

Brightshiners Junior School

Newsletter Jan/Feb, 2020

Dear friend of Brightshiners Junior School,

May this newsletter find you in good shape both spiritually and physically. As a friend and potential partner, we pray that you'll be inspired by the work we are doing to help make the world a small haven for the younger generation; "...may your will be done on earth as it is in HEAVEN!" (Mat. 6:10b). From our end, we are doing great in Christ.

We thank God for His goodness this year; being the 6th year of existence as a learning institution to impact and provide holistic transformational education. This year we begin a journey of writing periodical reports/newsletters to just keep our partners updated and how they can work with us in changing the young generation for Christ through Christian education.

About us ...

We are a Christian institution, providing education to the society in Kenya in order to have changed people for changed society. Our vision is to establish full-fledged Christian education centre focusing on primary and secondary education, Early Childhood Development Education (E.C.D.E.) teacher training and computer studies. We are located in Ngong area in the outskirts of Nairobi town. We are big on Christian education because we believe that transforming a society needs people have changed hearts, minds and character. The gospel of Jesus Christ does that well more than any other thing in the entire universe. We are strategically located between slums and a rich place in the village of ngong area.

Update...

Progress in 2020

We resumed school on 7th January. It was so nice having the children back after a long holiday of about two months. We have a series of activities and changes just to see us improve our education standards. One of the major the major change was the adoption of the new curriculum which required a lot of attention. It has not been easy since we had to involve the parents a lot in buying new text books for their children as the curriculum demands. We thank God that now we have taken shape and the even the

parents are appreciating the new curriculum. This was seen from the meeting we held with the parents on 28th February where they really had positive comments.

School uniform - We also changed the school uniform's design. It is much beautiful and better than the previous.

Staffs – We have qualified Christian teachers and Subordinates committed for the work of teaching and caring for children ranging from 2 years. They are God-fearing hence being able to adopt our programs on Christian education and helping the children to grow in the knowledge and fear of God. Please keep praying with them that the Lord will give them joy and wisdom from his word as they serve the kids.

Our programs

Child Sponsorship Program – this program operates under the pastoral program led by Rev. Alfred Kitui Linyulu. It meant to raise support for children who can't afford to contribute to the financial needs of the school in any way. It also meant to subsidize to keep the school's fees low to most of the children as they come from struggling families.

Feeding program – at the school we provide meals to pupils: midmorning breakfast and lunch. We aim to provide comfortable learning experience for all kids whether from middle or poor families.

Christian outreach program – in order to realize a holistic transformation in the children, we have a well developed working curriculum on how to teach kids the Bible in the mornings everyday for between 20-30 minutes before lessons begin at 8.00pm. We also conduct bible study with staffs every Tuesday so that we can grow and model the Bible to the kids. Indeed as our motto states: IN GOD WE SHINE.

Music lessons – We praise God for the partnership with a friend of Brightshiners from Australia in conjunction with our volunteer teacher for having joyfully given themselves to the work of teaching the kids music. Through technology, Phil prepares lessons and sends to our volunteer teacher Carlane who then teaches the kids. We intend to develop this music outreach as a

curriculum that could be shared to other slum schools. We thank God for technology; the world is like now a global village. It's amazing how the kids are enjoying and excited for the lessons, which are full of practicality. We

trust God for a nice Camera and projector which would really improve this initiative and our communication department. Would God be leading you to partner in this area, please come on board.

Holiday program camps – As a way to reach out to the society through reaching to kids, we are beginning holiday bible fun-field camps for kids in our neighbourhood. This we think will be really nice!

Social responsibility – we have a sponsorship program for needy kids especially from slums around. Our aim is to at least have 70% of pupils paying school fees fully and 30% of needy kids being sponsored by the end of this year. Would you be encouraged to adopt a child or give your any little support towards general support kitty that would directly towards this initiative!

We also have established a CBO whose aim is to empower the community, especially parents of the children in our school so that with time they can be encouraged to start small businesses or innovations that provide income for them. In this way, parents who are mostly single mothers will in turn contribute to the education needs of their children, hence making the

school to be able to raise funds locally in a manner that is more reliable and sustainable.

Facilities – our physical facilities were assessed by a team ministry official drawn from relevant government department and found to be average. We are currently working on the recommendations pointed to us by the team before a re-assessment in April- 2020. We have spacious playground that require additional children play equipments as per the recommendations by the ministry. We hope to improve on our physical facilities and make Brightshiners a haven for our pupils and a role model to other schools in the neighbourhood.

Plans to relocate to a new premise

We are having plans to move to a new place. We thank God that the new lease is better because it is cheaper and the land is conducive for a school. We are yet to begin working on it. We plan to start with a 6 modern toilet project.

Our founder and school director is on mission in the Southeast Asia to connect and help to raise partners who may by God's grace help us realize our 2020 goal and beyond.

History

Our rich track record can be traced on: www.brightshinersjs.wordpress.com. Kindly remember to leave a comment and to share.

PARTNERING WITH US

God's work is funded by God's people. As an institution and ministry part of our income comes through raising support in order to be able to meet our vision which is quite costly. We need gospel-hearted people to stand with us. May we ask you to prayerfully consider being one of our ministry partners both in prayer and in monthly financial support? The easiest way to be involved is to send your gift via M-PESA to **0725481738 (treasurer) or Brightshiners Maendeleo Group** (account no. **01134842195200 Cooperative Bank of Kenya Ngong**). Our immediate need and urgent need is the toilet project for the school. May God meet all your needs and greatly encourage you as you invest in his Kingdom.