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Winter 2016 Annual Report Edition

Let there be light! The Maasae Girls School is now solar powered!



Thanks to generous OBA donors, a new solar project at the MaaSAE Girls School in Monduli ensures that girls will not have to worry about the frequent electrical power outages that prevented them from studying in the evening and raised safety concerns. The school will be off-the-grid and will no longer need to pay high monthly electric bills. The entire country of Tanzania experiences frequent power outages and does not have a dependable power infrastructure to serve its 50 million citizens. The World Bank and USAID estimate that only 10% of rural Tanzanians have access to electricity.

The project was completed at a cost of approximately \$48,000 and will provide the school with enough electrical power for the entire campus. The solar panels are located on the chemistry building (pictured above) and power is stored in batteries located in a small building behind the laboratory. The solar provider is based in Arusha and is the same company that constructed the solar project at the ALMC Plaster House. The company estimates that the equipment will be maintenance free for fifteen years.

Solar project cont.

The first phase of the project was completed in December when electrical lines were buried between the 32 campus buildings, including classrooms and dormitories. The project was completed in late January, just as the new school year was beginning.

Because the school is located near the equator, it is dark by about 6:00 p.m. year around. MGLSS students do not study in their dorms as there are no desks and chairs. Students spend 2-4 hours each evening studying in their classrooms and in the library.

The new solar project will also provide enough power for computers and office machines in the new administration building and for the school's large computer lab. During the day, power will be turned off in the classrooms and dormitories and in the evening the power will be off in the administration building and computer lab.

This project is another step in making the school sustainable. The school will be saving approximately \$7,250 per year in electricity costs and also for diesel costs for their generator.

Thanks to all of you who made this wonderful gift of light possible!

Tanzania announces sweeping changes in educational policies



In early 2015 Tanzania joined the long list of African countries that made lower secondary school mandatory for all students. Lower

secondary school in Tanzania is Forms 1-4, approximately equivalent to U.S. 8th -11th grades. Due to the many fees charged by government schools, most families were still unable to afford to send their children to secondary school.

Following the Tanzanian presidential election in October, an announcement was made that all lower secondary school fees would be abolished at the start of the 2016 school year in January. Compared to the 2015 school year, three times the number of students flooded existing secondary schools. It remains to be seen what effect abolishing school fees will have on private schools in Tanzania, which historically delivered higher quality education.

MaaSAE Girls School Enrolling More Paying Students

The MaaSAE Girls School (MGLSS) celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2015. The school has now graduated 700 students and hundreds of graduates have received scholarships to continue their post-secondary education.

As expenses of the school have increased dramatically, especially teacher salaries, it became necessary to supplement OBA support with tuition from paying students. In 2012, the school enrolled the first non-OBA sponsored students and has gradually increased the number each year. The OBA Board of Directors voted in 2015 to slowly decrease the number of sponsored students over the next five years and work with the school to ensure its sustainability. Each year going forward, MGLSS will enroll 25 new OBA sponsored students in Form 1. OBA will continue to provide support for currently enrolled OBA sponsored students until they graduate, as well as support for capital projects, teacher sponsorships, uniforms and textbooks. All qualified OBA sponsored students will remain eligible for post-secondary scholarships.



The 17th MGLSS Form 4 class graduated on October 17

There are approximately 200 students sponsored by OBA and 150 paying students in Forms 1-6 in the 2016 school year that began in January.

MaaSAE Girls School enjoys a good reputation nationwide in Tanzania. The school consistently ranks in the upper 15% of all secondary schools. Despite the recent announcement of free secondary education, paying students returned to the school at the start of the year. Parents of both paying students and OBA sponsored students know their daughters are receiving a good education in a safe, nurturing environment.

OBA remains committed to working with the school to ensure its sustainability for years to come.

MGLSS Graduates Qualifying for Post-secondary Scholarships

This 2015-2016 academic year, OBA is awarding postsecondary scholarships to 107 MGLSS graduates who are beginning or continuing their education at colleges, universities, or vocational schools. This is the largest number of qualifying students in the history of the school!

