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An African Buying Trip - Giving Back

We are so blessed here in the United States. We take so very much for granted like schooling, food, water and shelter. When in Africa we give back whenever we can, often one family, child, or miner at a time.

In January we visited a Ruby mine in the Longido area in the foothills on the northern Tanzania/Kenya border. It's an area where many Maasai people live and maintain their goat herds. It's also a rolling area rich in minerals. Many Maasai work at the large Ruby processing facility. We prefer working with the gentleman in turquoise who has his own mine where Ruby crystals are found growing in Zoisite.



The village is at least an hour's drive from the closest real town with water and facilities. However, they really have all they need.



We visited a children's school we've been supporting. The school is for Maasai children from about a five mile radius. The kids walk to school each day and are thrilled to be there!



Did we find any Ruby you ask? Only one small piece of rough that will cut a one carat gem. Really though this day-trip was about giving back to families, one child at a time.

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