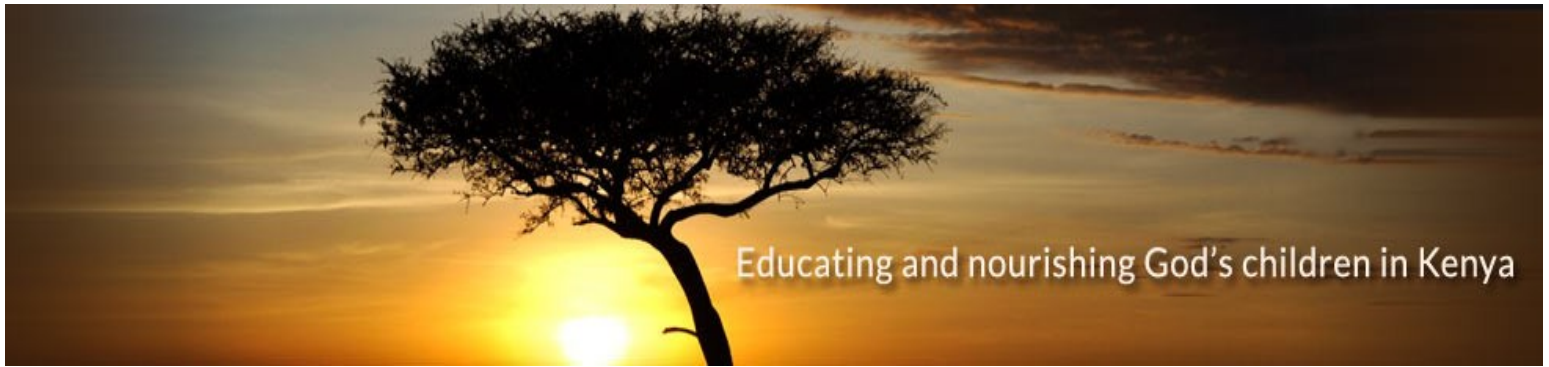


Kijabe Children's Education Fund



May 3, 2021

Dear KCEF friends and supporters:

We did it—YOU did it!

Thanks to your tremendous response to the \$25,000 matching grant challenge, we reached our goal by April 29, well before the deadline of June 30. This is hugely encouraging and will allow us to expand and improve our outreach to Kenyan schoolchildren.

On any given day, even a quick scan of newspaper headlines can be daunting, as problems addressed are often on such a large scale and so complex they defy solutions. What is so heartening about the Kijabe Children's Education Fund is that its human scale translates directly into transformed lives. I hope this encourages you as much as it does us.

Students in Kenya are now between terms but will be returning to class on May 10. The latest government "lockdown" has kept children from contact with their teachers and schools during a seven week period. This is a dangerous length of time to be roving around the slums of Nairobi, so we are anxiously awaiting the resumption of classes.



Secondary students anxious to return.

The latest lockdown was caused by a surge in Covid-19 cases and deaths, which seem to have leveled off a bit. Although, as always, it's hard to get accurate health statistics. The AstraZeneca vaccine is slowly becoming available in Kenya, and many of our teachers have received it. But across the country there is still a lot of "vaccine skepticism," raising concerns about possible future surges. In short, this has been an



emotionally wrenching time for our students and teachers, and our increased support could not be more timely.

We have just wired funds to all of the schools for second term meals and several special needs—new toilets, security fencing, water tanks. You will recall how important the feeding program is, especially after these kids have just spent seven weeks at home with very little nutritious food.

Porridge time at school.

National test scores for graduates of 8th grade have just been released, and we are scrambling to help support as many more students in secondary school as we can. Thanks to your help, it looks like we will be able to add 45-50 more students on secondary scholarships. Each of these scholarships represents hope not only for individual students, but for their families as well.

On our behalf and on behalf of more than 1800 of the "poorest of the poor," many, many thanks.

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OUR VISION

Kijabe Children's Education Fund is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to children in rural Kenya and the slums of the city of Nairobi. Through feeding programs, school sponsorship, and project support, KCEF is helping to keep its students fed in body, mind and spirit.

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