The post-secondary scholarship program for graduates of MGLSS began in 2002 when the first Form 6 graduates qualified to attend teacher colleges and universities in Tanzania. Since that time, more than 350 graduates have been the recipients of scholarships. These young women are now working in every sector of the Tanzanian economy, the largest number employed as teachers.

The goal of the program is to provide further education for graduates of Form 4 and Form 6 in order to prepare them for employment. OBA has established guidelines that encourage students to apply to programs in education, healthcare, accounting, and engineering as these fields provide opportunities for jobs upon graduation.

The post-secondary program is funded primarily by sponsors of students who continue their support after their student has graduated from MGLSS.



We sincerely appreciate the dedication and commitment of OBA sponsors who provide support for their student for so many years.

At left, Judith Shuaka, 2015 Form 6 graduate leaving MGLSS for Kampala University in Dar es Salaam where she will pursue a pharmacy degree. Judith is sponsored by Richard and Dianne Lee of Bellevue, Washington.



The new MGLSS administration building has been completed and is in use. It is located just outside the main gate.

MGLSS Alumni Give Back To Their School!

In January 2016, Nabulu Sindiyo started Form 1 at the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran



Secondary School (MGLSS) as the first student to be sponsored by former graduates of MGLSS. Last year, the MGLSS alumni group committed to sponsoring a student at the 20-year anniversary celebration for the school, and already Nabulu's tuition has been paid in full.

Nabulu comes from a similar background to those who have gone before her. She grew up in a traditional Maasai *boma* about 20 miles south of Monduli, in Meserani Chini. Her father has four wives and 25 children, and she is one of only four children in her family to attend school.

When she found out that she was the first student to be sponsored by the MGLSS alumni group, Nabulu said, "I feel an obligation to work hard and do the same for others because they have sponsored me." One day, Nabulu hopes to be a teacher.



New preform students with their volunteer teachers, Kay DeWeese and Donna Kernutt, in October. The girls started the 2016 school year in Form 1 in January.

New MGLSS Sponsors Needed!

Each school year, new OBA sponsors are needed for entering MGLSS students and also for those whose sponsors have discontinued for various reasons.

We are seeking sponsors for several new Form 1 students and for students in other forms. Sponsorships cover costs for tuition, fees, and room and board. An annual sponsorship is \$1,000 for a full sponsorship and \$500 for a half sponsorship.

Celebrating 50 years!

Two wonderful events at the end of 2015 celebrated OBA's 50-year history. The events also benefited the MaaSAE Girls School solar project and the Eunice Simonson Scholarship Fund for students at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre School of Nursing in Tanzania.

In Minneapolis, more than 250 people attended an event held on November 13th at the Thrivent Financial building. The evening began with food, music, and guests mingling at a silent auction, an OBA historical display, and a *duka* selling Tanzanian items.

A program followed, opening with a touching video greeting from Eunice Simonson, wife of the late Rev. J. David Simonson, founder of OBA. Historical video clips highlighted early history of OBA and then keynote speaker, Dr. Mark Jacobson, Director of the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre, addressed the crowd and urged support for scholarships for the new nursing school.

Naserian Soipey, (pictured at right) a MaaSAE Girls School graduate who is attending Concordia College, Moorhead, gave an impassioned plea for solar power at the girls' school.



A live auction followed

with donated items and then the auctioning of donations for the solar project and nursing scholarships. The response was amazing with donations of \$77,000, far exceeding the evening's goal of \$50,000. After the auction, a number of churches and individuals were recognized for their exemplary giving towards the educational ministry of OBA.



Left to right: Diane Jacoby, OBA Director, Morrie Kershner, Master of Ceremonies and former OBA president, Naserian Soipey, Concordia College student, and Dr. Mark Jacobson, Medical Director, Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre It was a memorable OBA family gathering! Many thanks to all of you who donated to the auction and silent auction, to those who prepared the historical display and video presentations, and to those on the planning committee.



In Seattle, an anniversary event was hosted by Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Washington. The congregation has been a long-time supporter of the MaaSAE Girls School. The fundraising event marked the 20th anniversary of the school and the 50th anniversary of OBA. More than \$20,000 was raised towards the solar project, nursing scholarships, and MGLSS sponsorships.

