



## RUAHA CONSERVATION FUND



### Makifu School Library

**The Geiselmans, from Houston, Texas, have continued to be fantastic supporters of the Makifu Library project.** More funds were donated this year to increase the number of books in the Library considerably. As a new school syllabus had come out at the beginning of the year, the head teacher of the school asked us to wait until the new text books were ready.

Since I visited the School in March this year, I was happy to see how a new garden, and stone path had been added to the area in front of the library.

We were entertained by the children with wonderful songs and dances. The event went on for over an hour, with speeches from various members of the community and school. It was an incredibly hot day, so the children moved themselves into the shade of the trees and continued the celebrations from there. The Head teacher, pictured below shaking my hand, was so happy with the books, he thanks the Geisleman family and hopes they will visit the school again one day.



# MAKIFU SCHOOL LIBRARY



These books were already in the library donated by the Geiselman family, last year, the new batch we just gifted, will really fill it up well.



Dr Dulle giving a speech. He noted that we had been coming to this school for 17 years, and was gratified to see the continuous development and care given to the schools environment and facilities.



Sue shaking hands with various officials after giving the books (above)

The Idodi ward chief was the guest of honour, he gave a very amusing, but meaningful speech. He noted that there were precious few schools in Tanzania with a library. Adding that the pupils had access to a fantastic selection of books so he expected to see grand results in their examinations!



The gift of a goat from the village chief, (on my left) for all our efforts, and the huge generosity of the Geiselmans. I was able to gracefully, re-donate it back to the school for the end-of-year school leavers ceremony on the 29th of September.





## Mkuyu Guiding School



Rob installing solar equipment for the Mkuyu school. They can now watch environmental films and charge their phones!

**Alan Root donated his amazing series of 16 wildlife/ environmental films to Mkuyu School.** Rob is toting the bag filled with the films to the school. They are thrilled with this gift. It is a fantastic way of broadening their horizons .  
**A huge thank you to Alan for this amazing gift.**



**Malcolm Ryan of Mdonya Camp sent us a box of books in Kiswahili outlining the elephant and rhino crises in Tanzania. We distributed it to many key locations. This will be really instrumental in bringing the facts home to the area.**

### ***Continued support for Mkuyu Guide school.***

**Rob and I are really enthusiastic about helping the Mkuyu Guide school.** Having supported many, many diverse programs over the past 20 years, we really see this initiative as being something of a gem. Leonard is an exceptional young man, who is doing an amazing job in creating awareness through environment, for serious college students in Environmental studies who come to him for their fieldwork component, and children alike.

On Saturdays, the primary school kids, flock to Mkuyu school to have lessons from Leonard and his students, he says they are totally free to come if they wish, and each week more appear. I have given a large number of the Safari quiz and colouring books I made some years ago, with pencils, apparently this is a great hit with the kids.

- ✓ **Alan Root donated his series of Wildlife films to the school.**
- ✓ **We have installed a solar system to help them with charging all their various electronic devices.**
- ✓ **Thanks to Mary-Anne Rogers for her kind donations of guide books to the school.**
- ✓ **Malcolm Ryan of Mdonya Camp sent us a box of books in Kiswahili outlining the elephant and rhino crises in Tanzania.**
- ✓ **Mdonya Camp employs 3 of the students from school to help them gain practical experience.**

# OTHER PROJECTS



Jongomero hosts Guide school students



Amani Nzagamba sponsored through secondary school



School trips to the park as popular as ever



Cultural tours still in action



30 desks for Idodi Secondary school

## Jongomero Camp hosts Mkuyu guide school students.

*In June 15 students had a complete tour and day trip around the renowned Jongomero Camp. Leonard, the founder and chief instructor said that "this was the most fantastic experience for his students. it was more than fantastic it was beyond words how helpful this was to them all."*  
**thank you Jongomero!**

## SCHOOL TRIPS TO RUAHA

Once again the annual school trips to the park were a huge success. They took place from September 19th to the 23rd 2016.

**Approximately 480 students visited this year.**

**Its thanks to Harry Vlek and Ans De Winter that these important, and memorable trips take place.**

**Our sincere thanks to you both.**

## DESKS FOR IDODI SECONDARY SCHOOL

Thanks to the continued generosity of the Geiselman family we were able to donate 30 desks and chairs to the School.

The need for desks was a country wide plea from the government to assist the schools.

## CULTURAL TOURISM IS STILL OPERATING WELL.

I met with one of the guides we trained several years ago, he was so happy to tell me that they continue to welcome tourists into their Maasai homes.

## SPONSORSHIP IN IDODI SCHOOL

We continue to have great support from Margaret Smith from Ireland, who is sponsoring Amani through secondary school in Idodi. He has one more year to go.

**Thank you Margaret!**