

To: University of Illinois Entrepreneurs without Borders

Caring for Kenya is excited about the possibility of forming a partnership with Entrepreneurs without Borders to bring the "One Laptop Per Child" program to Kenya. As the Director of the work centered in Tulia, Kenya (Kitui District of Eastern Kenya) I have been to Kenya 5 times and am planning a 6th trip. Erastus Kavuti is the coordinator of the work in Kenya. He is the school board president of Kavonge Primary School. He also works with the Ilako Secondary School. Both the Kavonge Primary School and The Ilako Secondary School are very interested in the laptop program. In Kenya a basic knowledge of computers is very helpful in being accepted at a university. It is extremely difficult to find a way to get this training. The people we work with are very poor and the area has a number of AIDS orphans.

Currently 61 families spread over 16 states in the U.S. are working with the Caring for Kenya organization to sponsor the education of a student. We have purchased 16.5 acres to build our own secondary school. A well is currently being dug on the school property and brick making has begun. When our school opens in January 2010 or January 2011 we would love to have the "One Laptop for Child" program in our school. In the meantime four of the men we work with in Kenya have computer training and could assist the Entrepreneurs without Borders team with the introduction of laptops into the Kavonge Primary School and/or the Ilake Secondary School. One of the men, Lewis Kamwithi, could assist after the team leaves with ongoing computer instruction and maintenance.

We could also be helpful with the grant implementation team that goes in arranging transportation and housing in Kenya. We have numerous personal contacts in Kenya that would be beneficial to carrying out the "One Laptop per Child Grant". I have known Erastus Kavuti for 20 years and have made 5 trips to Kenya over the last 10 years. Our history of involvement in Kenya through education, establishing churches, digging wells, operating a mobile medical clinic, providing famine relief, and teaching food production has created good will and trusting relationships with the Kenyan people. Our friends and contacts would be a great benefit to the Entrepreneurs without Borders team as they implement the laptop program. We enthusiastically look forward to being a partner in this project.

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