The gathering brought together 150 people from 21 Seattle area churches that are members of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod. Members from several churches served on the planning committee (pictured below).



Those attending enjoyed delicious Tanzanian food, met other supporters and sponsors of the MaaSAE Girls School, and learned more about the work of OBA.

Matt Pohle, an MGLSS sponsor gave information on the need for a solar power system at the school. The program concluded with a speech by Kalai Namuyata, an MGLSS graduate and a senior at Concordia College. Kalai made a request for solar funding and told the touching story of her own educational journey.





Message from Eunice Simonson, Arusha, Tanzania (pictured above with ALMC nursing students) Eunice is herself a nurse and the wife of the late Rev. J. David Simonson, OBA founder.

CONGRATULATIONS and BLESSINGS to OBA as you celebrate 50 YEARS!

It brings me much sadness knowing that I will be unable to physically join you in Minneapolis, November 13th, to celebrate 50 years, but my thoughts and prayers will be with all of you who have been, and are, supporters of this organization, which has brought so many gifts to Tanzania and its people.

When asked— What memories do you have of the early years of OBA? There are so many people both here in Tanzania and in America who have played a part. I mention only a few names, as there would be too many and I would risk hurting someone by forgetting to mention them (all are important).

- ~ Mama/Bibi Ruti, a Maasai grandmother who made visits to many bomas with Dave and urged the elders to educate their children. Later it was education for their daughters they asked for, and MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School became a reality. Ruti made powerful pleas on her knees as she was not permitted to stand before the elders, as she was a woman.
- ~ President Julius Nyerere Tanzania's first president after gaining independence. His vision for his country included education for all. To show his approval of OBA (OBT at that time), he invited Dave to share his personal vision for providing education, while having tea with him at State House in Dar-es-Salaam.
- ~ Minnesota friends who were the first to make the dream a reality. Amazing Board! We were very honored to have most come visit us in Tanzania as well as OBA staff, motivators, and supporters. The project support quickly spread to include all states and even other countries.

Dave's focus, when beginning and naming OBT/OBA, was an emphasis on self-help—allowing the preservation of dignity for those receiving assistance, by having them be active participants in building their schools. Support came from abroad but they built their own schools for their own children. A brief story of this 'focus' . . .

At an opening celebration of one of the early schools, Dave stood with the local dignitaries and the parents. As words of appreciation were being said, a student ran up to his father who was standing next to Dave. He wrapped his arms around his father and said, "Asante Baba kwa shule umejenga kwa mimi." Thank you father for the school you have built for me. Dave's eyes filled and in his heart was a prayer of thanksgiving for - Dignity.

Mission Project Updates



17th Annual OBA Lakes Area Walk

The Lakes Area Walk held on September 26, 2015 in Alexandria, Minnesota raised more than \$12,000 towards the renovation of a classroom at **Olarash Primary School**. The school is located near Monduli, Tanzania. The classroom to be restored was damaged by heavy rains that eroded the foundation and cracked the walls, making it unsafe for use by the students.

Walkers of all ages walked 3 miles and then celebrated with a lunch at First Lutheran Church. Last year the walk raised funds to construct a new teacher house near Olarash Primary School.





Olarash Primary School student helps unload bags of flour that are used to prepare uji, the daily porridge for students.

Support for Special Needs Students at Ilboru Primary School

The Ilboru Primary School Special Needs Unit provides a rare opportunity for Tanzanian children with disabilities to receive an education. This government primary school is located in Ilboru, a suburb of Arusha, Tanzania. Mr. Loy Yamat began teaching the first class of deaf students a decade ago. His program has grown rapidly and now several teachers are employed to teach nearly 100 deaf and intellectually disabled students. The special needs unit has three classrooms and a new dormitory. Funding for the construction and furnishing these buildings has come from the annual OBA Lakes Area Walk, several churches in Minnesota and California, and individual donors.



Young deaf students in front of their new dormitory at Ilboru Primary School. The students board during the week and go home on the weekend.



Only about 15% of children with disabilities in Tanzania have access to a primary education and even fewer attend secondary schools or receive vocational training. A new secondary school for the deaf has been completed adjacent to the OBA buildings by the travel company, Abercrombie and Kent. Now deaf students will have an opportunity to continue their education.

