

**FREE PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH  
COUNCIL**

# Kenyan School Project

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## ***Report From Miss Margaret Russell***

All of the existing school building has now been equipped with solid desks and chairs, and the teachers now have proper desks and cupboards. The interior has been painted and the guttering and windows have been fully installed. Much of this has been made possible through the money raised by the Youth Council - £3,500 so far. We sincerely thank you for this support.

At present we have commenced the last term of the 2nd year in our primary school .There are 104 children in Primary 1-3 with 96 in pre-school. The present building is now in full use with no classroom for January for those that go to Primary 4. We are now in full preparation for the 2nd stage of the school building. We also have the foundation laid for a good size store, to be built with bricks. This is being built across the fence parallel to the church, and at a later stage when the building is complete it will serve other purposes.

We are making blocks for the classroom/office two storey block. We would hope to have this in use by January and to use the top part for accommodation of Standard 4 children who will have to board. I say hope!! We would also need to go ahead with the dining room



and kitchen as this is a real need also. The Youth Council should pray for this man who plans to come out to help from our Greenville Church in USA. It is difficult to estimate the cost of this classroom block but I would think at least £20,000 and about £10,000 for the dining/assembly hall and kitchen.

We will have to board next year as the vehicle would not be able to carry all the children and to make two trips is asking the children to leave much too early in the morning. Noreen commented that the children were very tired!

With regard to the running of the school, we hope that the fees will cover the teachers salaries, food for the children, the general service of the vehicle, and books for the children. Over and above that we have the insurance of the vehicle 80,000 Kshs per year, major vehicle repairs, tyres, & insurance of the school £1000 per year.

We are trying not to put up the fees this year as parents are already getting it tough! 20000 government workers are to be laid off this Friday or at least all will know this Friday if they have lost their jobs or not. I trust none of them are school parents!!!

### ***Report From Miss Noreen McAfee following her first week at the School***

Firstly, it is wonderful to be here in the place where the Lord has placed me and to have the privilege of working with these little ones. We commenced the week with a day of prayer for our academy and nursery school teachers. I was speaking on Mark 10 v. 13-16. Most seem to be in touch with the practical needs of our schools and children but we need to pray that the Lord would really give them a burden for the souls of the little ones.

I also had an opportunity to meet the academy teachers and to draw up a timetable which would allow me to help each of the three classes with English - Reading, Spelling, Writing and Grammar - as well as Scripture recitation. I also take assembly two mornings per week - Monday and Thursday.

Tuesday, we got down to work. Margaret introduced me at assembly and we took it from there. I must say that the

teachers have been quite helpful and welcoming and the children are adorable - most of the time! I spent most of this first week assessing where they have reached and trying to work out how I may best help them. I pray that we might see progress made in every aspect of school life. There are many needs.

School fees were also due this week of course, for the new term. Some have been settled but many remain outstanding. Those who have not contributed will be sent home tomorrow. It is a glum system but seems to be the only thing that works! Pray that the finances would come in and that the school would complete this year free of debt.

As to the matters needing prayer, please do remember:

- ◇ The souls of the children.
- ◇ Their academic progress.
- ◇ Their safety and transport.
- ◇ The Standard Three Examinations in October.
- ◇ The enrolment procedure for next year.
- ◇ The present staff and the need for other suitable personnel as we contemplate standard four and the boarding department.
- ◇ The continued need for resources and equipment, desks, books, PE equipment, etc.
- ◇ The water situation - at present we have been blessed with some rain each day which has helped tremendously.
- ◇ The building programme - Peter has commenced the store at Lityei and as you probably know, there is the possibility of a man coming from Greenville to help in October.



We need much wisdom to know how to best proceed with this and of course, the financial need is enormous!

Wishing you every blessing  
**Noreen**