

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Welcome to Henry Ouma – Former Student & New EKHS Principal!



As part of our focus on excellence in education, the EBCKK Board has been interviewing candidates to replace our original principal, Mr. Richard Keter. Mr. Keter came out of retirement to help us open the school and we were blessed by his experience. He is now ready to return to his retirement and God has blessed us again with a superb new principal for Elma High School – our very own Henry Ouma, heretofore known as Mr. Ouma, in deference to his new position of responsibility. (This new nomenclature is going to take a while, for some of us!) Dr. Carol Saunders began her sponsorship of Henry even before Walindwa was founded. He attended N'gambo High School,

where he was top of his class, and then majored in education at Nairobi University. Henry had been working at Baringo High School, a highly successful national school and we are overjoyed that he accepted the offer of the EBCKK Board to return home and lead EKHS into the new decade. His positive influence is already being felt by teachers and students. One of the first fruits of our home!

New Cutie-Patooties at EBCKK

This past year saw us welcome eight new children to EBCKK: twins Nasra & Shamira, age 9; siblings Melvin & Veronika, 9/7; Alfons, 11; JoyLynn, 10; Lynn, 9; Carolyn, 11; and Carol, 11. Did you spot the first four in our card?



President Jill Weller (left) updates Pastor Roy Stover (far right) and the EBCKK BOD in Kenya. Feb 2019



A generous donor funded additional e-readers, put to use here by the grade school students..

Please know that 100% of your contributions go to the children and their care. Our board and the Kenyan Board are all volunteers in God's service to His children.



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Proverbs 22:6
Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

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Letter from the Board of Directors

Dear Friends of Walindwa,

The year 2019 has been a year of true blessings and growth for EBCK and EKHS.

The campus continues its efforts to increase self-sufficiency. Following a ban by the Kenyan government on unlicensed logging and charcoal production (charcoal being a major cooking fuel), the Kenyan Elma Barnett board responded by constructing a biogas system. The system uses manure from our milk cows to create methane that can be used for cooking and heating. It's a bit embarrassing to admit that we're excited about cow poop – but we are!



A new calf brings multiple blessings. Jul 2019.

The year also brought increased focus on Elma Kamonong High School (EKHS). Our early partnership in this area was on building the school, getting it up and running, and recruiting staff and students. Now that several classes have graduated, our emphasis has shifted to the quality of the education and Walindwa has received a generous donation just for this purpose. You know the cycle – a good sports team attracts better recruits



Teacher housing unit (four-plex). Dining hall is at back right. Aug 2019

than a poor team, enabling the good team to become an even better team. But how do you enter this spiral of success? Through an intervention such as this! This gift has been used to recruit and retain some highly qualified, experienced teachers that otherwise might not have been attracted to our campus and the improvement in test scores that we have already seen attests to its success and importance. Physical improvements supporting this goal include the completion of a second teacher's dorm and the beginning of construction of a house for the principal.

What's next? In the coming year we invite you to pray for continued improvement of the educational experience at EBCK and Elma Kamonong High School, through teacher recruitment and training and completion of the principal and teacher housing. We are also working to discern the Lord's guidance as we look to the construction of a media center/library with computers and the latest learning tools. The Weller-Sparling Media Center will be a big step forward in the education and training of our elementary and high school students.



Upgraded to tile flooring, the EBCK dorms and dining hall are now easier to clean.

EBCK Director Judy Birir (left) and members of Moms in Prayer at a recent reception for our inland supporters.



And last, but definitely not least, we aim to create a family for our children where they feel secure and loved and where they can grow up in Christ's love and light. All of these goals are dependent on donors LIKE YOU. Thank you for being an integral part of these children's lives. We are all humbled and grateful to you for your prayers and generous contributions.

With deep thanks to all of you and to our Lord and Leader Jesus Christ,

The Walindwa Board

In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

- Matthew 18:14