

John Calvin Presbyterian Church and Kisima Child Care Academy and Orphanage



In 2006, Kisima Child Care Academy's (KCCA) founders responded to God's call to build a safe harbor for orphans in their rural community near Kitale, Kenya. Today, with the help of friends, KCCA is a registered Kenyan school (grades pre-K to 7) serving approximately 120 children orphaned by election violence, AIDS and abandonment.

John Calvin Presbyterian Church has been a longtime supporter of KCCA and has sent church members there to volunteer every year since 2012, including a trip this past July. Each trip has strengthened the congregation's partnership with the academy and orphanage, a partnership that has created synergies in designing strategies and adopting best practices that ensures the funding support is optimized

hence creating the desired impacts to the community.

The strong partnership helped KCCA develop a 2016-2020 strategic plan. Priorities include supporting expanding high school scholarships, improving curriculum, IT development, investing in the land and improved water distribution/sanitation through the implementation of a solar pump.

This past spring, John Calvin PC received a Global Mission Congregational Partnership matching grant to help KCCA achieve those goals, strengthening the work that John Calvin PC has already been doing for years.

Long term, the hope is that the children at Kisima will serve as catalyst in raising the whole community's standard of living. The first group of students has taken the next phase in their education by enrolling in high schools with the help of church members and the donor community. This valuable partnership will foster the spiritual growth of the children and in the future help the community sustainably run the orphanage as well as open educational opportunities in that region of Kenya and beyond. The ideal situation is that the school develops long term sustainable funding streams from local resources and funding partners. The effects will be felt in the generations to come as the students graduate, obtain gainful employment and access other economic opportunities. The students' theme song at Kisima Academy and Orphanage is "Education is the Key to Life".



If you would like to learn more, or if your congregation would like to get involved, please reach out to Bonnie Lefbom: kisima.board@gmail.com

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