



# Maragoli

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# Annual Newsletter 2011

## Taking Practical Steps Towards Food Security

Our community-wide sustainable agriculture program involved training in conservation, farm planning and layout, proper land tillage, composting, planting, top dressing, and use of cover crops. Parents were supplied with high quality seeds and fertilizers, leading to a harvest that far surpassed previous years. They were able to invest in inputs for the second growing season and gave back 10% of their yields to the schools, enabling the opening of two grain banks and school lunch programs.



Vigetse and Vigina Primary School students now enjoy maize and beans for lunch.



Parents donated over 100 sacks of maize for the school lunch programs



Jenifa Nandi surveys her drying ground nuts. Jenifa used the profits from maize grown through MACODEF's sustainable agriculture program to buy seeds and rent land for the ground nuts and also gave dried maize to the school lunch program.

### *A message from...*



**Samuel Amukono Kidini**  
Local Board Chair

We record our hearty and sincere gratitude to you, our donors, for your support this past year. I can confidently report that projects started by the people and supported by you have resulted in improvement of peoples life styles in two villages in Maragoli.

The local board has ensured that all the donor funds reached the stakeholder groups and individuals. The people themselves have utilized

available resources for their social and economic development.

In this report, achievements and successes realized in the past year are highlighted. I would especially like to recognize the positive impact of the sustainable agriculture project on our community.

We sincerely thank you for partnering with us and respectfully request your continued support in 2012.

# MACODEF Hosts *Wooster-in-Kenya* Program

Eighteen College of Wooster students and community members visited Maragoli in March to do homestays, learn about Maragoli culture, and participate in MACODEF projects.



Above, our hosts join us for a photo op near the Maragoli Hills. Left, local board vice-chairman Nebert Isambe's family in the cooking hut with their homestay student. Project Coordinator Joyce Adisa reflects, "Culturally, the students help change the attitudes set by colonialists, missionaries, and tourists, for they work, eat, stay, and behave like us."

## Community Resource Center

Site preparation, including a fence, gate, and well, for a new community center is nearing completion. The main building will be raised in 2012.



MACODEF stakeholder groups work with Wooster-in-Kenya participants (left) and with Kenya Voluntary Dev't Assoc. volunteers (right) to make bricks for the community center.

## Solar Cooking International Sends Team to Visit MACODEF Projects

A group of American and Canadian visitors from Solar Cooking International visited in June to see firsthand the transformative effects of our solar cooking projects, which have touched nearly 100 families.



Safina Mahangwa and her husband have a "cookout" in their backyard with their solar cooker and fireless basket



The visiting team ate a solar-cooked meal of local favorites, including a new item that cannot be easily cooked over a fire: cake

## New Initiatives



**Solar lighting** - Frankline Anyira shows off his new solar lamp, one of 130 that will save on fuel costs for village families.



**Pad Fund** - More than 250 primary school girls have received sanitary napkins



**New Latrines** - Students gather near the new four-door latrine MACODEF built for their school.