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Donor Update
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As the end of another year fast approaches, it is once again my pleasure to thank you for contributing to another year of exciting developments and achievement at **Barbara Academy** and to give you an insight into what we hope to achieve in the coming year.

Our partnership with **YAWOSUP (Yala Widows & Orphans Support Project)** remains strong, thanks to the close working relationship with **Edward Wata (YAWOSUP Director)**, who continues to manage the wider community development work in addition to enabling his local community to access good quality nursery and primary education at **Barbara Academy**.

It remains the case that many of the local families are unable to pay even modest school fees, but their appreciation of the quality of education on offer has encouraged families to support the school through payment in kind where possible. This supportive attitude has allowed us to maintain the vital **Daily Feeding Programme** for all pupils and to arrange an exciting **Educational Visit** last term, which involved all the pupils being transported by coach to Kisumu to visit both the **International Airport** and the **City Museum**.



In the same way, given that it is our vision to enable young children from even the poorest backgrounds to achieve their full potential in life through good quality education, it remains our priority to pay the salaries

of the teaching and support staff, whose numbers continue to increase as we develop the school up to full Primary School status.

As was the case a year ago, we have funded the construction (underway – see below) of an additional classroom to accommodate the new Grade 5 Class, leaving us with the task of providing one more classroom in 12 months' time to accommodate Grade 6, the final year of primary education.



All this has been achieved thanks to your generous financial support but, despite adding to the number of regular donors during the past year, our committed regular income still falls short of the regular costs of an expanding school. We are therefore currently relying upon our modest reserves to fund the shortfall.

If you felt able to make an additional donation, or perhaps encourage a friend or family member to support our work, either by way of one-off or regular donation, it really would make a huge difference. I would of course be happy to provide any further information, which may be required.

In the meantime, we continue to identify projects, which we are currently unable to consider funding beyond the regular operating expenses. Once again, I am delighted to confirm that **Ashtead Parish Church** has approved the funding of specific equipment purchases, this time including the purchase of IT equipment totalling £3100 – comprising a laptop, a projector and a few tablets for pupils to use. This will enable the teachers to begin to meet the demands from government to use modern methods of delivering aspects of the school curriculum and to gradually replace the rather old computers, currently in use.



Thank you once again for your vital support, which continues to encourage **Edward Wata**, the staff at **Barbara Academy**, myself and my fellow trustees, in our efforts to raise the standard of living and expectations of this very poor local community in rural Western Kenya. Please continue to check out our website – www.rehematrust.com – which will be progressively updated.

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