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May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Psalm 67: 3&5

RVA Mission Statement:

Educating and discipling students toward their potential in Christ thus enabling families to serve.

RVA Student Profile excerpt:

As RVA students grow holistically, they learn how to apply biblical truth in the world around them, develop God-given abilities to impact the world for Christ, and lead healthy lives that contribute positively in their communities.

The above statements are a reminder of our goal here at RVA. We are so happy that God called us to work here for this time in our lives. It is a privilege to be part of a ministry that believes in children and strives to nurture, educate and teach them about their place in God's world whilst their parents are often working to spread the gospel in some tough places.

Rift Valley Academy is classed as a support ministry of AIM to enable those doing the 'frontline' work in more remote locations. In this newsletter, we would like to outline/highlight some of the parents' ministries that are going on beyond the fence of RVA as we get to look after their precious children during term time.

In our dorm, SUNI (it's a small antelope) we have ten 13 and 14-year-old girls. Each one's parents are involved with different types of work:

I's parents work in Uganda with a local church (their house is in the upstairs of the church) discipling young Christians through sharing meals, leading bible studies, playing card games and leading worship times.

R's dad is a missionary pilot flying planes into remote areas in Zambia delivering medical aid and groceries!





E's parents are working in North/West Africa to develop farming practices alongside local farmers as a way into gospel conversations.

R's parents are local Kenyans who live just an hour away and their heart is for their local church running holiday bible clubs. They also work in dentistry and farming.

C and S's mothers both work in Tanzania with vulnerable young women, empowering, educating and housing young mothers in safe places.

N and N's parents are all doctors working in local hospitals in Kenya.

S and C's parents are working locally in Kenya with the land/wildlife and produce.

It's important to inform you that not every family represented here is working directly with a mission organisation. Some families may or may not even be believers and may have chosen to send their children to this school for the quality of education but they're getting a gospel bonus!

Every child we work with has a unique experience and story to tell, and each of them is here by God's grace and design. We love getting to know them and how their lives outside of RVA impact their worldview and cultural expectations and helping them to view the world through a gospel lens.



We got to accompany students on their annual African Field Studies trips in March! John co-led the deep-sea fishing, Zoe the scuba diving, and Sadie attended the sailing trip. We each had a great time!



Last time we asked you to pray for Sadie's university fee status – Praise God – she has been accepted as a UK student for all her choices. Now please pray she is able to get the results she is capable of and needs to access her first choice.

Additionally – we are almost there with our work permit applications! We are very hopeful of receiving them soon but please pray them over the line!