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Dear Music Educators, Students, and Parents,

The Kenya Urithi Education Fund (KUEF) was established to strengthen & enhance the education of young people in Meru, Kenya. One of these projects, the Meru Music Project, is actively working to enhance the music education of the students in the public schools.

A group of teachers and students in Southeast Michigan have committed to help raise funds for the Meru Music Project, specifically for a music building that will serve 2000 public school students in Meru, Kenya. As of September 2017, we have reached just over 10% of our goal of \$170,000. A detailed description of the program can be found on this website: merumusic.weebly.com.

With your help, we can reach our goal! If each music student in the state of Michigan were to give just \$1, we will have more than enough to fund the building project. We are hopeful that you will be interested in helping us reach our goal!

Teachers:

- Set a date to collect \$1 from each student.
- Present the website to your classrooms, and go over the information with your students. This is a terrific way for your school to do a service-learning project.
- Send home the attached letter to the parents & students.
- Talk to your principal about putting a notice in the school newsletter, PTSO announcements, and school-day announcements (sample attached)
- Once the funds are collected, send a check to the project director, Larry Dittmar with “Meru Music Project” in the subject line. (If possible, please also include a photograph of your student ensemble, to put on the bulletin board in the music building once it is built)
- Parents & Students can also visit the website to make a donation directly to KUEF, designating that the donation is going to the Meru Music Project.

Thank you for helping us to reach toward our vision! You are giving an incredible gift to the community in Meru, and helping these many aspiring children have more access to the gifts that music brings.

Larry Dittmar, project director
Abigail Alwin, music teacher, Ann Arbor Public Schools
Orly Rubinfeld, student, Western Michigan University

The Kenya Urithi Education Fund (KUEF) is a not-for-profit business incorporated in Michigan to help strengthen and enhance the education of children (the poorest of the poor) in Meru, Kenya. It is a 501-C-3 Public Charity of the US Government and provides the opportunity to easily transfer US funds to a Kenya Bank in Meru. Larry Dittmar, one of the founding directors of KUEF, is currently the Project Director for the Meru Music Project. Checks can be made out to KUEF with Meru Music Project in the subject line, and can be sent directly to Larry Dittmar 5599 Gallery Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Donations can also be made by visiting this website: www.merumusic.weebly.com.