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Maasai Community Project begins February

The rich culture and deep rooted traditions of the Maasai tribe are well-known in Tanzania. As a volunteer on the Maasai Community project you will experience a unique and rare insight into their way of life. If you want to be surrounded by beautiful scenery, be exposed to a completely different way of life and work alongside members of this distinct tribe, then this is the project for you. As a volunteer you will be



based in the Maasai lands, located in the world famous Ngorongoro National Park in Northern Tanzania. Even though this National Park is a major tourist attraction, you will be working and living in a community that is far removed from the safari route. This remote location might be far from civilisation, but with breath-taking views and giraffes and zebras roaming freely nearby, it will be an experience you will not forget. [Click here for more info](#)

Projects Abroad to build primary school

In December, Country Director Glory Matoi, along with Care & Teaching Coordinator, Robert Porokwa, signed a Certificate of Land Ownership in the village of Meserani. The Maasai Teaching Project was initiated in February 2011 and provides classes for approximately 65 children ages 2-8. Many of the people who live in Meserani are unprivileged and most of their children do not go to school. Volunteers from Projects Abroad, along with a fulltime Tanzanian teacher provide instruction in Kiswahili, basic English, Maths and sports. Classes are currently being held inside a church building, but the purchase of the land will allow Projects Abroad to have full ownership and direction for the academic growth and progress of the new school. Building volunteers will begin construction of the new school building next month. [Click here for more info](#)



ALUMNI CORNER!

We invite all volunteers to participate in part-time paid work as an Alumni Representative after leaving our destination. Alumni Representatives attend promotional events and fairs in their home country and share their experience living and volunteering with Projects Abroad. If you are interested in becoming an Alumni Representative, email alumni@projects-abroad.co.uk.

Support Your Project

We often get requests from previous volunteers who would like to financially support their former project. If you would like to make a general donation to support our international work or if you want to donate to your previous placement please visit the Reconstruction Project website and earmark your donation for a specific charitable purpose. It will always reach your intended target!

<http://www.justgiving.com/reconstructionproject>

You may also send a cheque to The Reconstruction Project, c/o Projects Abroad, Aldsworth Parade, Goring, Sussex, Great Britain, BN124TX

Maasai Water Project begins this month

Merelani is a Maasai village located near the Kilimanjaro Airport in Arusha. While the area is rich in Tanzanite, access to water is very poor and people living in the area travel up to 10km (one way) using donkeys to fetch water every day to meet the needs of cooking, cleaning, drinking and bathing. The Water Project in Merelani aims to reduce the hardship of life in this area which is dry and harsh. Volunteers will also help bring water to the people living in Eseeere, a Maasai community inside the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. [Click here to learn more](#)



Gap Year Abroad in Dar Es Salaam



“I chose to volunteer because I wanted to do something new and exciting in my gap year and I thought that volunteering abroad would be the perfect way to see another part of the world, while meeting new people and doing something meaningful,” says Thomas Klevin. Thomas (19), who is from the Netherlands and currently in his gap year signed up to volunteer in Dar Es Salaam. “I had two projects during my stay in Tanzania. I was there for nine weeks, and for the first four, I taught a 5th grade class in English at a primary school. For the next four weeks I worked in the local hospital.” Thomas says his impression of the teachers at the school was that a lot of them didn’t have the necessary education to teach a class in English, so the teachers were very eager to get Thomas to teach the classes. [Full Story...](#)

Video Message from our Country Director



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