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A year ago, Terry Davey and I had only recently returned from our special visit to Kenya. Despite my several previous visits, this was, for both of us, our first opportunity to visit **Barbara Academy**, so a very special visit indeed.

Having shared with you, last December, the good news of our plans to significantly improve facilities during the coming months, I am delighted to be able to include in this Update some photographic evidence of what has been achieved and to thank you for making this possible.



'Your support has brought a lot of positive change in the lives of many needy children in Kenya..... You are very special people in our project as we continue to support the future generation.... We trust God for greater achievements through God's help and your generous support'

(Edward Wata)



In addition to **another Classroom**, as **Barbara Academy** continues to expand, the pupils and staff now benefit from **new text books and other classroom resources**.

Access to clean piped water is a big improvement on an unreliable bore hole and it is important that **the staff now have their own new latrines**.



With your support, we have also been able to **improve the surface of the access road to Barbara Academy**. Terry and I both experienced last year how difficult it was previously after heavy rain.



You may recall that it was also a priority for us to somehow expand the **Daily Feeding Programme** to include all pupils, given the strong evidence that this is a proven method of improving their academic performance and general health.

Although our regular income is still not quite able to cover the regular costs of an expanding school, **Edward Wata (YAWOSUP Director)** has persuaded the parents to make this possible by contributing to the food supplies from their own subsistence farming activities as payment in kind.

Our focus has remained on achieving the successful development of **Barbara Academy** to become a complete Nursery & Primary School. This is 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**.

Our Remaining Challenges!

As **Barbara Academy** continues to expand, the monthly operating costs also increase to reflect the employment of additional teachers etc. As already mentioned, 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, in addition to the requirement for the construction of another classroom to accommodate the next year group. The primary school currently comprises Years 1 to 4 with Years 5 & 6 to be accommodated during the next two years.

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 also check out our website, which will progressively help you keep up-to-date - www.rehematrust.com - and 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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