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*Bridging the Indigenous and Modern*

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**PROJECT UPDATES**

**Another classroom added to Natema Primary School**



Upstairs classroom built by Terrawatu at Natema Primary School, Arumeru District, Tanzania.

Classroom construction at Natema Primary School in Arumeru District, Tanzania is nearing completion. Only painting walls and installing window glass remains to be finished.

Students and teachers will begin using the classroom the first week of January 2009, when the new school year begins in Tanzania.

This project began in 2001 with the first downstairs classroom built by Terrawatu. The local community provides the labour.

Funding for materials and a civil engineer to complete this second classroom was provided by friend of Terrawatu, Donna Fallin, from Bentonville, Arkansas.

Headteacher Victor Mollel of Natema Primary School, says “I am very happy to hear the classroom is complete. The parents of the children are very happy and send blessings to Terrawatu.” Over one thousand students attend Natema and over-crowded classroom conditions has been hampering educational progress for many years.

There is a cement foundation in place for a third classroom on the ground level. Terrawatu is working with a group of university students from the United States to fundraise for the materials to complete this project.

## *Prototypes of Maasai Bag Available*

Prototypes of the Maasai Bag handmade in the village of Mkonoo, Tanzania are available.

Terrawatu has been working with the women's network of Mkonoo for years, facilitating the creation of a tree nursery that has planted thousands of indigenous trees in the village.

The Maasai bag project began two years ago as a way to develop a very high-quality product that would bring income to the community.

The design is in the shape of the traditional bag used to carry water by Maasai women. The leather is sourced locally in Tanzania and the beadwork and assembly are done by hand in the village. Each bag is different.

When asked what the ladies plan to do with the income they earn from selling these special bags, "We plan to pay school fees for our children and purchase more materials to make more bags and jewelry."

Terrawatu is assisting the women's network in product development and marketing. If you are interested in purchasing a prototype, please email us at [info@terrawatu.org](mailto:info@terrawatu.org).



## *Travelers' Philanthropy*



Terrawatu's founder Dr. Tanya Pergola with Nobel Peace prize winner Wangari Maathai at the Travelers' Philanthropy Conference in Arusha, Tanzania.

Terrawatu's founders Dr. Tanya Pergola and Lekoko Ole Sululu attended the Travelers' Philanthropy Conference held in Arusha, Tanzania 3-5 December. Dr. Pergola was a speaker at the event and presented on "Ways to Build Strong Bridges in Cross-Cultural Philanthropy."

The conference was organized by the Center on Ecotourism and Sustainable Development with offices in Washington DC and at Stanford University.

Terrawatu has been a pioneer in the field of travelers' philanthropy since 2001, bringing delegations of visitors on learning tours of Tanzania that combine wildlife safari with support for humanitarian projects at the grassroots.



## ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

Co-Director Ole Sululu traveled to Norway, Denmark and the UK in October to market Terrawatu's People-to-People Safaris. He met with businesspeople and professors in Europe to tell the Terrawatu story and develop custom tours to Tanzania that combine wildlife safari with humanitarian project experiences.

**Terrawatu searches for a new Program Officer.** Terrawatu continues to search for a new Program Officer. The ideal person for this position is someone with an interest in development work particularly in sub-Saharan Africa; has initiative, creativity and some marketing experience. Ideally the person is able to make a one-year commitment. Email us at [tanya@terrawatu.org](mailto:tanya@terrawatu.org) for more information.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### ❖ **Make a donation directly to Terrawatu.**

The mission of Terrawatu is to work at the village level to empower communities to improve education and health, protect the environment, and promote cultures of peace.

Donations can be made ONLINE, by MAIL or through a CORPORATE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM. You can direct your donation to a specific program or make a gift for general support. Go to [www.terrawatu.org](http://www.terrawatu.org) and click on "Contribute". Checks can be mailed to: Terrawatu Inc., 3225 Franklin Ave. Suite #407, Miami, Florida, 33133. US 501(c)(3) number is 26-0212786.

**MAKE A RECURRING DONATION** Our recurrent donors make monthly or quarterly donations that allows Terrawatu a planned source of support for our on-going programs. This is extremely beneficial. It is extremely easy to set-up. Go to [www.terrawatu.org](http://www.terrawatu.org) and click on "Contribute". Click on the "Donate Now" button to set-up your recurring donation. It is FAST and SIMPLE and makes a HUGE difference in sustaining project operations in Tanzania.

- ❖ **Keep Terrawatu in mind when you hear about grant opportunities and/or partnering** possibilities with foundations and organizations with a similar mission. Many of you have already provided Terrawatu with excellent connections that have helped us prosper. Thank you!
- ❖ **Tell your colleagues and friends about our work.** Forward this newsletter and Web address - [www.terrawatu.org](http://www.terrawatu.org) - to those you think may be interested in learning about Terrawatu.



## Recipe

### Sweet Potato Cookies

A fantastic Christmas cookie! Originally from Malawi, you can cut them in the shape of a heart to honor the people in the “warm heart of Africa.”

#### What you need:

- 1 cup mashed sweet potato
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 4 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 ¼ cups sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup sultanas (raisins)

#### What you do:

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix sweet potatoes, milk, egg and melted butter and beat well. Stir in the remaining ingredients.
- Chill 1-2 hours then turn onto a floured board, knead lightly and roll out ½-inch thick. Cut with a cookie cutter. Place cookies on a greased baking sheet, and bake for 15 minutes. Sprinkle some cinnamon/sugar mixture on top.



**Wishing all of You and Your Family and Friends a  
Joyous Holiday Season. We Thank All of You for  
your Continued Support and Blessings.**

**Asante Sana, Ashe Naleng**



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"They taught that compassion brings you into the presence of God. They weren't saying this simply because it sounds good. They said it because it works."

- *Karen Armstrong, conceiver of the Charter for Compassion*  
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