The accomplishments of teachers and students of the special needs unit have recently been recognized by the Tanzanian government and the school has been named a demonstration school. Congratulations to our partners in mission!

Improving Physical Education at the MaaSAE Girls School (MGLSS)

There is a new sport being played at MGLSS—basketball! Students were introduced to the sport last year by Peter Luis, from Orkeeswa Secondary School. More than 40 girls turn out for practice and receive coaching. It is hoped that a traveling team can be formed to play against several schools in the Monduli area.

The girls have embraced the sport! It is similar to their sport of netball, a game played at most schools. Several years ago, the International School of Amsterdam provided funding for a netball sports court at MGLSS; however, basketball requires a larger court than netball.

Physical education is not taught as a class in most schools in Tanzania. Girls at MGLSS sit for hours in class every day and then study for much of the evening. To get exercise, some girls run before classes begin in the morning. The girls have a break between 3:30-5:30 p.m. each day that allows some time for jumping rope and playing netball. Most girls use that time to do personal and school chores. The school does have an organized "sports day" during this time once a week.

We Need Your Help!



Most girls at MGLSS wear flip flops or go barefoot to play sports because they don't have athletic

shoes. Without shoes they may suffer injuries and are not allowed to play on an organized team.

The sports court at MGLSS also needs to be enlarged so that it can be better utilized for sports, including practice space for a basketball team.



Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for new athletic shoes for the 200+ OBA sponsored students (anyone have a connection with a sports shoe company?) and \$5,000 to enlarge the sports court.

If you would like to support this project with a gift of any amount, you may donate by check made payable to OBA and mail it in the envelope enclosed in this newsletter. You can also donate on our website at **www.bootstrapafrica.org**. Indicate MaaSAE Girls School, Spec Projects on the donation page.

Science Lab Renovations Completed at Moringe Sokoine Secondary



A science laboratory at Moringe Sokoine Secondary School, Monduli, Tanzania was recently renovated with a generous gift from Teachers of East Africa Alumni (TEAA). The renovations included new lab tables complete with sinks, plumbing, and gas fittings. Pictured above are students with Headmaster Ndesamburo Kwayu (second from left) and Assistant Headmaster, Simon Panga. TEAA members support numerous projects in East Africa and also sponsor a student at the MaaSAE Girls School.

Pacific University College of Optometry Students Visit MGLSS

In December, six optometry students and a licensed optometrist traveled on a mission trip to provide eye exams and glasses to hundreds of patients. They hosted clinics at

the MaaSAE Girls
Lutheran Secondary
School, the village of
Monduli, and the
town of Karatu. A
large number of their
patients were rural
Maasai, who often do
not have direct access
to comprehensive
health or eye care.



The group was travelling as part of

the AMIGOS program of Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon. Through annual mission trips, students provide eye care for underprivileged people around the world. It was a life changing experience for all and another trip is already being planned. One member of the Pacific University group was Andy Mackner, who first traveled to Tanzania in 2012 with a Concordia College group.

Join Us in Experiencing Tanzania!

See the work being accomplished by educators and their students through your gifts



The next OBA trip will be in October of 2016, tentatively set for October 17-28. It will include attending the Form 4 graduation at MGLSS on October 21, 2016. A Zanzibar extension will also be available. The cost for this trip-of-a-lifetime will be approximately \$5,000 which covers airfare, meals, lodging, tips, and all land costs.

Costs not covered include beverages, Tanzanian travel visa charge, immunizations, and anti-malarial medicine. The tour is limited to 12 participants.

There is something for everyone on this trip... attending the MaaSAE Girls School graduation, visiting OBA projects at schools and hospitals, taking a safari to incredible national parks,



visiting homes and markets, and experiencing Tanzanian hospitality first-hand.

If you wish to receive more information, please contact the OBA office at info@bootstrapafrica.org.

InFaith Grant Awarded

InFaith Community Foundation has awarded Operation Bootstrap Africa a grant in the amount of \$40,000 for a project entitled Children at Risk—Serving the Vulnerable (CRSV). The CRSV project focuses on the most vulnerable children in Selian Hospital and Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre (ALMC) in Arusha, Tanzania.

