# FALL 2024

**The Lemong'o Project is dedicated to providing support to the Maasai Village of Lemong'o in rural Kenya in the areas of health, nutrition, education and employment. We are committed to helping the beautiful people of Lemong'o not only thrive, but also prosper.**

# "THE FIXERS" VISIT LEMONG'O

**We have VERY exciting news to share!**

**We are honored to be featured on the nationally broadcast television program, "The Fixers."**

**"The Fixers"** are a team of expert builders who make a world of difference in communities around the globe. They visit communities in need and in just five days build or remodel a physical space that will benefit the community.

In Lemong'o a fabulous workshop was built for the women. It provides a space for the women to gather in community to create their traditional beadwork and sew, generating income to support their families. The building contains work tables, benches, beading materials, fabric, and sewing machines. The workshop also has much-needed water capturing capabilities which benefit the village**.**

**"The Fixers," Season 4, Episode 4 (The Lemong'o Project, Kenya) can be viewed on BYU TV or streamed HERE**.

Carolyn traveled to Lemong'o for the filming and had an amazing experience. The beautiful people of Lemong'o opened their hearts and home to **The Fixers** crew who shared with Carolyn that the experience was life changing for each of them.

**We are deeply appreciative to The Fixers for partnering with us to create a positive impact in the lives of the people of Lemong'o.**

# SIDAI

"**The Fixers"** helped create a website for SIDAI, a beading cooperative of 25+ women of Lemong'o. **Click here,** to see the website and online shop where the women of Lemong'o sell their hand crafted beadwork in the US.

**SIDAI Mission Statement**
As a cooperative, we come together with a shared purpose - to create a sustainable income source for the women in our village. We take pride in our rich Maasai heritage, and it is an honor to share our traditional beadwork with the world. Each piece tells a story, and through our craftsmanship, we aim to not only preserve our cultural legacy but also uplift the livelihoods of our community.

The women work together to benefit all group members. Their collective approach leads to shared success, mutual support, and a strong community bond.

**By appreciating and supporting their work, customers contribute to the preservation of their rich heritage and to the well-being of their children.**

# A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Volunteer **MARY ANN DOMANSKA**

**Mary Ann joined Carolyn in Lemong'o for two weeks in May/June.** The people of Lemong'o warmly welcomed Mary Ann to their community and in no time embraced her as a family member. Mary Ann's warmth and heart-felt appreciation for the community was felt immediately. **"Exposure to cultural differences has widened my perspective and provided memories to last a lifetime."**

She spent much of her time at the village school working with the preschool, kindergarten, grades 1 & 2, as well as grades 7& 8 students. The teachers really enjoyed having Mary Ann spend time in their classrooms and the students were thrilled. **Mary Ann presented inspiring lessons and engaged the enthusiastic learners in reading, storytelling, writing, art, and music – fun was had by all.**

Before her trip to Lemong'o, Mary Ann collected 42 recorders to be donated to the school. She taught the 7th & 8th grade students, as well as their teacher, how to play the instruments. They learned quickly and even held a mini concert for the youngest students during their lunchtime. It was a wonderful experience for all.
**Thank you, Mary Ann, for sharing your heart and talents with the beautiful people of Lemong'o.**

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