

MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS)

The MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) is located in Monduli, Tanzania, a village 45 minutes outside of Arusha. Since the school was founded in 1995, more than **600** girls have graduated and over **200** of these girls have gone on to institutions of higher learning. Today, graduates include teachers, nurses, social workers, doctors and other professionals.

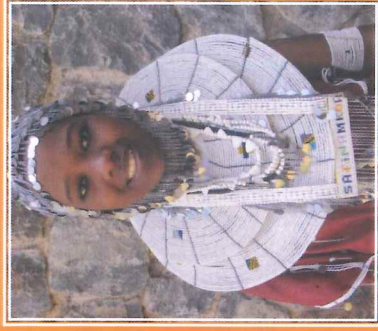
MGLSS was established because there were very few secondary education opportunities for Maasai girls. Now, each year there are more than 275 girls enrolled in the school. It has become a critical force for girls who otherwise have no access to education beyond primary school. In fact, fewer than 30 percent of Tanzanian girls are able to attend secondary school.



The residential high school, complete with classrooms, dormitories, labs and library, is free for the girls who are selected

through a process of interviews and recommendations from their primary school teachers. The students are from marginalized tribes, including the Maasai, Barbaig, and Hadzabe.

In a Tanzanian girl's life, education makes all the difference. Schooling offers the girls a chance to make a brighter future for themselves and their families.



Sinyati Isaya, Form 6 graduate

- A secondary education nearly triples a woman's income.
- She will reinvest 90 percent of her income into her family.
- A girl with a secondary education will marry later and have 2.2 fewer children.
- She is seven times less likely to contract HIV/AIDS.
- Her children have a 40 percent better chance of living to age 5.



Education Matters

a Difference

A gift to MGLSS provides the physical, emotional and educational support an African girl needs to be healthy, safe and successful in school. The MGLSS community is a unique environment for the education of girls. MGLSS has received accreditation from the Tanzanian Ministry of Education for Forms One through Six, which follow primary school.

Scholarship money raised by Operation Bootstrap Africa is the major source of funding for the School. Without this assistance, few MGLSS students would be able to attend secondary school. All gifts are tax deductible and go to the Operation Bootstrap Africa MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary Scholarship Fund.

There are two scholarship levels:

\$1,000 per year/\$84 a month This level provides a girl with a full year's room, board, school fees, books, supplies and uniform.

\$500 per year/\$42 a month This level provides support for a girl for half a year. Consider pairing with a friend to sponsor an entire year.

**To learn more about MGLSS, go to www.youtube.com and enter OBA MaaSAE Girls School*

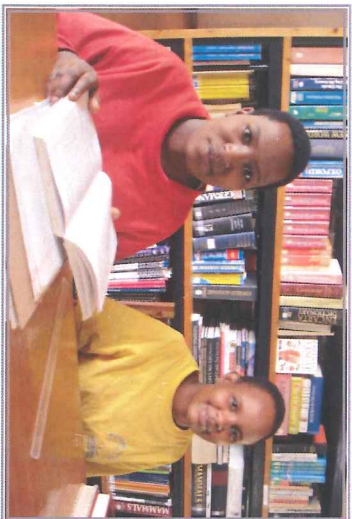
"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela.

Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA)

How to Contribute

Our History

Established in 1965, Operation Bootstrap Africa is a Christian movement dedicated to increased educational and healthcare opportunities in Africa. Founded by a Lutheran missionary, Rev. J. David Simonson, the organization works with local communities to meet their needs and is based on the philosophy of helping people help themselves – hence the name “bootstrap.”



Funding

OBA raises money and then grants that money to educational projects in Africa. More than half of all contributions come from individuals, with another 40 percent from faith-based communities.

Operation Bootstrap Africa is a non-profit organization supported by individuals,

churches of many denominations, service clubs and organizations throughout the world. It is a qualified 501(c) 3 organization with offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Focuses

- School construction including classrooms, teachers' houses, other school buildings
- Funding for secondary school student sponsorships and for school operations and special projects
- Funding post-secondary scholarships with a focus on girls pursuing teaching and healthcare occupations

Donations may be made by check, online credit card giving, or recurring monthly payments at www.BootstrapAfrica.org, or you can send your contribution to:

Operation Bootstrap Africa
625 Fourth Avenue South
Suite 110
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Accomplishments

Since its founding, Operation Bootstrap Africa has funded the building of more than 3,200 primary school classrooms in Tanzania alone and continues to fund projects at many primary and secondary schools throughout the nation. OBA has also completed school projects in Gambia, Madagascar, Zimbabwe, and other African countries.

Be sure to designate your online gift or check as a gift to MGLSS.

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