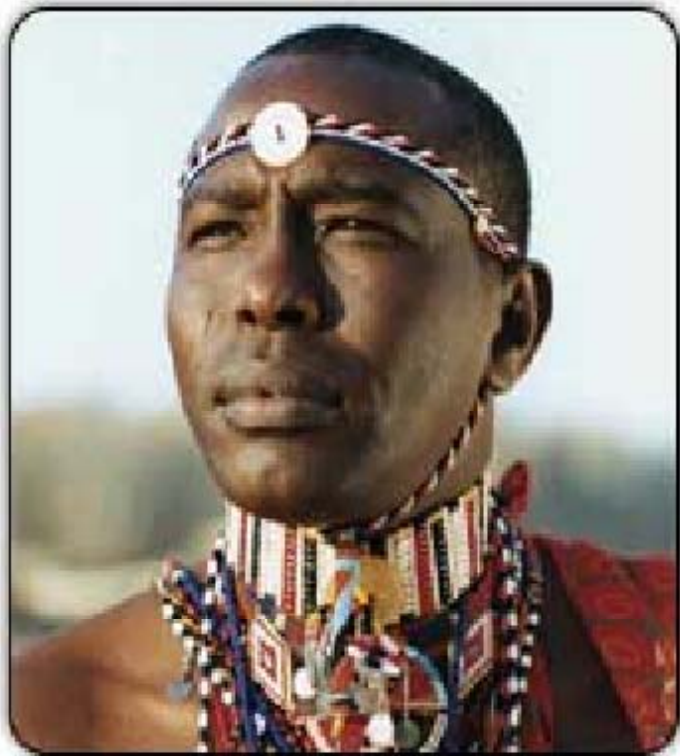


FACING THE LION:

Maasai Warrior / U.S. Teacher Lives in Two Worlds



Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton

Lekuton is the youngest recipient of Kenya's Order of the Grand Warrior, a presidential award for exemplary service to his nation. National Geographic has named Lekuton one of its 2006 Emerging Explorers -- "rising talents who push the boundaries of discovery, adventure and global problem-solving."

Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton grew up on the African savanna, the only one in his family to attend school. He is now a social studies teacher in the United States, yet he returns to rural Kenya every summer, where he resumes his nomadic, tribal lifestyle.

This citizen of both cultures brings American students and parents back with him to see first-hand the beauty and the difficulty of growing up in Africa. Through his autobiography, *Facing the Lion: Growing Up Maasai on the African Savanna*, Lekuton has inspired people around the globe to reach out to others.

He founded the Cows for Kids project, which purchases cows for the Maa-speaking tribes of Northern Kenya, and he works with other non-profit organizations on community development and educational opportunities.

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The public is invited to this free program.

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