



*“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8, Berean Bible*

We hope you are enjoying the summer in bloom! Here we have some business to attend to, including addressing an urgent need, and clarification regarding donor giving and other updates on Page 2.

### **Urgent Update on the Primary/Jr Secondary school construction:**



Global events affect us all, but to the Kenyan people survival recently became more difficult. As gas prices skyrocket, food, commodities and construction materials are quickly increasing, causing the potential cost of our building to rise. We now need to raise the remaining \$35,000 for the building, and start construction soon. If you can help with this need, please note as Building & Development. Also note that through our Infinite Giving platform we can accept gifts through Stocks and Donor

Advised Funds. Let's pray together over this situation, and watch how God will do His miraculous work!

### **News, Prayer Requests and Financial Needs:**

**Connect Premiere Preschool:** Our students happily returned from holiday to regular meals and care April 28. We see more parents engaging in Empowerment programs now, a response to firm policy requirements for the betterment of the kids' families. Many are responding to the additions of Baking Class, Farming and Husbandry. Funding has been down since February, and we have struggled to provide basic salaries and the feeding program for the kids. Due to poor weather, we need to buy bulk food to supplement the harvest from our farm.



**Outreach:** The Connect Chapel outreach team has been busy reaching out to the local schools with the gospel. They interact with the kids, giving prizes for knowing Bible verses, and at the invitation to accept Jesus as their Saviour, nearly every student responds! Wyckliffe writes, “By the end of the day, there was hope in the eyes of these children - a different expression from what we encountered when we walked through the gate. Seeing God touch hearts in such a way as truly encouraging.” Connect members visited a local hospital on Sunday to bring fruit and the love of Jesus to the patients. We have begun regular zoom outreach meetings, which is very encouraging for us all. Connect Chapel continues to thrive and the Radio ministry and Bible College are affecting many lives.

**Medical:** On May 9, Connect Chapel hosted a community clinic which was well attended by not only our parents and students, but people in need from the local community. Cherangany Hospital graciously supplied the doctors, and Connect members kept order and ministered to the people. We are grateful for this partnership!

*Please consider regular support for the Medical Fund, which costs us \$500-\$600 every month!*

**IMS:** The Kenyan government continues to withhold school subsidies, so schools are raising fees to meet the shortfall. As term 2 began we were notified of \$1250 in “mandatory extra fees” for our 10 Jr. Secondary students, equaling an additional \$125 each child. This makes us even more eager to build our own Jr Secondary classes!

**The 2026 Kenya Music Competition** is launching this month, and practices have begun. The children are fired up, determined to reach Nationals. This series of events with costumes, transportation, etc. is very costly, up to \$5000. If you would like to donate any amount to help please designate your gift to Special Projects.

**Please pray for:**

- Sue Choquette, our IMS and Medical Director, for her health concerns.

- We have several primary aged children in horrible situations; we need safe housing and transformed parents!
- Our elderly caregivers have serious health issues that are costly and keep them from working to support the children they care for. We need practical solutions, as well as resources for their meds and surgeries. Recently Alice needed an emergency surgery which ended up costing AC \$1000. Lord help!
- Remember to keep our staff, the children, and their parents in prayer in a season of economic hardship even beyond the norm, and potential chaos as anger builds and the 2027 presidential campaign kicks off.
- Pray for the empowerment programs, that parents will really engage and use their new skills effectively.

**TO OUR FAITHFUL DONORS: UNDESIGNATED VS DESIGNATED (RESTRICTED) GIVING POLICY**

Africa Connect's mission in Kenya provides education, food security and medical assistance to the vulnerable in an atmosphere of extreme poverty, instability in weather, economic and societal conditions, and cultural mindsets that can present barriers to our mission goals. It's not easy. Flexibility in funding priorities is essential, and can drastically affect the lives of the precious people we serve.

AC's parent, Berkshire Missions, Inc. as a 501(c)3 non-profit has respected the wishes of the donor regarding the use of donated funds, and will continue to do so. There is a need, however, to define policy and clarify how you can give in a way that will help us to manage those funds more effectively.



1. If the donation is undesignated or identified as "As Needed", AC is free to use the funds in a manner that meets the current needs as well as those ongoing needs that are budgeted.
2. If the donor states a designated use, Africa Connect must legally use those funds for that purpose. The more specific the designation the more difficult it is to meet the changing needs on the field, but we will honor that request. If the donor wants to indicate a donation for something more specific than the general category then we request that you indicate that as a preference, not a restriction. In that way those funds are available for the stated application, but if a more urgent need arises AC then has the ability to exercise more flexibility in applying those funds.
3. These categories are currently approved to receive designated gifts: Preschool, IMS, Building & Development, Empowerment, Medical Fund, Outreach & Relief, Missions, and Special Projects.

*Our request to you is to consider giving with an undesignated status as much as possible. This can help us effectively meet the needs of the precious people we serve.*

***We are grateful beyond words for our partners in this mission, who have faithfully given through years of blessing, but also times of uncertainty, graciously navigating learning curves of cross-cultural ministry with us. We treasure your trust in us, and will always seek to honor your heart.***

**God Bless you for your loving support, and your care for those in need.**

LuAnn Herring, for the AC team US and Kenya

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