

# MESHA'S VILLAGE

## March Newsletter - Issue 17

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Hello MV Family and Happy Spring! Please see below to catch up on some of our big announcements and celebrations from March.

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### Meet Our Newcomers!

You may have seen them on our Instagram, but this month was huge for Mesha's Village because we added 3 new kids. Meet Yunis, Faithan and Happiness!  
This brings us to 17 children sponsored by Mesha's Village, and we couldn't do it without the generosity of our sponsors and supporters.



# Hearts & Hands Grant

Our non-profit was selected from a pool of 1,474 applicants to receive a **\$15,000(!)** grant from VMware's Hearts & Hands organization. **Farhan Mahmood**, VMware employee and MV sponsor, was the winner of this random drawing and chose Mesha's Village to be the non-profit recipient. We are grateful for VMware's support of the non-profit community and look forward to putting these funds to good use.

Learn more about Farhan and his family below and their experience so far sponsoring Yunis and Faithan, 2 of our new students!



## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT Farhan and Leticia Mahmood



### Tell us a little about yourselves.

We are a family of 5 with one dog, two cats and one leopard gecko. We live in Round Rock and are happy to say, from Austin. Most of our nights and weekends are spent with our kids coaching and watching activities including basketball, tennis and gymnastics.

**How did you hear about Mesha's Village and what made you want to sponsor through us?**

We first learned about Mesha's Village through a benefit fundraiser at Linda Potter's house. We met Madison and Jordan and learned of their journey to help these young children have a better life! Very inspiring especially knowing how lucky we are and the lives we can provide for our own children.

**What excites you most about sponsoring a child in need?**

Knowing that we are going to change the lives of two kids that would not have this opportunity otherwise. We feel blessed to be able to give back and to show our children that there are others less privileged than us and we should be doing our part to help. We are excited to see the transition of Faithan and Yunis into school and to watch their progression. Can't wait to share videos of our family and know more about them.

**How has your experience been with Mesha's Village so far?**

Amazing. Can't tell you how much it means to hear their firsthand experience of working with the children at the school and their struggles in getting the organization off the ground. Truly inspirational work. Linda and her daughters are great ambassadors of Mesha's Village and Tom, the dad, was great with our kids when we decided to sponsor. Truly life-changing for everyone, not just the kids in Mesha's Village.

**Anything else you would like to share?**

The family has had happy tears of joy throughout this process. Mesha's Village is a wonderful organization that is truly doing great things and giving opportunities to children that otherwise would not have them.

**Thank you, Mahmood Family!**

**We are so thankful to have people like you on our team!**

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## Amplify Austin Mask Update

Thank you to all of those who donated to Mesha's Village in the spirit of Amplify Austin. With your generosity, we were able to raise **\$655** this year!

For those that donated \$30+, you will receive a custom MV facemask in your mailbox shortly. Hope you're staying healthy and safe!

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## March Birthdays

This month we celebrated our sweet Patricia turning 9!



## Swahili Sayings

In conversing with the children and our local friends, we have learned a bit of Swahili, the native language in Tanzania. As an organization rooted in education, we want to share some of what we have learned with you all.

**"Karibu"** meaning **"Welcome"**

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If you or anyone you know is interested in sponsorship, becoming a Mesha's Village member, or making a one-time donation please visit [www.meshasvillage.com](http://www.meshasvillage.com) or email [meshasvillage@gmail.com](mailto:meshasvillage@gmail.com).