



Partnering with the African Community to facilitate transformation



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“He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.” 1 Samuel 2:8

PIONEERS AND PARTNERS IN COMPREHENSIVE TRANSFORMATION!

PARTNERSHIP WITH CROWN MINISTRIES

We are super excited to announce a new partnership with Crown Ministries and Foundations for Farming!

From the Crown website: “For 47 years, Crown has helped people all over the world understand who they are, what they have and how to best use both. Using proven biblical methods and resources transforms individuals, families, communities and even entire nations.” Please visit their site at www.crown.org

Recently an AC supporter sent a suggestion and link to contact Crown Ministries regarding a potential partnership with the Connect ministry in Kenya. The material is created to reach the rural Africans, is Biblical in approach, and has had amazing success in African communities and nations. AC leadership and Pastor Apollo felt it was a perfect fit for the Connect vision, and an Memo of Understanding was signed. Crown/Foundations for Farming will not only provide free teaching material and assistance with Organic Biointensive Farming, but teaching videos for sound management of the finances that result from the effective farming techniques.

Pastor Apollo and Emmanuel, a staff member, will be traveling to Rwanda in early August to attend a “Train the Trainers” seminar. This is a huge step forward, and we are so grateful that a donor has covered those expenses!

MATCHING GRANT FOR NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

We consider those who have supported AC over the years to be partners as well. One partner has offered a \$10,000 matching grant in order to meet approximately \$20,000 worth of critical needs for our compound infrastructure, including fencing, a well, and a new set of toilets required by the Ministry of Health built to specifications appropriate for our preschoolers. All of these projects are preliminary to building our own Primary school, which is vital to reach the goal of project self-sufficiency. *If you can help in even the smallest way, the Lord knows how to multiply the loaves and fishes! Please note with your donation: Infrastructure Grant.*

DISTRICT MUSIC COMPETITION

On June 11 our kids travelled to Bungoma to compete for the first time in the Kenyan Music Competition, which is a very big deal there. The preschoolers came in 1st in their category and the primary kids were #3; next was the District Competition with 300 other schools on June 24. They came in #3 in poetry and #5 in singing games. This is all stunning for these “slum kids” who dared to dream they could even go to school! Here are some of our girls in costumes sewn by the Tailoring Production ladies. We are so proud of these kids, and thankful for the talented staff that pour their lives into them.



IAN MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP FUND:

LETTERS ARE ON THEIR WAY! In the coming week IMS Director Sue Choquette is sending out letters lovingly written or drawn (depending on the age) by the IMS sponsored students for their sponsors.

SPONSORS NEEDED: We are still in need of sponsors for some Grade 1 students, and will be needing new sponsors for the graduating preschoolers in January 2025. Please pass the word on, and pray!

IMS GENERAL FUND: If you are unable to sponsor a child, please consider a one-time gift to the IMS General Fund. A dire combination of rising costs in Kenya, a loss of government subsidies to schools, student medical costs, and a large exchange rate drop this year has created a real need. **Thank you!**

STUDENT MEDICAL: Compassionate donors have made it possible for Ecclai, a 9th grader, to have an operation at Kijabe Hospital to save her hearing. We will update you on her progress going forward.

Loice had surgery in 2019 to remove large maxillary cysts from her jaw. Now in Grade 9, she is in need of dentures, costing \$500. IMS funds cannot cover this expense; please let us know if you can help.

On another note, some of you may remember Eliud, who had a debilitating maxillary tumor removed years ago. With medical care and follow up, including two business boosts, Eliud and his wife were able to move to a larger home suitable for their family of 7, and are now able to support themselves!

“GEN-Z” COURAGEOUSLY FIGHTS CORRUPTION IN KENYAN GOVERNMENT

Here, with their friend slain at their feet, young Kenyans continue to stand in the midst of live fire and tear gas, insisting on transparency, fairness and integrity in their government and churches. Kenyans are by nature non-confrontational and have endured decades of systemic corruption and oppression, even unto starvation, from the elites in power at the time. Finally, the youth have stood and the government has backed down, resulting in retraction of the newest tax law and salary raise for the Ministers, and the firing of the President’s cabinet. Please pray for true change in Kenya, that the people will finally be heard, that any violence will cease, and that Jesus will bring revival to Kenya.



May we pray the same for America, and be willing to stand in the spiritual battle for our nation. As our long-time Kenyan advisor Evans Sabwami recently said, “America is now a mission field for Kenyans.”

Standing with all of you, and all Kenyans, for HIS cause, whatever the cost.

LuAnn Herring, for the AC teams US and Kenya

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