

Dear Friends of St. Christopher's Together With Africans Committee and Chatham Rotary Club,

We bring you greetings from Goll Farm School and hereby acknowledge your sacrificial services that offer our children the opportunity for learning. Your continual intervention at this time of their lives is an invaluable contribution, not only to their individual lives, but also to their communities, our country and the world as a whole. We pray that you remain blessed.

We are aware that cultural and economic gap between those at the lowest rung of our social ladder and those at the top makes communication between them very difficult. Each of them look at their conditions from where they stand to the extent that each of them do understand why the others behave the way they do. For example, it is unimaginable for the privileged to think that survival preoccupies the minds of poor parents who live at the doorsteps of Schools and yet unable to let their kids enter. From the privilege's point of view, this is parental irresponsibility or lack of interest in education. What most people fail to understand is that the poor parents and their kids do not have the keys to the doors in which their opportunities are locked by our social and economic system and structures. They have dreams, ambitions, potentials, but without the opportunities to unlock them. In other words, they have the desires and the abilities but lack the opportunities. It is no wonder why the expression: Pull yourself up by your own bootstraps seems so absurd to the poor who know that you must first have a pair of boots with the straps. If this expression means that one should improve his or her situation and condition without depending on others, then it is difficult for those without boots to comprehend it.

Others may question why these poor parents cannot get a loan for their children's education. The answer to this question is simple: The economic system and structures are the same everywhere. The money market has excluded the poor by the requirements (collateral) to have access to loan. A parent whose mind is preoccupied with the need to just survive daily finds it almost impossible to have time or spare resources for the education of their children.

Your intervention in the lives of these poor children who are desperately in need of education but lack the economic and social requirements is a milestone in their struggle for a better future. Their condition and place in society taught them to expect less until your intervention rekindles their hope and points them beyond what they are now to what they can become through sacrificial and invaluable contribution in their lives. May God richly bless and continue to bless and brighten your path.

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