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Donor Update
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For many of us, and certainly for me, this time of year leads to a time of personal reflection on the year, which is shortly coming to a close. It is also an opportunity to thank you for helping us to achieve so much in such a short time.

A year ago, we had just completed the process of registering **Rehema Trust** as a UK charity and I was thanking our initial donors for their support and encouraging others to join us. In May, I was able to confirm plans for a visit to Kenya in June, including the opportunity to join in celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our local partner organisation **YAWOSUP (Yala Widows & Orphans Support Project)**, which continues to be headed up by **Edward Wata (YAWOSUP Director)**.

Throughout this period, our focus has remained on achieving the successful development of **Barbara Academy** to become a complete Nursery & Primary School, this being just one of the community development projects, managed by **YAWOSUP**, whose other projects continue to be supported financially as a Mission Partner of **Ashtead Parish Church**.

I am delighted to report that, through the generous support of an increasing number of donors, we have successfully funded the **Barbara Academy** monthly operating costs, including the payment of salaries to teaching and support staff. My co-trustee Terry Davey and I were delighted to spend time with the staff during our visit in June, when we saw at first hand their impressive and skilful commitment to the 60 plus pupils in the school.



In addition, as was the case a year ago, in preparation for the start of the new school year in January, we have funded the construction of an additional classroom to allow the Primary School to continue to expand.

2019 Promises to Be Even Better!

Our visit in June naturally included discussions about needs, which were not being fully met, and future development plans. Through the special generosity of some of our existing donors, together with the commitment of additional funding by **Ashtead Parish Church**, we are now able to implement plans for the following additional projects, some of which will also benefit the wider local community: -

- Construction of separate Staff Latrines (currently sharing facilities with pupils)
- Purchase of New Text Books & Reading Books (required by curriculum changes)
- Additional Classroom Resources (furniture, reference books, craft materials, sports equipment etc)

plus

- Connecting to the local Piped Water Network (a more reliable source of clean water than the existing bore hole)
- Improving the Access Road Surface (currently extremely muddy and dangerous after heavy rains)

Our Remaining Challenges!

As **Barbara Academy** continues to expand, the monthly operating costs also increase to reflect the employment of additional teachers etc. Our current regular monthly income does not yet match these costs in full, so we are holding back reserve funds to ensure they can be met throughout 2019.

By increasing our regular income, we shall be able to release some of these funds to make further improvements, including the expansion of the **Daily Feeding Programme** for all pupils – a proven method of improving their academic performance and general health.

In thanking you for the important part, which you are already playing, please do share this information with others, whom you feel may be interested in supporting our work. Please do check out our website, which will progressively help you keep up-to-date - <http://www.rehematrust.com/> . Also, please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Finally, many thanks again for your support and encouragement, which means so much to me and my co-trustees, but especially to the pupils and staff at **Barbara Academy**.

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