

September 6, 2020

Dear Friend of St. Josephine Bakhita Secondary School,

Thank you for your past support of our Kenya School Project. With your help we have moved closer to achieving our goal of building facilities needed to provide quality education to the children of Gitare, Kenya.

We read in sacred scripture, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when fully grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches" (Matthew 13:31-32). In this parable, Jesus likens the growth of the church and the kingdom of God to a mustard seed. Just as the small mustard seed grows into a big tree that shelters many birds, so does the church and the kingdom of God grow from humble beginnings to include all people who are open to the message of Christ.

Looking back, we can liken the progress made so far with the building of St. Josephine Bakhita Secondary School class by class, desk by desk as funds became available to us, as a reflection of this parable. Many children in Gitare will benefit from this school for many years as they get an education and an opportunity for a better life and service to society. It is a great sign of hope and a brighter future for all the residents of Gitare.

In February 2019 we started the construction of a multipurpose building which has a hall/cafeteria, computer lab and resource rooms. We are happy to report that great progress has been made since then and the building structure is up although not completed. This building will provide the much-needed space for learning technology and gatherings when schools reopen for the new school year in January 2021.

This year we are appealing to you to help us raise funds to complete the building under construction. What remains to be done is, indoor plastering, painting, electrical installations, floor tiles and outdoor finishes. We understand that these are hard economic times for some due to the effects of Covid19. It is our hope and prayer that this virus will be eradicated soon and livelihoods lost will be restored. Whatever you can give will be appreciated and will help us move a step further in our mission and goal.

On behalf of the children and parents of Gitare, thank you once again for making this school possible by your generosity. Please make your donation checks out to **Gitare Kenya Outreach Inc.** and mail to the above address. You can also donate electronically through **Pay Pal or credit card via our website at www.gitarekenyaoutreach.org**

Sincerely,

Mary Biggee, Board President

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