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Dear

“CHALK WOULD BE A MIRACLE”



Seasonal Greetings

and a big

Thank You

for your support and continued interest in the
Maasai community at Mara Rianda.

My wife Pola, my son William and I recently visited Mara Rianda and were delighted to see the local women coming to the school with their large plastic drums to fill with water. The children also come to school daily with plastic containers to fill with water to take home. The water is used by the staff, children and the local community, words cannot adequately describe their enormous gratitude, it is overwhelming.

Most inadequately I pass their immense thanks on to you; without you this would not have been possible.



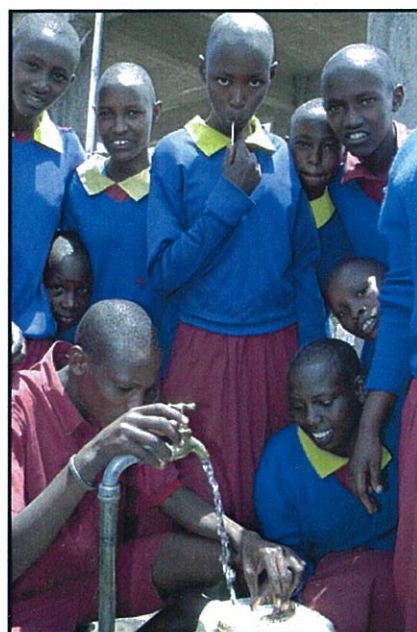
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Just a few days ago I heard from the Headmaster who told me “The rains have come, though late. The borehole water has been a big boost to the community as all streams apart from the dirty big river had dried up.”

The provision of water has had an enormous impact on the school and community. No longer do they have to walk for miles to find water, which when located would probably be muddy and dirty with many unpleasant things in it. Upon arrival at the school the children are now being encouraged to wash their hands and faces, in particular their eyes. Whilst this will not eradicate eye disease it will help reduce it and the abundance of water now available means that this can easily be done.



It is a requirement of the World Health Organisation that where a Non Government Organisation provides a borehole the water must meet the WHO requirements. Kenya generally has high fluoride content in its water and we must therefore provide a filter to reduce it. It appears that dirty river water with animal effluent is acceptable but clean fresh water from 150 metres underground is not! We need an appropriate filter, which including installation, will cost nearly £5,000.