

Unite The World With Africa Foundation

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Dear friends of Unite,

April 1, 2017

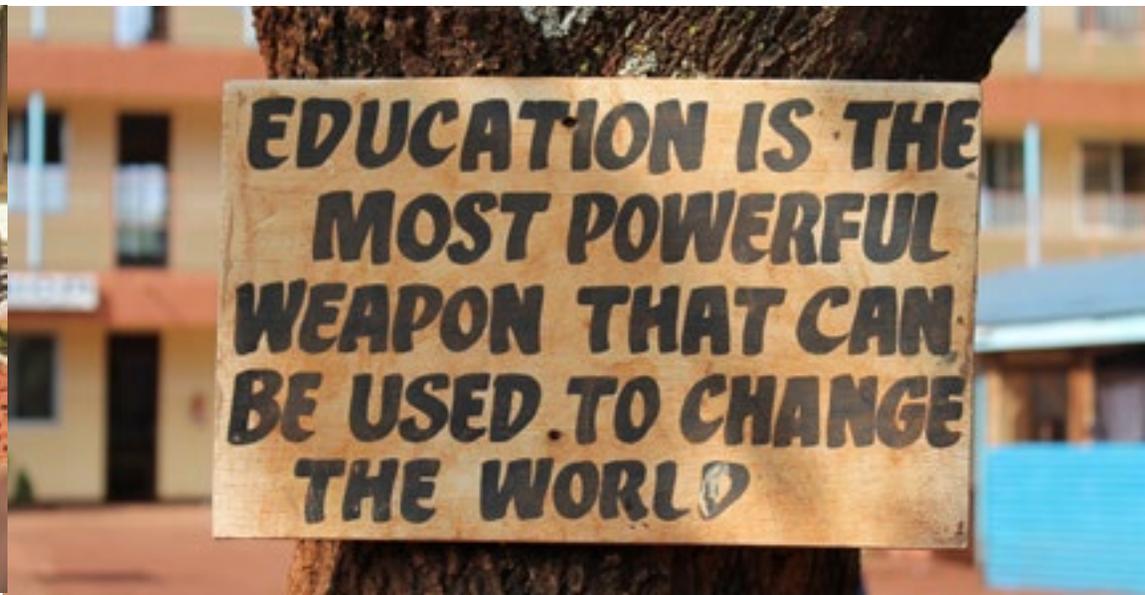
I hope and pray this finds you happy, healthy and well. I am just now home from another whirlwind tour across Tanzania's northern circuit with a team of magnificent women (each of whom generously sponsor one or more of our children at the [St. Joseph's Orphanage](#)). I am thankful to report this was another hugely successful mission. We spent time with Sister Crispina Mnate and the orphans of St. Joseph's as well as the headmaster, staff & students of [The Heaven Primary School](#). We took many of the orphans on two field trips: To the "Guggenheim of Africa," an art gallery at Arusha's [Cultural Heritage](#) center, where they learned about various art forms and watched the movie The Lion King on the big screen; and to the [Meserani Snake Park](#) where they learned about all the kinds of snakes (they even had the chance to hold one, non-venomous ... of course) and go on camel rides! Lots of "firsts" for these kiddos and tons of fun for us all. Later in the trip, while my friends went on safari in the Ngorongoro Crater and on a day-climb of Mt Kilimanjaro, I took our Tanzanian executive team (below) on a "due diligence" trip to benchmark our performance against other reputable schools and children's villages, and we found that *our students are exceeding norms in behavior and performance*, including outcomes on critical national exams. In fact the Heaven School is already being cited as a *model primary school* and St. Joseph's *the example of a well-run orphanage* by local authorities. Additionally, we are already seeing the positive impact of our newest teammate Astridah Katalyeba who brings to Unite and Heaven more than 30 years of experience as an educator in Africa. Astridah is advocating for our secondary school and university students in ways we were not able to before, and she is accelerating and supporting Sister's commitment to making Heaven "*best in class*" by organizing and executing a series of faculty training workshops to make the classrooms more participatory and interactive in nature through the use of technology, visual aids and more. We are thrilled with and energized by all the great progress we are seeing in Tanzania, and we are deeply grateful to each and everyone of you who has helped *in any and every way* to make this work possible. As always, I welcome your comments, questions, ideas and feedback.