The program addresses the needs of moderate and severely malnourished children in both hospitals and the needs of premature and low birth weight babies in the neonatal intensive care unit at ALMC. The program also includes targeted public health outreach, monitoring, and educational interventions.

This grant was made possible by *The Joyce M. Gowens Fund*, a charitable fund at InFaith Community Foundation.

ALMC School of Nursing Recipient of Legacy Gift — the Helen Kraft Memorial Scholarship Fund

Helen Smith Kraft and Dick Kraft of Boulder, Colorado established a nursing scholarship fund with a generous gift to OBA prior to Helen's death on November 10, 2015. Helen had a long career in nursing, including school health nursing for many years under the Boulder County Health Department.

Helen accompanied her husband Dick on many of his overseas assignments, and worked in rural clinics in Nicaragua and college health services in Tanzania. She was a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Boulder and participated in many local and international outreach programs. As a child of missionaries to Colombia, and educated in Ecuador, Helen made use of her Spanish language skills.

Helen is survived by her husband, a retired Professor of Education at Colorado University-Boulder, a daughter Julie, and two grandsons.

OBA is also grateful for the numerous memorial gifts designated to the nursing scholarship fund in Helen's name.



New Chapel Roof Needed at MaaSAE Girls School

The distinctive roof on the chapel of the MaaSAE Girls School is leaking and needs to be replaced. The roof was designed to look like a Maasai shield, a distinctive symbol of Maasai culture. The Waldum Chapel (as pictured below in 2006) is shingled in traditional Maasai colors.



The chapel is more than 17 years old and the roof has deteriorated in the hot tropical sun and heavy seasonal rains. The chapel is named in honor of the late Rev. H. Peder Waldum, who served as pastor from 1963-1979 at Bethlehem Lutheran in Kalispell, Montana.

The chapel is the heart of the school. If you or your congregation would like to donate towards the roof replacement project, please contact the OBA office at 612-871-4980 or email at info@bootstrapafrica.org.

Legacy Giving

We appreciate the generous gifts received this past year and encourage others to insure that the work of OBA continues in the future.

- Include a donation to OBA when you prepare your will or trust
- Designate memorial gifts to OBA
- Give to the Nellermoe Endowment Fund to support post-secondary education
- Make a donation of securities to OBA

If you would like to learn more about designating OBA as a gift recipient in your will, trust, or charitable gift annuity, contact your financial planner or the OBA office at 612-871-4980 for more information.

Financial Accountability & Gift Stewardship

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. I Peter 4:10

OBA is committed to:

- Ensuring that all of your financial gifts are used effectively for the purpose intended
- Ensuring that gifts to projects or scholarship funds are properly and promptly acknowledged
- Keeping administrative costs low
- Requiring project partners in Tanzania to provide appropriate financial accounting
- Evaluating all completed and on-going projects in Tanzania and Madagascar
- Seeking to do our best to keep donors regularly informed



OBA has been blessed to provide access to education to tens of thousands of students from marginalized communities in Africa over the past 50 years. Your commitment to education in the developing world is gratefully acknowledged. Your continued gifts will ensure that economically disadvantaged students will continue to receive an education and look forward to a brighter future.

Thank you for your support of the work of OBA!

Diane Jacoby, Director

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OBA Annual Report

Fiscal Year (Sept. 1, 2014-Aug. 31, 2015)*

Accomplishments

Educational Operating Grants and Scholarships:

- The largest program of OBA is the MaaSAE Girls Secondary School (MGLSS) in Monduli, Tanzania. Student sponsorships provided funding for the education of more than 200 students at this residential school. In its twenty-first year, the school continues to provide an opportunity for pastoralist girls to be educated in a safe and nurturing environment. A monthly operating grant to the school supports teacher and staff salaries, food, textbooks, utilities and other expenses at the school.
- A grant was given to MGLSS for tutors to assist Form 1 students who are struggling academically.
- Additional scholarship funds were provided for four students attending Moringe Sokoine Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania.
- In Madagascar, a grant was provided to pay teacher salaries at five primary schools. These teachers taught more than 400 students last year in one of the most impoverished areas of the country.

