

Dear friends and supporters of Shitungu:

Finally it is a reality and I am going back to Africa. I leave October 17th for Safari with a small group of friends. The trip's details are now a reality due to my dear friend, fellow traveller and travel agent, Bj Mikkelsen. A small group of us begin our journey at Victoria Falls, then focus on the wonders of Botswana and the safari will end in Capetown.

From there I will travel on my own to Kenya and *finally* visit the village of Shitungu.

I will be in the village for the first time on November 6th. My primary goal is to revisit with my former student, Rebecca, meet her family and the residents of Shitungu. My secondary goal is to assess their situation to see what the next (modest) priority project should be. At this point, we have communicated a bit about the impact of the drought and what might be possible to collect water during the sparse rainy season and implement a drip system for their small vegetable gardens. As of now they are limited to retrieving the water from the well (which we were able to provide the funds for the first successful community project) and hand watering their gardens.

The other project that has been discussed is to assist the families to pay for school tuition/books and uniforms.

I'm sharing this information with you because I want to return home with a **reasonable** plan that you will feel comfortable in supporting.

I hope to send you photos of the safari and my visit to Shitungu.

Thank you so much for so generously contributing to this ongoing project of improving the lives of those who live in Shitugugu and lending your support.

Below are a few photos to remind you of what has been accomplished in the past two years:

- Funding for the villagers to construct a well and miscellaneous construction to improve a few buildings and build a protective wall around community buildings to prevent intrusion. This was done for \$1200.00





- Solar batteries supplied to 20 homes. These batteries provide light for the students to study more comfortably at night and for the cell phones to be charged at home at no additional cost. Previously everyone had to walk about five miles to the nearest town with electricity and pay to charge their phones. At the cost of \$1625.00



- Assistance to several families to help pay for school tuition: \$150.00

I will be sending you photos from this trip. I hope that you enjoy them.

Thank you,

Joyce and members of
the community.

