

## About our Partnership:

Our Kenya partnership began in 2003 following a visit to Davidson from Ruth and Kagwe Muchane, elders at Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kikuyu, Kenya and parents to DCPC member Mur Muchane. They expressed to then pastor Allen Brindisi that the church had begun minister to many needy children in the local community. Allen and Ann Brindisi then visited Kenya, and DCPC forged a partnership in the work of the Child Development Center at Sigona.



In 2005, DCPC helped fund the construction of a new K-8 school. Since then, DCPC has collaborated with Sigona Church to fund key infrastructure (including a new well in 2019 in memory of DCPC member Lynn Burris), technology, operations and supplies to help educate hundreds of students at what is now known as *Sigona Presbyterian Academy*. DCPC visits Kenya and Sigona Church members visit Davidson in alternating years. We will host them in late fall of 2024.



### You Can Sponsor a Class

Many of the students at Sigona Presbyterian Academy need financial support in order to attend school. You can provide support for the students by sponsoring a

grade level class of students, by providing education supplies for one student, or by helping to upgrade the school building. Your will receive the names of students you sponsor so that you can pray for them and communicate with them.

To sponsor a class, please visit [www.dpc.org/global\\_mission](http://www.dpc.org/global_mission) for details and instructions, or contact the church office.

## Why Global Mission?

DCPC strives to recognize our interconnection to brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world, and to increase our understanding of the world through outreach and education. We wish to work for justice, peace, humanitarian relief, and reconciliation as called for by the Gospel. We are eager to establish personal relationships between community members across international lines as we build a personal, living bridge globally.



### What can I do?

**PRAY:** Lift prayers up for the children and adults of Sigona and keep them in your heart.

**ACT:** Get involved with our Sigona partnership by contacting Associate Pastor Robert Alexander.

**GIVE:** DCPC has a special fund that we use to provide support to the school. If you would like to make a contribution, you can:

- write a check or make an online donation at [www.dpc.org](http://www.dpc.org) and note Sigona in the subject line.
- You can **Text "DCPC Sigona" to 73256** to give using your mobile device, or,
- follow this **QR code** to make a donation.



**We can serve Christ across the miles.**



# Building brighter futures for the students of Sigona Academy

**Davidson College Presbyterian Church and Sigona Presbyterian Academy in Kikuyu, Kenya**

*Global Mission Partnership established in 2003*



Phase 1 of the project will replace this corrugated metal building where **Edda** currently prepares meals for over 120 students and faculty.

## Addition Underway

In July 2023, a DCPC team visited Sigona Church to see and hear about the dedicated work of faculty and church volunteers who oversee and operate Sigona Presbyterian Academy. The church Session and Academy Board presented a report for new a project that will add a three-story wing to the school building.

It will include:

- PHASE 1 (main level) new kitchen
- PHASE 2 (2nd floor) dining hall
- PHASE 3 (3rd floor) children's ministry classrooms

Our church, along with the members of Sigona Church, will help fund Phase 1 with construction beginning in November 2023. Funding for Phase 2 is our next goal. Working together, we are helping students prepare for a brighter future.



Class engagement is always a key part of our trips.

**Emily** (Sigona Church elder) serves on Sigona Academy's board as "Patron" of the school. She is a local high school teacher and strives to keep the academic goals of SPA on target to prepare students for exams to enter secondary school.



**Gift** (Student Body President) has been a student at Sigona Presbyterian Academy for many years and is now prepared to move up to secondary school. She aspires to be a pilot so she can "see the world."



**Jane** (Grade 2 teacher) is a dedicated member of the faculty at SPA. The staff often stays at school until 5 pm to provide afterschool care after a full day of classes.



**We can continue to support the students of Sigona Presbyterian Academy with our prayers and gifts.**

## Impressions from Sigona

By Lee Kiley

Joining the Kenya mission team and representing DCPC Preschool has been a life changing experience and honor. The most meaningful aspect of this opportunity was meeting and fostering relationships with our faithful, generous, devoted, and hospitable Kenyan brothers and sisters in Christ.



What a tremendous blessing to witness our Kenyan partners worship, serve God and one another through active participation in church and support of their school. Each interaction included prayers of thanksgiving and hope from SPC/SPA to DCPC.

Lasting impressions of SPA are a strong sense of community, enthusiasm for learning (students speak 3 languages – Kikuyu, Kiswahili, and English), respectful students, professional teachers, church members that are committed to helping local children flourish and a beautifully maintained church and school campus.

We left a piece of our hearts in Kenya but returned with an abundance of love and a greater sense of what God calls each of us to do...to love Him and to serve others.



Over 60 DCPC youth and adults have experienced the meaningful and impactful trip to Kenya over the course of our partnership. This year's team included: Lee Kiley, Karen Fesperman, Al Sudduth and Robert Alexander.



Our DCPC -Sigona Academy Global Mission Partnership began in 2002.