

Program Descriptions

Educational Operating Grants and Scholarships:

*Operation Bootstrap Africa's largest program is the MaaSAE Girls Secondary School (MGLSS) in Monduli, Tanzania. Student sponsorships provide funding for the education of 261 students at this residential school. In its 28th year, the school continues to provide an opportunity for pastoralist and semi-nomadic girls to be educated in a safe and nurturing environment. A monthly grant to the school supports teacher and staff salaries, food, textbooks, utilities, and other necessary expenses.

*Additional scholarship funds were provided for 12 students attending Moringe Sokoine Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania, 1 student at Nazarene University, 2 students at Kitambolu Secondary School in Arusha, Tanzania, 1 student attending the Bassodawish schools in the Karatu region of Tanzania, 2 students at Unambwe Secondary School, 1 student at Michaud Secondary school, 1 student at Fransalian Hekima Secondary School, and 3 students attending schools in the Ketumbeine region of Tanzania. We also aided students at Kiyooro Secondary School in Uganda.

*In Madagascar a grant was provided to pay teacher salaries at five primary schools in the rural South. These teachers taught more than 1,500 students in one of the most impoverished areas of the country.

*Scholarships were given to the Widow's Might program as well to cover their children's education.

*Primary school scholarships were given to 75 children at Best School academy in Bunuke, Kenya

Leadership Development:

*The OBA post-secondary program provides scholarships for graduates of the MaaSAE Girls School through sponsor support. This year, 92 MGLSS graduates pursued degrees at colleges, universities, and vocational schools in Tanzania with scholarships through Operation Bootstrap Africa. Nine graduates of other secondary schools also received post-secondary scholarships.

*Fourteen students at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center School of Nursing each received a scholarship of \$1,000 - \$1,500 to help defray the high cost of nursing training.

Construction and Special Projects at Schools in East Africa:

*Funding was provided for numerous primary and secondary school projects, including: vegetable gardening at the ALMC School of Nursing, supplies for a monthly Lunch Program at Olchoki Primary School and 5 separate Malagasy Schools, a brand new school in Madagascar, a lunch subsidy for Ilboru Special Needs School, a rural hospital nutrition program, and a school bus for Emburis Primary School.

*Funds were also provided for Dormitory Renovation at Moringe Sokoine Secondary School and Teacher's Housing Construction at MGLSS.

*Funds were also provided to purchase 7 computers for MGLSS and a photocopy machine for Olarush Primary School.

Healthcare and Health Education:

*Grants were provided to the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre School of Nursing to subsidize the high cost of nursing education. Menstrual care training was provided at multiple school projects in Tanzania

including: the Plaster House, MGLSS, Moringe Sokoine, and Olchoki Primary School. OBA also covered the parent portion of the lunch program at Olchoki Primary School due to COVID-19.

Cultural Education and Exchange:

*The Executive Director and another staff member went on tours of our projects in Northern Tanzania in October 2022 to gain a better understanding of the work and foster connections with the communities with whom we partner.