

April 28th, 2010

Dear Family and Friends,

I am writing to ask you a favor. I have been invited to join a humanitarian group traveling to Africa in June to work in Muguna, Kenya. Friends of Yimbo is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization designed to make a positive impact in the lives of the people in this village of Yimbo in Kenya. Many of you have heard and seen pictures of my parents' trip last year. Using donations a library had been constructed and my parents, along with a group of others travelled to put finishing touches on the library, fill it with books, and work with the school staff. It was a moving experience for all involved - and completely changes the educational opportunities for the students.

During the trip Friends of Yimbo (FOY) met with the community to determine other opportunities for impact. It is imperative to FOY that we work with the community to secure long-standing improvements for their future. Along with the library FOY wishes to continue it's efforts to strengthen this community with the practice of self-sufficiency, specifically in the areas of water and sanitation, youth and women education, adequate school facilities, agriculture and nutrition, and healthcare. My time in the village will be spent improving the school library and classrooms (paint and construction), working with the school staff, and meeting with the villagers.

Our trip is planned for July of this year. This is where my favor request comes in. I'd like to assemble \$1,500 as a donation to FOY. I can't do it alone. Your contribution would, of course, be tax deductible and *very much appreciated*.

For more information on Friends of Yimbo please visit: [www.friendsofyimbo.org](http://www.friendsofyimbo.org). You can stay up-to-date on my fundraising efforts on our family blog at: [bennionland.bennionz.com](http://bennionland.bennionz.com).

Thank you for your help. I love and appreciate each of you.

Best,

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Donation Information: Please reference my name so that I can count the donation towards my goal and personally thank you.

Donate online via PayPal. See [www.friendsofyimbo.org](http://www.friendsofyimbo.org) for information.

Or send a check to: Friends of Yimbo  
802 Groveton Ave.  
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*Feel free to pass this information on to anyone you think might be interested in the Friends of Yimbo projects.*