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## BOARDING SCHOOL IS THE ANSWER FOR THESE DEPRIVED CHILDREN

Emurototo, Masaai Mara, Kenya



*Meet Christopher Kuniyia, Chairman of the Emurototo Primary School governing body; and Peter Nembe, the school's headmaster. After a restrained and courteous greeting, they will subject you to an impassioned briefing on their underperforming and under-resourced school and the need for a clinic to ensure basic health standards.*

### **They will tell you there is much to be done:**

- To rescue the community primary school by providing a proper boarding facility and additional class rooms and staff accommodation
- To help provide water to the school and the community through the provision of a borehole and construction of a dam for retaining water for the cattle;
- To re-furbish and commission an abandoned missionary clinic (badly needed to counter the serious threat of malaria and to treat sufferers);
- And to complete a house for a doctor and nurse that was built to roof height and then also abandoned

You will be encouraged to learn that this is not a community that is sitting on its hands, but one that puts its money where its mouth is - even if the money is woefully inadequate. They have built some of the classrooms themselves and others with the help of the &Beyond Foundation. They have saved up and paid for an engineer's report on the availability of borehole water in the area. And they have saved also towards the provision of boarding facilities for the school.



You cannot but be impressed by the calibre and commitment of these leaders, who are determined to overcome the problems they face and deliver improved results. And problems they do face!





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They will tell you that there is a Masaai saying; 'life can take us the whole day'. They explain that many of their children walk to school each day from miles away. Often they are late for school because they have had to avoid wild animals or ford torrential streams that rise during the two annual rainy seasons in this equatorial region. Having had only a cup of milk before leaving for school in the morning, most children live too far away to go home for lunch and the school has no facility to provide them with a mid-day meal, so they go hungry until dinner. This measurably affects their energy levels and ability to concentrate and learn.

They will tell you: 'We have to build dormitories, a kitchen and dining room, ablution blocks and laundries. We have to have water for drinking, cooking and ablutions. And we have to provide three meals a day for the children. A weekly boarding school is what we need.'

Adding: 'And we really need to fix the clinic, so the government will send us a doctor and a nurse.'



Help Africa Foundation enable Christopher Kuniyia, Peter Nembe and their fellow leaders on the Emurototo community council and school governing board to meet this challenge. Help us provide the **£250,000** it will take to do this.

