



Partnering with the African Community to facilitate transformation



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*“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!” Matt. 7:11, ESV*

*“For we are God’s own handiwork, recreated in Christ Jesus, that we may do those good works which God planned beforehand for us, that we should walk in them.” Eph 2:10 Amplified*

## THE JOY AND PRIVILEGE OF PARTNERING WITH GOD

As the world situation churns more chaotic and threats of famine and hardship beat louder, we are ever more hopeful that our Father in heaven indeed knows the needs of His children and will respond to their cries for help. Indeed, in the last two years we have seen Him move quickly to set up the Kenyan team with the infrastructure they will need to continue ministry as circumstances become more difficult. This newsletter represents the final push to complete this process for this season. YOU, through your prayers and your giving, have been the vessels God has used to display His plan and His provision for that plan, and ultimately His compassion and desire to reach the lost. How amazing, that He gives us the resources, then asks us to partner with Him in their use, then rewards us for allowing Him to do so! *“Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.” Ps 41:1* What a privilege to see Him work, and to work through us!



## THE NEW SEWING CENTER IS COMPLETE!

For several years, the Tailoring program has been our most successful empowerment initiative. In the past two years the Kenya team reports there is an increased desire in the parents to take the training seriously, and classes have increased in size and productivity. As of October 28, the program is housed on our own property, nestled next to Connect Chapel, where the mamas can grow spiritually as well as practically, in the context of healthy community. A donor has contributed the needed machines and supplies to begin producing goods to sell in January, in a major move toward program sustainability. We are so excited to see the dream come true!

## REACHING THE FORGOTTEN THROUGH RADIO

In the rough mountains of Mt Elgon and West Pokot, the rural farms of Uganda and the Rift Valley, and the muddy slums of sprawling cities live millions whose only touch with the outside world is through radio. For so many, certain weekly shows bring hope and understanding in the midst of dark and fearful times. For several years now, Pastor Apollo Juma has been sharing the gospel and sound Bible teaching twice every week through Imani Radio. He receives constant feedback on the redemptive effects in peoples’s lives, as well as invites to speak at churches or conferences in Uganda, other areas of Kenya, and, as of December, Tanzania. One of our two sponsors for radio had to end their support due to financial issues, so **we are looking to fill a need for \$100 per month** to cover the cost of two weekly radio shows. Please let us know if you are willing to commit to help with that need, in full or in part by filling out the donation slip at the bottom of this letter.



**THE PERMANENT PRESCHOOL IS GOING UP!**

**We have received donations of \$26,100 so far, Praise God! We now only need \$5400 in November in order to complete the building for use in January '23.** This building is a vital piece of the plan for self-sufficiency, as it allows the current temporary preschool building to be used to begin primary classes in January. Starting with Grades 1 & 2 in 2023 and adding a class every year will give the team time to wisely build their staff, and allow time to raise funds for a primary building in the future. All primary school operating costs going forward will be financed in Kenya, through parents paying fees and particularly needy children being sponsored through IMS. Incrementally moving classes back from Seed of Hope to our own school site will also bring a significant cost savings, as the bus transportation for the students will no longer be needed.

**OTHER NEEDS:**

- ❖ **UPCOMING TRIP TO KENYA:** We are planning to return to Kenya during the months of February and March '23. Please pray with us for the many preparations, provision, and for God's will to be accomplished.
- ❖ **PRESCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR 2023 SCHOOL YEAR:** The first task for our seamstresses will be sewing new uniforms for the 60 students of Baraka HHS Academy entering school in January. This is an estimate for the uniform, leather shoes and socks, underwear and bags required for these little ones to attend school in Kenya. \$2800
- ❖ **TOILETS:** The addition of Connect Chapel and the Sewing Center to the school compound means more adults, which legally creates the need for another set of toilets, simply built but with strong tin. \$3200



**IAN MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM:**

- ❖ Please pray for our students in Classes 4, 8, and in high school, who will be facing their exams at the end of this month. There is a lot of pressure involved, as these exams greatly influence their opportunities in the future, particularly whether they can attend high school or college.
- ❖ We want to thank those who have given toward the IMS General Fund, which helps us to meet needs not covered by sponsor payments. Just this month we were able to replace our social worker's broken laptop, in time for him to produce sponsor reports. In another telling exchange, we learned that parents of Classes 1-6 are now required to buy a ream of paper for the year, which rose from 650 to 1000 shillings, or a week's income for many of these parents. Only 5 out of the 40 sponsored in those grades were able to buy it. Wyckliffe adds, "But also with the hunger and financial situation currently, it will be [very] hard for them ... Most parents have been requesting us to plead with the headteacher, it's very hard to feed themselves."

We are grateful for you, and grateful that God allows us to partner together for HIS "good works".

LuAnn Herring, for the AC team

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