



Marera Community Self-help Project

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St. James Marera Educational Center

March 2018 Update



Fig 1. Our current teachers (from left to right, Velma, Hellen, Emelda, and Purity)



Fig 2. Teacher Emelda teaching students about silent "r"

2017-2018

Thank you for taking time to read about our organization and the progress we have made in the last year. For the year 2018, we added a first grade class and two new teachers, Hellen and Purity. Hellen is our current first grade teacher and Purity is teaching the preschoolers.

Majority of our students are orphans. Previously, we were only a pre-school and our students would transfer to a neighboring elementary school.

Those students from our program have been the top students at that school. This is a great testament to the wonderful and hard work our teachers have been doing in establishing our students with a strong educational foundation.

We are hoping to add a new class each year so that our students don't have to transfer schools.

Other major accomplishments:

- * Completed the internal and external finishings for preschool and grade 1 classrooms.
- * Installed electricity
- * Installed floor tiles, thereby reduced the amount of dust in the classroom and created a conducive teaching and learning environment.

Goals for 2018-2019

- * Finishing the 2nd Grade classroom construction.
- * Ensuring teachers are paid monthly
- * Replacing all broken chairs.
- * Reintroduce the feeding program.



Fig 3. The top picture shows the 2 finished classrooms. The lower picture shows the unfinished classroom which will be the future 2nd grade, next to 1st Grade.

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Fig. 3. Teacher Hellen grading some school work.



Fig. 4. Seven students sharing one tablet. They were quite excited to use it and play some educational games on it.



Fig. 5. Teachers and students singing and dancing outside.



Fig. 6. One of our first graders solving a math problem in front of the class.

How you can help

- * We gladly accept monetary donations to any of our goals for this year.
- * We also accept any school supplies or chairs for students. We currently have a need for 30 new chairs.

We are a 501(c)3 organization registered in California and all donations are tax deductible.

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