

The School of St. Jude

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Dear Hardhams and Bassers,

Having received your generous donation from your amazing fundraising efforts, we have now purchased a brand new tractor! Please share this with all the wonderful people who were involved. Your fundraising efforts completely covered the cost of the tractor - with a bit left over to buy a matching trailer! The Ford 4000 four Piston tractor is running smoothly and has been put to work straight away. We also spent a few weeks fixing it up and giving it a new paint job so all the parts look like they came together!

As you know the school is growing very quickly so we have more mouths to feed, more building to be done and the school grounds need to be kept up.



And here's our pride and joy – the shiny, new, blue tractor. We've needed one for years, so it is very exciting to finally have this beauty around school!



Pictured above is Ameri, the school gardener, who is lucky enough to get to drive the tractor!

Ameri started work at St Jude's in November 2004. He is 22 years old and lives just down the road from the school in Moshono. He likes working at St Jude's because he enjoys working as a team to make the school grow. When he's not at work he likes to play football, ride his bicycle and spend time with family and friends.



Here it is, decked out with plough attachments. The tractor is used to quickly and efficiently plough the farm in nearby Kiserian so we can then plant crops of maize and beans.

The farm is able to supply the school with enough maize and beans for over 700 people to eat for lunch, twice a week! The children and staff enjoy their hot lunch in the school dining hall.





The first job the tractor was given was to fetch tonnes and tonnes of gravel from a quarry in nearby Chekarani. This was then used to patch up the road entering the school and the grounds around the school.



By attaching the trailer to the back it can be magically transformed into a truck, capable of transporting building materials to and from the school. Is there anything this tractor can't do?



An unexpected benefit of the tractor is it gives the children something new to draw! It used to be all swings and buses, but now they draw the occasional tractor just to mix things up. Look how bright those light are!

Thank you again for providing us with this shiny, new, versatile tractor to help keep St Jude's well fed and in tiptop shape.

Many thanks and best wishes,
Gemma