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Opportunity Education founder, Joe Ricketts, receives a gift during a recent visit to Sotwa Wilson School in Arusha, Tanzania. Sotwa Wilson was the first school supported by Opportunity Education when the Foundation started in 2005.



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Opportunity Education is an international charitable foundation that provides quality educational opportunities for children in developing countries. The foundation supplies educational materials and support to over 1,000 schools in Africa and Asia. Opportunity Education also facilitates a Sister School Program by linking schools in our program with schools around the world. Students and teachers can exchange letters, make friends, and learn more about different countries and cultures.

Opportunity Education Delivers Technology

Joseph Kawuzi, Opportunity Education's Country Manager, recently delivered new televisions and DVD players to educators at schools in Uganda. In 2011, the Foundation will supply every school enrolled in the program with an additional television and DVD player. Students watch classroom lessons filmed at American schools via televisions supplied by Opportunity Education.



Opportunity Education Partners with Creighton University's School of Medicine to Introduce Students to Research and Medicine

[Heather Smith-Jensen, Ph.D. \(pictured-above\), Research Imaging Specialist and Postdoctoral Fellow from the Department of Biomedical Sciences at Creighton University School of Medicine](#), is currently working with Opportunity Education's staff to develop and present science lessons for the middle school curricula. Through Opportunity Education's lessons, Dr. Jensen-Smith will bring her experience training

high school, undergraduate, graduate students and medical residents in various aspects of research to over 1,000 schools throughout Africa and Asia. Researchers at [Creighton University's School of Medicine](#), such as Dr. Jensen-Smith, are making discoveries that can positively affect patients' lives in the areas of bacterial resistance, cancer, hearing loss and the conditions that affect bone health and loss.

The Opportunity Education classroom science lessons developed with and presented by Dr. Jensen-Smith will help students in Africa and Asia see first-hand how research is essential to learning about the mechanisms of various diseases, as well as, new ways to prevent and treat disease. The students will also have an opportunity to explore careers in the field of science, research and medicine through dialogue sessions with staff members from Creighton's medical school. Opportunity Education is honored to partner with Creighton University's School of Medicine to help students in the developing world explore science through research and careers in health and medicine!



Summer Trip for Teachers: Visit Schools in South Africa

Would you enjoy spending two weeks volunteering with small groups of students and sharing curriculum ideas with other teachers at schools in South Africa? If so, join Opportunity Education and other educators on a trip to visit schools in our program during the first two weeks of August on the Western Cape of South Africa.

While on the trip, teachers will have a choice of either staying at [Colors of Cape Town Lodge](#) on the Western Cape or at a home with a local family. Weekend travel excursions will be arranged through [South African Students' Travel Service \(SASTS\)](#), a not-for-profit student and youth travel organization dedicated to providing high quality, affordable international educational and work exchange programs. The approximate cost for the total trip, including airfare, transportation in South Africa, lodging, and excursions is estimated at \$3000-3500. Airline tickets will be purchased by teachers directly through AAA Nebraska.

If you are interested in registering for the trip, please contact Angie Nastase, Coordinator of Curriculum & Sister School Programs, at anastase@opportunityeducation.org or 402.614.5381 by March 18, 2011.

Space for this amazing opportunity for teachers is limited!



March Sister School Contest: Lakeshore Gift Cards

Each school that sends art work and letters to their sister school by March 31, 2011 will be entered into a contest to win one of four \$50 gift cards donated by Lakeshore Learning Materials. To be eligible for the contest, you must notify Opportunity Education when you send the letters and artwork, and your package must be postmarked by March 31, 2011. Send an email with your school's name and date that you sent the letters to anastase@opportunityeducation.org. All winners will be posted in an upcoming newsletter. Be sure to visit [Lakeshore Learning Materials](#) for all your classroom needs!

Congratulations to Joanna Thurlow of Jefferson Elementary in Omaha, Nebraska. She was the winner of the Valentine's Contest, a \$50 restaurant gift card from Opportunity Education!

Sister School Students Read to Renovate Classroom

The students at Montessori Children's Room in Omaha, Nebraska participated in a reading fundraiser and raised \$900.00 to renovate the third grade classroom at their sister school, Katwe Martyrs Primary School in Kampala, Uganda. The funds will be used to cement the floor and make necessary repairs to the classroom structure. The students at Katwe Martyrs Primary School will enjoy learning in their newly renovated classroom and appreciate their sister school friends.



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Want to find creative classroom strategies and exchange curriculum plans with teachers around the world? If so, check out our newest feature on our website: **the Talkboard!** You can also see pictures and videos of the international schools in our program and make friends with teachers around the world! Join the global discussion today!

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