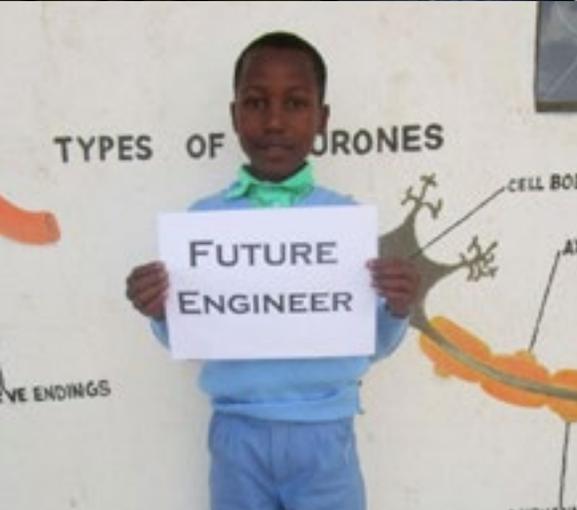
May peace prevail,

Yours in service, "Anne Wells"



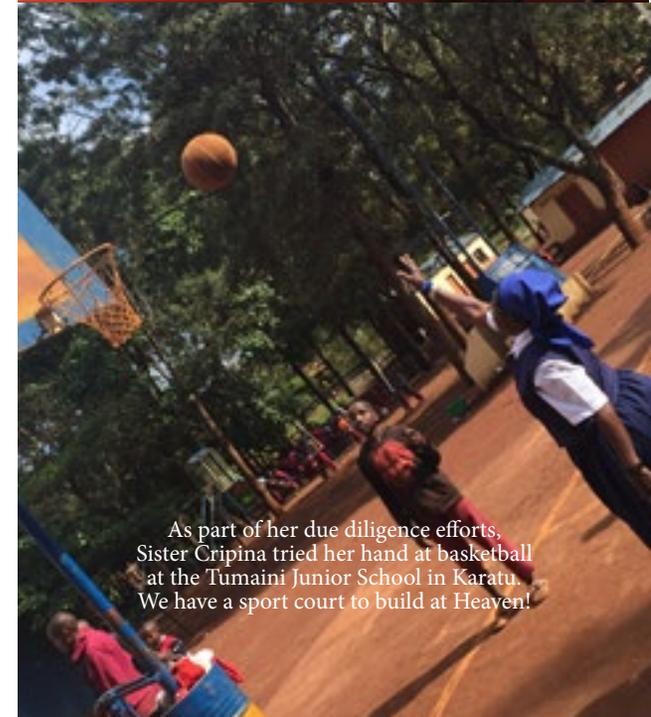
Unite's Executive Team in Tanzania:
Sister Crispina Mnate, Deb Marshall, Anne Wells, Astridah Katalyeba





What's new at St. Joseph's Orphanage (SJO) & The Heaven School (Heaven)?

- **POWER.** Thanks to generous grants from [The Greer Foundation](#) and the [Diana Davis Spencer Foundation](#), wiring is now complete and our team is working with [TANESCO](#) to ensure that the outlets and lights will be in working order in the next few weeks. This will mean the students can study after dark (~6:00 pm all year round), computers and machines can be charged and operated, educational technology can be used in the classrooms, and much more... Truly, this is a dream come true. Hallalujah!
- **CAPITAL PROJECTS:** Heaven's new administration block is now complete (right top); text books, readers and resource materials are being purchased to stock the new school library; fire extinguishers have been installed in each building on campus; the entry drive, flag poles and school announcement board are complete; new blackboards and ceilings have been installed in each classroom; new toilets & bathing stations for both the boys' and girls' dorms at SJO are now operational; and more critical renovations are underway (replacing leaking roofs and floors at SJO, building a small health clinic on-site, upgrading the laundry facilities, installing more stoves, repairing walls, laying cement walks, and more).
- **ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE:** Of our [eight Form 2 orphans \(~9th graders\)](#) who recently took the national exam, seven scored Division 1 and one scored Division 2, all of which are exceptional results. Five of our orphans are now enrolled in College/University and also performing well in their fields of study (medicine, tax, engineering, education and tourism). In fact, Yukunda Florence is ranked #1 in her class of more than 100 students at [Mweka College of African Wildlife Management](#) in Moshi. An extraordinary accomplishment!
- **PARTNERSHIPS:** We've recently launched a new partnership with [Early Lingo](#) to bring advanced English educational materials to the youngest orphans of SJO and students of Heaven.



