



## The Sponsorship Program - Kenya

This year, RDL Building Hope Society has decided to become involved in helping to find sponsors for the children at both schools in Kenya where we have built classrooms.

### Enkare Ngiro School

Enkare Ngiro School is a government run school that ends after grade 8. Most typically students do not continue their education after the 8<sup>th</sup> grade because high school is not offered in the local community. Currently, RDL School pays for the high school tuition of 8 students who have graduated top of their class (one boy and one girl in each of the past 4 years). These students' tuition includes room and board.

### Building Hope Academy

Building Hope Academy, a day school, recently opened to accommodate the many young Nursery, Kindergarten and Lower Primary aged children who had not been attending school due to the far distance required to travel to school. This was built in the community by The Nairoshi Foundation, through the generosity of funding by RDL Building Hope Society and other global partners, to enable children to commence their education at the correct age and receive a solid quality foundation education.

Following is information on our partners in Kenya, Merry & David Nkuito who, through The Nairoshi Foundation, manage Building Hope Academy and co-ordinate all sponsorships.

### **The Nairoshi Foundation**

A community-based organization in Kenya founded by the husband and wife team of David Nkuito and Merry Purcell to provide interventions to alleviate the plight of children, women and men in difficult circumstances in their local Maasai community. Two current foundation goals are to provide quality education for children and support for the local widows.

### **The need**

Children in the community rarely attend school and if they do, due to the long distances between their home and school (up to 2-3 hours walk each way), they start at a very late age. It is common that girls are married off at a very early age (12-13) to obtain dowry money and the boys are taken from school to tend to the livestock. Children have often lost a parent to disease or misfortune and their families have little money to spare for school fees.

### What do we expect from the parents?

We ensure that the parents are involved with their children's education, both emotionally and financially. They attend visiting and academic days (we attend each and every one ourselves), paying their own way and bringing along items like food.

We spend time talking to them about the importance of allowing their child to keep studying during the holidays. We make sure that the parents contribute something toward the children's expenses – this normally takes the form of them buying a tin box, which is used by the child to store things at school, and purchasing personal items for school.

Building Hope Academy ensures parents walk their children to school and home each day and attend parent/teacher days and closing days.

### What can you expect from us?

A photo and biography of the student you sponsor. An update at the end of each term, including copies of the child's results and letters from the children (or drawings if they are in nursery)

### What we would like from you?

These children have so many worries that we work very hard to make sure that they do not worry that they will not be able to attend school. If you commit to sponsorship, we ask that you follow through for the time period you have chosen.

We strongly encourage communication and involvement between yourself and the sponsored children. This could include writing, letters/drawings, and personal visits. The pure joy the children get out of this is indescribable. If Africa is on your list of places to travel, the children at the school would love to meet their sponsor!

**David Ole Nkuito & Merry Purcell-Nkuito**

### Cost for Sponsorship

#### **Building Hope Academy Kindergarten/Primary School Students (Day – School):**

**Cost: \$400 for one year.** This covers tuition, school fees, educational materials, a uniform, meals and operating costs. Kindergarten is 3 years long (ages 3-5 years old) and Primary is 8 years long (ages 6-13 years old)

#### **High School Students (Various Boarding Schools)**

**Cost: \$1000 per year.** This covers tuition, room and board for one year. High School is 4 years long (ages 14 -17 years old).

*Please see the accompanying Sponsorship Form to become involved with sponsorship.*

**Thank you for your continued support of the RDL Building Hope Project!**