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**Maryland Nonprofit Announces Stretch Goal to Enhance Campaign Impact**  
*Additional Funding to Provide Classroom Computers*

BEALLSVILLE, MD—On Wednesday, June 17, Maryland nonprofit group Global Solace launched a crowdfunding campaign to help install a solar energy system for a school in rural Tanzania. After an overwhelming show of support, Global Solace has met its initial goal within just four business days of the campaign's kickoff. That means the Uraki School in Usa River Tanzania will be outfitted with solar electricity for the next 25 years.

In light of the campaign's rapid success and widespread support, the organization has announced a stretch goal of \$5,000. This amount will enable the Global Solace team to not only provide electricity, but to install a computer lab to further enhance student outcomes.

The Uraki School is a six-grade primary school in the rural Usa River region of Tanzania, where only about two percent of the population has access to a reliable source of electricity. Research shows that the presence of electricity in a school supports a 12% increase in student literacy. The presence of electricity is also associated with an increase in other key academic skills and community wellness.

Global Solace has raised more than ninety percent of the funds needed to install the solar panel system, as well as the initially funded \$5,000 necessary to transport materials and volunteers to the site. By meeting its stretch goal of an additional \$5,000, the volunteer team will also be able to install an internet-connected computer lab with software that will complement the national Tanzanian school curriculum.

Those interested in contributing to the campaign can visit [bit.ly/1IGwAPU](http://bit.ly/1IGwAPU), or follow the Global Solace Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GlobalSolaceInc](http://www.facebook.com/GlobalSolaceInc).

Global Solace is a Maryland-based nonprofit with a mission to bring reliable, renewable energy to the more than two billion people living in energy poverty in the developing world. Learn more and find out how to get involved at [www.globalsolace.org](http://www.globalsolace.org).

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