



REHEMA TRUST
(Registered Charity No: 1175562)

Donor Update
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BREAKING NEWS!

I am delighted to begin this Update by letting you all know that my co-trustee Terry Davey and I are now booked to fly to Kenya next month (16-25 June) to visit the work of our local partner organisation – **Yala Widows & Orphans Support Project (YAWOSUP)** – in particular the **Barbara Academy**, whose students and teachers are pictured above.

Although I have visited Kenya nine times previously since 2004, most of them with Barbara, I have not been there since 2011, so I am naturally very excited about our visit, which Terry and I are funding personally.

As well as reviewing the work of existing projects, we shall be discussing future development plans with **Edward Wata (YAWOSUP Director)**, including the expansion of the **Barbara Academy** and other community development project activity. Terry and I will also have the privilege of participating in the **YAWOSUP 10th Anniversary Celebrations** – an important landmark and opportunity to promote the work of **YAWOSUP** and raise its profile within the local community and relevant authorities.

I look forward to reporting back to you upon our return.

PROGRESS REPORT

In the short time since **Rehema Trust** was officially registered in November 2017, I am so encouraged by the support, which you have all provided.

Each one of you is a key member of our group of more than 20 regular donors and our income (including Gift Aid) this year is already forecast to exceed £10,000.

We continue to direct all our financial support towards the maintenance and development of the **Barbara Academy**, with a total of 64 students registered in the existing Nursery and Primary classes. As well as paying the teaching staff, funding teaching materials and maintaining all the facilities, your funds pay for a daily Feeding Programme for all students – a proven method of improving their academic performance and general health.

As previously mentioned, **YAWOSUP's** other project activities (including farming, health and housing) continue to be supported financially as a Mission Partner of Ashtead Parish Church.

I hope that, in time, **Rehema Trust** will be in a position to support the development of this important work.

Although it remains 'work in progress', 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 students and staff at **Barbara Academy**.

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