Leadership Development:

- The OBA post-secondary program provides scholarships for graduates of the MaaSAE Girls School through sponsor support. This fiscal year, more than 90 MGLSS graduates pursued degrees at colleges, universities, and vocational schools in Tanzania with scholarships through Operation Bootstrap Africa.
- An additional 7 graduates from other secondary schools, including Ketumbeine Secondary School, also received post-secondary scholarships through OBA.
- Two special education teachers at Ilboru Primary School received scholarships for continuing education.
- Forty-three students (19 in first class and 24 in second class) at the new Arusha Lutheran Medical Center School of Nursing each received a \$1,000 scholarship to help defray the high cost of nursing training.

Construction and other school projects at primary and secondary schools in Tanzania:

- At the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) in Monduli, funds were provided for textbooks, Bibles, blankets, and bunk beds. Funding was also provided for the purchase and care of milk cows, latrine cleaning, and for painting of buildings.
- Funding was provided for the construction of a new administration building at MGLSS.
- At Moringe Sokoine Secondary School, funding was provided for renovations of a science laboratory and for library improvements.
- Funding was provided to Ilboru Primary School for dormitory furnishings.
- Funding was provided to Bassodawish School for uniforms for students.
- Funding was provided to Olchoki Primary School for kitchen construction.
- Funding was provided for daily porridge for the 500+ students at Olarash Primary School and for school supplies.

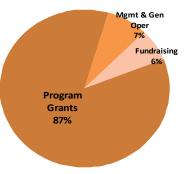
Healthcare and healthcare education:

- Funding was provided to the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre School of Nursing in Tanzania for academic support.
- Financial support was provided to the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre and Selian Hospital to provide basic health services to women and children and for the AIDS Orphan Program

^{*}Financial results audited by Olsen Thielen & Co., Ltd., St. Paul, Minnesota

Statement of Activities	2015	2014
Support and Revenue	4000 000	4
Contributions	\$935,229	\$982,485
In-kind Donations	1,794	585
Interest Income	1,392	4,883
Unrealized Gain on Investments		6,779
Unrealized Loss on Investments	(3,291)	
Total Support and Revenue	\$935,953	\$994,743
Expenses		
Program Grants	706,785	793,213
Management and gen. operations	54,493	56,927
Fundraising	46,349	47,148
Total Expenses	\$807,627	\$897,288
Change in Net Assets	128,326	97,444
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	428,030	330,586
Net Assets at End of Year	\$556,356	\$428,030
Balance Sheet	2015	2014
Current assets	2013	2014
Cash and cash equivalents	\$484,776	\$352,332
Other receivables	φ-10-1,770 -	4,020
Prepaid expenses	4,008	4,810
Total current assets	488,784	361,162
Other assets:		
Beneficial interest in funds held by others	44,912	44,529
Long-Term Investments	22,658	22,855
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Total other assets	67,570	67,384
Property and equipment: Furniture and equipment	5,949	5,949
Less accumulated depreciation	5,489	5,025
Net property and equipment	460	924
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Total Assets	3330,814	3423,470
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$458	\$1,440
Accrued expenses	-	-
Total current liabilities	\$458	\$1,440
Net assets: Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	\$222,594	\$178,305
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Beneficial interest in funds held by others	44,912	
Total Unrestricted	267,506	222,834
Temporarily restricted	283,270	199,616
Permanently Restricted	5,580	5,580
Total Net Assets	\$556,356	\$428,030
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$556,814	\$429,470

2015 Expenditures







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Tanzania Rift Valley Walk June 2017 Join us for a 2 week adventure walking the great Rift Valley

We are looking for a new generation of Rift Valley Walkers!

OBA's first Rift Valley walk took place 33 years ago and was led by OBA founder, the Rev. J. David Simonson. Join us in 2017! You will challenge yourself, enjoy spectacular scenery and wildlife, and learn about the Maasai culture in this two week adventure. In addition to the walk, the trip will also include a safari to the great Ngorongoro Crater and visits to OBA projects.

This walk is a fundraiser for OBA. Please contact the OBA office at 612-871-4980 if you would like more information, or email us at: info@bootstrapafrica.org.



