenge.

Local Action Has Global Impact

First Congregational United Church of Christ youth group in DeKalb rakes leaves to raise \$1000 to provide scholarships to girls at Nyegina Secondary School.

Read more at:
www.tdsnfp.org

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