





## Feb 2023 Monitoring trip





In February, TABS Chair Ellen and lifelong TABS supporter Rosemary travelled to Kenya for a short visit to the school, it was an action-packed week which included a monitoring trip to the school and a meeting with the Kenyan Trustees. They also visited the new land purchased for the secondary school.

Moses reported that academic attainment has risen again which is testament to the amazing teaching team and leaders that we have working at the school.



### New land has been purchased





In October 22 we were able to send out funds to purchase 3 acres of land in a rural area about an hour north of Thika.

This land is the beginnings of our secondary school, but for now will be used to grow maize & beans, and fruit to feed the children in the school. We currently have over 500 children in the Primary School.

We also aim to put in a bore hole as the water is good quality and will provide a service to the local community and income for the school.



The new Examination Hall is being used to its maximum potential however the school system in Kenya is changing. They are currently moving from a Primary & Secondary model, to a Lower & Upper Primary and a Lower & Upper Secondary.

Our new land plot will not be ready to host a secondary school for a few years, so we have decided to temporarily create the Lower Secondary on our current school site.

This means separating off a section of the school and creating 3 new buildings – the Education Ministry have stated that all school structures must be made from stone and not wood and tin structures.

We will need to slowly replace all the classrooms and start with building the new ones from stone.

# Pastor Patrick Musomba sadly passed away in March 2023



Patrick was appointed night watchman in the school and lived on site for many years. He was a faithful man of God and preached in the church on site. He was committed to the school and Tabs International and welcomed us with open arms whenever we visited. He will be missed by many but welcomed at the Holy Gates!





# Franklyn's Story



Franklyn is an orphan and was one of our top 3 students from last academic year – he wants to become a Doctor.

We struggled to secure sponsorship for him and in February 23 when we were there, Moses was doing everything he could to get him into Chania Boys secondary school.

He finally secured all the funds just to find out that someone else had stolen Franklyn's identify and taken his place in school - this is not uncommon in Kenya.

After a lot of negotiation, hard work, running around and involving the police and Education Ministry, Franklyn was given his place.

The boy who stole his identify was also from Kiandutu Slum so we managed to negotiate that he STAYED in the school too. Below is Franklyn pictured with some of his sponsors.





Nursing students from Thika Medical training college who have chosen our TABS project as part of their community voluntary outreach program. Together with Boresha Jamii Initiative volunteers they are offering health education and basic medications to our learners and teachers every week.

#### **Recent Fundraising**

Trustee Richard Hare entertained all with a spring soiree in aid of TABS, he raised a whopping £688.27.



Here are the children in February, happily receiving games equipment from Action for Children, which will help in nurturing talents through co-curricular activities. The organization has been also offering trainers who have been coaching teachers and learners on different games once in a week.

#### **Prayer Requests**

- We pray for Pastor Patrick's family and friends at this difficult time.
- We pray for the school children and their continued academic progress.
- We pray for the teaching team as they guide the children through the change in education system.
- We pray for the TABS Kenya trustees as they work the new land to grow food and we pray that the new crops are bountiful.

We thank God for all of our TABS trustees and friends of TABS.