



**REHEMA TRUST**  
(Registered Charity No: 1175562)

**Donor Update**  
**August 2023**

Having reported in my December 2022 Update that Edward Wata (Director) had managed to visit the UK, here he is back in Kenya on a family birthday outing with his younger children (Malcolm, Joy & Gilbert) and his wife Esther.

The photos at the top show the progress recently made to extend full electricity power and networking to all classrooms on the school site plus the purchase of additional IT equipment.

This is making it possible for the teachers to deliver important IT training and incorporate the technology across the entire curriculum, which has an increased focus on equipping the pupils with practical skills for life.



Edward Wata has also finally received some more up-to-date technology to make his busy life that bit easier with a new mobile phone and laptop.

As on other occasions in the past, we are grateful for the support of **Ashtead Parish Church** for making all this possible through their **Mission Fund**.

Edward also now has a substantial teaching staff behind him, led by these three senior staff members – Joseph has been a very experienced Headteacher, but now uses his extensive experience to manage the team, plugging teaching gaps whenever needed to keep his hand in!



A team of Support Staff help to ensure that **Barbara Academy** operates smoothly and safely -



Edward tells me that all staff members really appreciate working at **Barbara Academy** and are especially grateful that they can rely upon their salaries being received on time each month – sadly not the case in many other private schools – so thank you to all our donors for making that possible due to your consistent and reliable support.



Further funding has made it possible to construct this **Calvert** to help protect the school's Access Road from damage, caused by the increasingly heavy seasonal rains.

**Looking ahead: -**

- The cost of living – in particular fuel and basic foodstuffs – continues to increase the cost of our vital **Feeding Programme**
- The **BA Staff** face the same challenge personally, so we shall need to review salary levels before much longer
- We are continuing to seek funds to **improve the ratio of textbooks: pupils in each class**

If you would like to help meet these challenges, please do contact me for more information.

Thank you for helping us to make a real difference to so many young lives. Please continue to check out our website – [www.rehematrust.com](http://www.rehematrust.com) – see **Gallery** tab for new photos and **YAWOSUP** for latest reports.

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