HFLW Programs

Basic Computer Course/s

Computers have been in Kenya for many years with several students completing degree programs and starting up businesses, except those less fortunate. As we know computers and computer related technology is and will forever be a part of the future.

In recent times computers are showing up in some public schools as well as private.   Schools that have high school fees and that are considered the best of schools in Kenya usually have up to date equipment and classes available for its students.

But for many of our students this is not part of their curriculum and we have decided to make it possible for all our graduating students to take a basic computer course when they finish school.

Here is what happens. When Form 4 students' graduate school they must wait an additional month and sometimes 2 months to find out what their national exam scores are. Without exam scores, they are not able to receive their National ID card (for us its usually a driver's license) and without the National ID card it is difficult to find employment other than casual labor. University, college, or trade schools will not accept your application until these things are available, and if you are accepted to a University it will not be for another few months when school will begin. In all, 10 months may have passed before a student is able to begin their new adult life! And for some it may be 2 years before beginning their education for their chosen career goal because of finances.

This time is critical! Students become complacent, lost, and discouraged, and will begin to move away from their earlier goals. Everything seems insurmountable and the cycle of being trapped in poverty continues.

In January when most schools begin classes (like they used to for these students), we send them to a Basic Computer Course lasting 4 weeks.

Certificate in Computer Application includes:

- Microsoft Windows, Word Processing, Excel
- Database Management, Powerpoint, Internet Communication and Browsing
- Typing
- Adobe Pagemaker

If the student would like to continue with other courses, we encourage the effort. They can learn:

1. Computer Aided Graphic Design
2. Web Design and Development
3. Computer Programing
4. Financial Accounting Applications
5. Computerized Secretarial

After they have finished their course/s it opens opportunity to find employment while waiting to go to their University studies if they have chosen to do so. If they do not attend a University or trade school this Basic Computer start has given to them a valuable opportunity to find employment.

To date all students have attended the Basic Computer Courses and have had completion and received their certification. With certification, all our students have been able to find employment. This has lifted huge financial burdens from the families. When the student can help to provide for the family needs and their own needs through employment it begins the rise from poverty! This is a hand up! Not a handout!

The cost of the Basic Computer Course is $60. HFLW relies on a portion of the Education Fund to pay for such opportunities for our students. We also need support from sponsors who would like to see their graduated student attend the Basic Computer Course. If you would like to contribute to our Education Fund, please go to our online donation form and give the gift of education! Or if you have a graduating student and would like to gift him or her with this opportunity let us know and we will be glad to credit your $60 to the Basic Computer Course for your graduate! We appreciate your generosity!

Thank You!
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