



Amsha Africa Foundation

Global Friendship Penpal Project

Introduction



Empowering the poor to lift themselves out of poverty with dignity



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"Amsha" is a swahili word meaning "wake up."

Amsha Africa Foundation ("AAF") is a non-denominational, nonprofit organization that enhances the living standards in African slums and villages, by supplying these communities with clean water, food, medical aid, hygiene kits, and mosquito nets; by providing capacity building programs, literacy and enrichment, housing, sanitation aid, and agricultural education; and by rebuilding schools and giving them desks, computers, uniforms, and school supplies.

AAF primarily works with registered community based organizations in rural Africa.

Brief History

Amsha Africa Foundation was built literally from the ground up – born as a result of founder Tony Abuta's childhood experiences living in Kenya and his quest to improve the living standards of many of the communities that live in poverty.

Tony lives and works in the U.S. and his many return visits to his native home of Kenya and other third world countries made him realize how blessed he was and how much of a difference he can make by starting an organization that will lift the poor out of poverty with dignity.

In early 2008, with the help of his sister and mother, Tony began to implement the ground work of the foundation in Kenya. They worked closely with community groups, local authorities, and other non-profit organizations to find programs best suited to the mission of Amsha Africa Foundation.

Returning back to America, Tony enlisted supportive friends and began raising money to fund the programs back in Kenya.

In May 2008, Amsha Africa Foundation implemented the Nairobi Slums Projects that promoted free medical checkups, tree planting, environmental cleanup, training workshops geared to teach the local community about self-help programs, free testing for STDs, eye, and dental problems. This program has touched the lives of thousands of people living in some of the world's largest slums.

Amsha Africa Foundation works with several communities in multiple African countries and is engaged in a number of programs that are geared at improving the lives of the impoverished communities that the foundation serves.

Global Friendship Penpal Project

Hello our names are Simon and Bibyana Barclay (A.A.F Amsha Africa Foundation U.K representatives). We are currently seeking U.K schools, classes, Groups and individual children between the ages of five and sixteen to pair up with children from Kenya of similar ages, to help form long term relationships with the **A.A.F Global Friendship Penpal Project**.

Through the **Global Friendship Penpal Project** it is possible to reach into the hearts and homes of some of the most disadvantaged children living in Kenya. This is unique and wonderful opportunity for children to be able to learn about other cultures and how others live and to participate in their hobbies and interests and to hopefully share the joy of a real lifelong friendship. Despite the many forms of communication available today, letter writing is becoming a lost skill. There is a huge amount of enjoyment and fun to be gained from receiving letters in the mail. It is hard to match the anticipation of waiting for letters to arrive and to see what news they contain.

Whether they are looking for a friend, or to learn about other children's lives and culture, the **Global Friendship Penpal Project** can help to provide them with a pen friend.

We believe that international correspondence has a part to play in creating global peace and harmony, maybe not a huge part, but still an important one helping to span the world with friends.

For more information or to enrol a child please contact Simon and Bibyana Barclay

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A donation is not necessary to enrol a child as participation is free. However personal donations are critical to the **Global Friendship Penpal Project** success. The **Global Friendship Penpal Project** relies on people's generosity to operate, and we will gratefully accept your financial support. as it costs on average £1.50 (208.55 Kenyan shillings) per letter posted from Kenya which in Kenya is the cost of a small writing book or a pencil, and the average wage for a Kenyan villager is £0.70p per day, so whether or not you enrol a child in the program please help us by giving a small donation however small and it will go directly to support Amsha Africa Foundation **Global Friendship Penpal Project** in Kenya. You can make a financial gift either by cash or cheque and give it directly to your school or group making cheques payable to **Amsha Africa Foundation**, or online please visit the AAF website, at www.amshafrica.org, and click on the link to Network for Good. Or by post to

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Global Friendship Program Application form

Childs Name: _____ School/Group: _____

Class: _____

D.O.B: ____/____/____

Nick Name _____

Boy or Girl: _____

Favourite Colour: _____

Favourite Animal: _____

Favourite Games: _____

Hobbies _____

Hopes & Dreams: _____



Supervising Adult / Teacher Details

Name: _____

School / Group Name: _____ Class: _____

School/ Group Address

Email: _____

Telephone: _____