

# **GSP News Sept 2023**

## Latest from Kenya

We had a great trip to Kenya in June-July this year, it was so good to get back there after the pandemic.

Changes to the Kenyan education system in early 2023 has put pressure on all schools. Unfortunately a couple of our schools have been so severely affected that they no longer have enough students to be viable.

We held 2 fabulous events for all sponsored children and their parents/guardians, we called it Christmas-in-July! We had jumping castles, pony rides, great food and a chance to meet each family. We also visited all schools to meet all the students and teachers.

### Kenya Trip

We visited all the GSP schools in Kenya in July - first trip since January 2020. It was fantastic to see them all again. There are significant challenges they face.

### **Challenges**

The cost of living has skyrocketed driven by the pandemic, lack of food coming from Ukraine and rising taxes. The radical change to the education system.





#### **Positives**

The school Directors are well motivated and working as a team.
Our remaining schools are in a strong position to thrive.

## What's happening at your new school

St Thomas Academy has been affected by the educational changes and is now rebuilding its student numbers.

The challenges means that St Thomas is seeking to improve its learning environment by finishing classrooms with glass in the window spaces, doors and a cement pathway out front of each. This will go a long way to reduce dust, rain and mud in the classrooms.

St Thomas Academy is in remote location and has a large number of students from very low socio-economic backgrounds who are needing <u>sponsorship</u> to enable them to stay in school.

Director Victor sends his greetings to all at St Thomas the Apostle and asked me to pass on his sincere and heartfelt thanks for your acceptance of his school as a partner.

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