



REHEMA TRUST

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Donor Update – September 2025

Thank you for your continued interest and generosity towards Rehema Trust which financially supports the Barbara Leighton Academy based in Siaya County in Western Kenya which has around 100 students.



We were excited to welcome Edward Wata, the Director of Barbara Leighton Academy, to Ashted in early April this year. We had an in person meeting of the trustees with Edward and he also celebrated his birthday with us. He managed to pack in quite a lot in the week that he was here. He spoke at several services and the recordings can be found on the website <https://sgsgashted.rg.uk> under “Our Talks” dated

the 31st March and the 7th April. Edward also visited **St Giles’ School** in Ashted and hopes to build an ongoing relationship with them. Since then, thanks to the wonders of modern technology, we achieved the following: -



Each of the 3 year groups at St Giles' School connected via Zoom on two occasions each with the equivalent classes at Barbara Leighton Academy. Malcolm was able to attend and was delighted to see the level of interaction between the classes on screen - 4000 miles apart! Lots of questions were asked - what do you eat for lunch/what subjects do you study/what sports do you play etc? The Barbara Leighton Academy

presented an example of cultural dance and verbal presentations, and the St Giles' pupils had done some drawings etc to show. One of the teachers at St Giles’ School has asked if Malcolm can take some spare books with him, when he visits Kenya from 12-26th September.

He is staying with Edward Wata and his family and spending most of his time visiting the Barbara Leighton Academy and other YAWOSUP projects. Please can we pray for Malcolm for his safe travels and that he, and those he visits, will be further encouraged.

We are very grateful for the regular giving and generous one-off donations that you have made which in addition to paying the staff salaries and general running costs have funded some important projects which we have shown below.



Water supply

The water supply company have imposed a very significant price increase – 60%! The supply is also cut off several times a month. They had a small storage tank, but it was inadequate to maintain supply. Edward has a bore hole on his adjacent private property for family use, and an electric pump has been installed to increase capacity and they have bought a larger tank for the Barbara Leighton Academy which gives them a more reliable and cheaper water supply.



We also funded access road repairs with community members providing the labour.



From your donations £250 was used to paint the new school bus (entirely funded by the parents), which they hope will publicise the school and attract additional fee-paying students from further afield and continue to subsidise those unable to pay. The change of name is being prompted by the establishment of our Junior Secondary School.

We have been generously supported with funds to construct a Grade 9 Classroom in preparation for the School Year 2026 to complete the Junior Secondary School Project.



Having successfully funded the additional classrooms, we now have to focus on renovating some of the older classrooms. They are semi-permanent buildings which have lasted around 10 years and the inside walls have been seriously weakened by termite damage and need to be reinforced.

We also have the challenge of increased Operating Costs, including: -

The employment of an extra teacher for the Junior Secondary School (formed due to the Government changes in education) (£94pm/£1128pa)

Increased Teacher Training Costs

Expanded Feeding Programme

Please consider if you are able to contribute something to help meet these challenges by reviewing your regular giving or providing an additional one-off gift

We thank you so much for your prayers and donations. We hope this Donor Update will encourage you and help you to see how much impact you have had on the school and the lives of the children

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