

BAOBUYU LEARNING CENTER

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Love and Gratitude!



This month's newsletter is all about gratitude.

We are continually filled with appreciation for the incredible support we receive from around the world. Whether it's through words of encouragement, sponsoring-a-child, donating to one of our projects, supporting a fundraising campaign, or purchasing a beautiful product from our women's sewing circle, your support means everything. Because you show up for us, our school becomes your school. We simply wouldn't exist without the kindness, generosity and belief of people like you. So from the bottom of our hearts (and the rooftops, and the mountain tops)... THANK YOU! ❤️



We want to send a huge, heartfelt thank you to Elsbeth, who spent three wonderful weeks with us. Elsbeth has been part of our school family for the past eight years, and every time she visits, she brings passion, joy, fresh ideas—and her incredible talent for fundraising!

This time was no different. Thanks to her hard work and the generosity she inspires, we'll be able to improve our entire food program for the rest of the year—with more nutritious meals and some extra snacks to keep everyone going strong.

And there's **MOORE!**

And that's not all... Elsbeth also raised enough to help us purchase something truly exciting for the school. We're keeping it a surprise for now, but let's just say—we're absolutely over the moon about it! You'll have to wait until next month to find out what it is... and trust us, it'll be worth the wait! A huge heartfelt thank you to Aleida, Margo, Bert, Lisbeth, Lewis, Wilma, Paul, Karel, Elisabeth, Kay, Manon, Caja, Eric, Maartje, Martijn, Maaïke, Eric, Mihsja, Nicole, Malou, Jacqueline, Koen, Patty all from The Netherlands to making our dreams come true!

Thank you

Each year, we have the joy of welcoming a wonderful group of friends from the U.S., lovingly led by Linell through African Safari Experience. They spend about ten days soaking in the beauty of Zambia, and they always make a point to spend a day at Baobuyu. We sing, dance, cook together, and share beautiful moments of cultural exchange that stay with us long after they've gone. It's a time of connection and celebration which we all look forward to.

A huge thank you to Mike, Terry, Linell, and John—not only for bringing so much love and warmth to our community, but also for your incredible generosity. Your support of our sewing circle (those purchases meant so much!) and your giant suitcase full of amazing gifts and bears for our school were absolutely overwhelming—in the best way.

We're so grateful for you, and already excited for the next visit!



Every smile, every effort, every act of kindness matters – and when we come together with love and purpose, amazing things truly happen.



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THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

This month, our hearts have been overflowing with gratitude. Some of the financial pressure on our school has started to ease, and we're finally beginning to breathe a little easier. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, we can focus more fully on what matters most: creating a joyful, safe, and empowering space for our students to learn and grow. A very special thank you goes out to **Mark Sanfacon**, whose extraordinary donation has left us speechless. Not only did Mark make a generous contribution to support the school—he also covered the remaining balance for our Solar Power System! Yes, you read that right! By this time next month, our solar system will be well underway, and we'll be leaving power worries behind in a cloud of dust.

SARAH

We've had the absolute pleasure of hosting Sarah from Sweden over the past three weeks! Sarah spent her time with us researching women and education for her bachelor's thesis — a topic that deeply resonates with our mission. Although her stay felt far too short, her presence, insight, and kindness made a big impact. We're so grateful she chose to spend time with us, and we're certain this won't be the last time we see her. Until next time, Sarah!

"Hi! I have been here at Baobuyu for the past three weeks doing research about girls education. I am currently writing a bachelor thesis in global studies on the importance of girls staying in school for a brighter future. Being here has helped me to gain an understanding of how the Zambian school system works and how it differs in rural and urban areas. I have had the privilege of meeting the lovely kids and staff here, visiting nearby schools, interviewing school staff, and teaching girls to believe in themselves in the Girl Power program. I am so incredibly thankful for this opportunity!"



Hope you all had a very



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