

Starfish help Maasai village dig trench for fresh water

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The August 2008 Starfish Give Back service project was held in Kajiado District, south of Nairobi. Our students dug trenches for water pipes and tutored students at Ereteti Primary school.

The days started at 5:30 AM. The students prepared their own breakfast and held morning devotions before going to work digging trenches for the local Maasai community's new water supply. After lunch, Starfish students tutored at the local primary school. In the evenings, they ate dinner, discussed the day, prayed together, and sometimes watched a movie before turning in for some much needed rest.

Before retuning to their schools, the students made an overnight excursion to Lake Magadi Hot Springs. It was quite an adventure as they cooked over an open fire and slept under the stars. The perfect bit of fun after a week of hard work.



Ebere & Martin preparing breakfast



Evelyn in the trenches



Kennedy hard at work



Brian, John at Magadi campsite



Ladies of Starfish Africa

Letter from a Starfish: Alice's account of the service project



I thank Starfish Africa for this busy week of the community service.

The work was not easy since the ground was very hard and there were rocks everywhere we dug. It is my delight to see that Ereteti Primary school and the church are soon to have ample water supply.

During the afternoon sessions I enjoyed the time we took to be with the pupils and mentor them. They socialized with Starfish Africa students, and I got to know the problems of two or three pupils and gave them some advice.

I enjoyed staying with the Maasai community and learning some of their way of life. They ensured that we never got bored. The women prepared food for us, and the youth talked to us, and this

gave me the desire to go there sometime again in life.

I enjoyed the journey to Magadi and the overnight stay. It was a good chance for me to tour a place that I had only heard about before. I think it was a good chance for me to get some geographical knowledge. I would be happy if next time we do such work to other communities.

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