

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN OF PBA REGION MISSION PROJECTS



Greetings,

Galatians 6:2 tells us "**Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ**".

As we approach Mother's Day, May 8, 2016, and prepare to celebrate the special Women in our lives let us also remember underserved Women and their communities. I am making a special appeal that you prayerfully consider a Mother's Day collection/donation from your Women's ministry, Mission ministry or Church body to support the following Mission projects:

- **Jitokeze Wamama Wafrika** our Global mission
- **Amazing child..Abundant Hope** our Domestic mission (Children in Poverty Initiative)

Mother's Day Funding Focus:

Jitokeze Wamama Wafrika is a Non-Profit Organization supporting the women living in the semi-arid region of West Pokot, Kenya. The organization partners primarily with women affected by poverty, drought and conflict to enable them to provide for themselves and their families. Additionally, a school has been established for rescued girls.

- **Need:** Appeal for a clean water source. The drilling will cost **\$20,000**.



There is now a Public health crisis as there is a need to secure supply of clean water for the Training Center in Kapenguria. They are experiencing really big challenges with the lack of water and the cleanliness of the water at the center. Many of the Women and Children have contracted Typhoid, a water borne illness. The occurrence of women and children falling ill is significantly increasing.

Amazing Child...Abundant Hope is a children in poverty initiative which provides support to the underserved children of to low-income single head of house hold families. We currently support the children of Dignity Housing of Germantown, PA and other organizations needing supplemental support for children. Our support includes but is not limited to providing food, clothing, and Wellness educational forums for Mother and Child.

- **Need:** Purchase vouchers for school uniforms 2016-2017 school year (approx. 55 children). Cost: **\$800.00**



It has been stated that mandatory uniform policies in public schools are found more commonly in high-poverty areas. Proponents say that school uniforms create a "level playing field" that reduces socioeconomic disparities. The cost of uniforms creates an additional burden for families trying to support their basic needs. The appreciation expressed in 2015 for the uniform vouchers we provided was incredible.

To meet the urgent needs above, we kindly ask that donations for the **Mother's Day Funding Focus** be received by the end of May (this allows time to collect at your meetings, etc.). Please indicate if you have a preference for where your funds should be directed.

Please make checks payable to **ABWM-PBA**. Indicate on Memo line - **Regional Mission Project**. Funds collected should be sent to: Joi Harris at 1220 Bainbridge Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147.

Thank you in advance for your much needed and greatly appreciated contribution. Should you have any questions, please call **Carole Davis at 215-674-9799**.

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