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Dear friends and supporters,

Since its inception in 2005, the goal of Africa Connect has been comprehensive transformation of the slum community in Kenya through the gospel of Jesus Christ, working in partnership with Africans who have demonstrated integrity and a passion to serve their own people. Our main focus is orphans and desperate children, and our most effective tool and core project is a Christian preschool for such children. In Kenya, preschools charge fees, effectively excluding those in greatest need of the education that represents their road out of slum life. This school not only demonstrates God's personal care for these little ones, but opens the doors, literally, to their homes, and to the parent(s) or guardians struggling to provide for them. Caregivers who enroll their children are strongly encouraged to enroll in empowerment or business training designed to foster self-sustainability, and those who can contribute something are required to do so on a sliding scale.

Baraka HSS (Heart, Soul, Strength) Academy is a registered preschool in Kitale, Kenya, which surpasses Ministry of Education standards in its quality of staff and educational instruction, feeding program, medical care, and parental instruction, all in an atmosphere of the nurturing love of Jesus Christ. The preschool has three levels, currently serving 60 children for three years. Following graduation, some students become candidates for the Ian Memorial Sponsorship program, which provides continued educational, spiritual, and family support through Primary and High School levels.

The preschool is expensive to run, and the cost has nearly doubled in the last 18 months due to the pandemic. In order to meet this need, we are offering the opportunity to sponsor preschool-aged students who would be likely candidates for sponsorship when they are ready to progress to Primary levels. The fees will be \$400 per year, with a payment plan available. These fees do not cover the full cost of one child, but help significantly in keeping this vital ministry running. The children's uniforms, shoes and bags are supplied through a separate fundraiser each year.

All preschool sponsorship donations will be designated as "Baraka Care Fund", with 100% going towards preschool support. If you would like to sponsor a preschooler, please email us at [africaconnect.us@gmail.com](mailto:africaconnect.us@gmail.com), and we will send you an introductory packet including the child's picture and bio, a sponsor commitment form, and additional information about the program.

For the cause of Jesus and the "Least of these",

LuAnn Herring, for the Board of Directors of Africa Connect