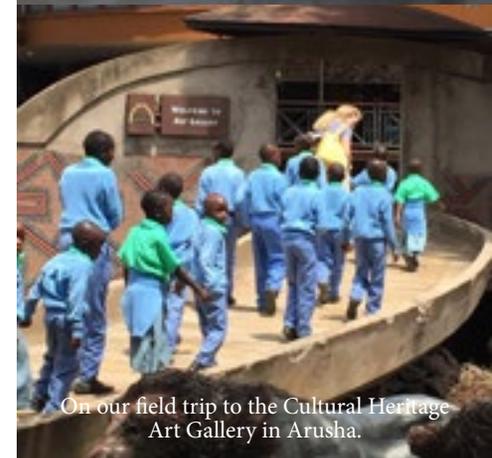
Unite's Sponsorship Program for the 47 Orphans of St. Joseph's

To ensure a high-quality English-speaking education and to meet the comprehensive needs (books, clothes, medical care, nutrition, tutoring, field trips, etc.) for the 47 children living under the care of Sister Crispina Mnate at the [St. Joseph's Orphanage](#) in Kiserian Village, Tanzania, Unite is working to raise \$100,000 a year. To this end, we need to secure **two sponsors for each orphan**. The table below indicates the number of orphans who are still in need of sponsors. If you are interested in learning more, please email anne@uniteafricafoundation.org.

	# of orphans with no sponsors at all	# of orphans with 1 of the necessary 2 sponsors	# of orphans with 2 of 2 sponsors	# of orphans IN NEED OF SPONSORS
Heaven Pre-School (ages 2-5) \$500/year	1	0	4	1 (total need of \$500)
Heaven Primary School (ages ~5-13) \$750/year	1	5	7	6 (total need of \$4,500)
Secondary Boarding School (ages ~14-19)\$1,200/year	5	14	2	19 (total need of \$22,800)
College & University (ages ~20 and up) ~\$2,000/year	1	5	1	6 (total need of \$12,000)
Total # in need/cost	6	23	14	29 (~\$39,800)



Tanya Murphy shares a laugh with Sister Crispina.



On our field trip to the Cultural Heritage Art Gallery in Arusha.



First time for camel rides!



Our Unite Team "in" Heaven!



Nicole Watson & Kenlynn Mulroy overlooking Lake Manyara National Park.



Lisa Lawrence with Astridah and kids at Meserani Snake Park.



Nicole Gerber with students of Heaven.



Anne Wells with Heaven's new headmaster Mr. Joel presenting the materials from Early Lingo.

Our next most pressing priorities:

- (1) Build a wall to secure the campus. The Tanzanian government is now building an East African Highway close to the property, which means an increased risk to our students, staff and assets. Most recently we have had water drained from our rainwater harvesting tanks as the surrounding villages are experiencing drought and the current wire fencing is easily breached. Cost: \$30,000. To date, we have received a \$10,000 matching grant towards this campaign.
- (2) Complete the build out of the Heaven School, including the construction of additional classrooms, a dining hall and kitchen, more toilets, a well and a sport court to increase our capacity from the current 270 students to more than 500 and help make Heaven financially self-sustaining. Cost: \$100,000.
- (3) Conduct a water survey and, if possible, drill a borehole to ensure an adequate supply of water for throughout the year. Cost TBD.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to help us reach our goals, [CLICK HERE](#) or send a check to Unite The World With Africa Foundation, 49 Whitney Street, Westport, CT 06880.

"I feel very fortunate to have been given an 'insider's view' of Anne Wells' Tanzania. To meet so many inspiring local partners on the ground was truly special. I came home with renewed wonder at how much relatively small grants can achieve when they are directed to the right effective people. Unite the World with Africa Foundation is doing great work, and I'm privileged to be involved."

~Nicole Watson, Palm Beach, FL, Unite travel team February - March 2017

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As a founder, Board member and treasurer of Unite David Wells, together with two colleagues from Ernst & Young in NYC (Steve Stafford & Steve Ho) and Unite's youngest advisor Allie Cunningham, will climb Mt Kilimanjaro as part of our campaign to raise \$100,000 to complete the build out of Heaven & provide a quality education to more than 500 children in need. Want to help support David & his team? Click [HERE](#).

Maasai Women's Health Project:

Unite is supporting on a pioneer Women's Health Education Program for the Maasai women of Mkuru. Some exciting recent milestones: (1) The women have built latrines at their bomas (1st time ever); and (2) They have moved their livestock out of their living quarters into secure separate areas -- both in efforts to protect their and their families' health and promote proper hygiene and sanitation. Next step: Educate the men. Men are the decision-makers in Maasai culture and need to understand the value of providing proper medical care and nutritional support to their wives and children.

