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Dear friends and benefactors of the Kenya School Project,

We would like to begin by thanking you for your past and continued support of St Josephine Bakhita Secondary School in Gitare, Kenya. Generous donations from you and other contributors have enabled us to fund the building of a fully-fledged school where children from Gitare can now access high school level education.

During this past year, our vision to build a much needed kitchen was interrupted by the need for an updated and government mandated toilet block in order to have two physically separate facilities for boys and girls. With the toilet facilities in place, we are looking forward to restarting our kitchen construction project. Currently, meals are prepared and cooked in a temporary structure which is insufficient for our students.

According to the World Bank, school feeding programs in Sub-Saharan Africa are key to promoting class attendance, participation, improved learning, and higher student completion rates. In addition to preparing meals for the students and staff, this kitchen will also be used to teach cooking skills to interested students on how to prepare healthy meals for themselves and their families.

We are kindly appealing for your financial and prayerful support of this project as well as the ongoing maintenance and perpetuation of our school. Your donation has and continues to directly impact the lives of the students, teachers, and support staff, and they are most grateful for your support.

The average family of those who attend our school struggle to afford the expense. Although seemingly very affordable by American standards, the tuition of \$370 per student per year is an unreachable burden for many who attend. In addition to tuition, the students must fund uniforms, books, other supplies. Your donation will help support our students in these areas. A building is not a school without students and, unfortunately, without your help, many of our students could not afford to attend.

We thank you in advance for your thoughtful support of the miracle known as the St. Josephine Bakhita Secondary School. With your support and God's blessings we have, and continue to, make a difference in the life of many.

Donations can be made by check payable to **Gitare Kenya Outreach Inc.** and mailed to:

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or electronically online at www.gitarekenyaoutreach.org where you can see photos of the progress of the St. Josephine Bakhita Secondary School.

We are grateful to all those who have supported this project over the years and always happy to welcome new donors.

Sincerely,

Mary Biggee, *Board President.*

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