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YEAR-END CELEBRATION



On December 18, more than 200 girls gathered to celebrate completion of their school year and getting closer to their dream for a future of their own choosing. Most of the girls ranged from their first to sixth year of secondary school (like our grades 7-12), but some college/university girls and graduates were also present. Unfortunately, this year only 2 new girls are being able to start school due to lack of funds. Also, we are still seeking sponsors for 28 girls but are thankful that other donations have allowed us to keep these girls in school. Please see our website to donate or sponsor a girl: <https://www.osotuwa.org/>.

All Maasai women and men love to sing and dance in their traditional manner. At the celebration the girls sang songs of thankfulness for escaping marriage. It is wonderful to see the shy, quiet girls enjoy singing and dancing. They came in with Nguvu and Isaya singing as a group. The younger girls look up to the older girls as examples. It is amazing to see younger girls also taking the microphone and leading in songs. It is very common at seminars for the girls to just start a song with their beautiful voices and the others to join in.



OUR FORM FOUR GIRLS



Nashipai



Leah



Rozi



Flomena

Even though Isaya and Nguvu have been rescuing and getting girls to school for over 12 years, Osotuwa Foundation, Inc. was founded and started helping girls four years ago. We have 15 girls that have completed Form 4 and are awaiting their National Exam results to find out what their options are for further schooling. Their options will be based on their scores. The above photos show four of our girls holding letters from their sponsors. This is a huge accomplishment for them and represents freedom to reach their dreams as part of young womanhood. They have gained so much confidence and now can look forward to making choices for their education and careers.

Osotuwa Foundation looks forward to being part of these girls' joys and successes. There are girls who do not pass the National Exams and that is why, as you can read below, we are beginning to offer tutoring. If a girl unfortunately fails, we try to help her gain a vocational skill, like hairdressing or tailoring. The possibility of forced marriage still continues if the girl needs to return home, so we try to help keep them busy and moving in a direction to support themselves and their families.



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TUTORING



Most of our girls struggle in school, especially in their first years of secondary school. They grow up speaking Maa at home and learn Swahili (the national language) in primary school, but as they enter secondary school they are also expected to study and take exams in English. This makes all subjects difficult for them. In an attempt to help girls pass their National Exams, Osotuwa Foundation offered tutoring for girls this past December while they were on holiday.

Our goal is to offer tutoring especially in their first 2 years in order that they would complete at least 4 years of secondary school. This gives them options of furthering their education. For those scoring highest they can continue to Advanced Education (11-12th grade) and hopefully then on to a university degree. Others can pursue certificate or diploma programs (like community college) or vocational school. Our primary goal is for the girls to escape forced marriage and have future choices.



SINYATI



6 years ago



Today

This is Sinyati from Eluai village. She is currently a Form 6 student who hopes to go to university this coming year to study International Affairs and become an ambassador for Tanzania. Isaya and Nguvu helped her six years ago because her parents were not well enough to have money to send her to school. She gives thanks to the organization in giving her a chance to realize her dreams.

Below are photos of Sinyati helping us this past year to mentor and encourage younger girls. She has been helping them in writing their letters to sponsors and helped in seminar to give the girls advice in overcoming challenges in school and in life.

You can hear her and others telling their stories at <https://www.osotuwa.org/stories>.

