



Let's suppose you live in Nairobi. You're a person of considerable means. And you're looking for a place where your children can have every educational advantage, academically and socially. Lots of personal attention, exposure to the latest developments in technology, access to successful people in all walks of life.

You would look at the elite, and most expensive schools in Nairobi: Peponi, Braeburn, Hillcrest International, St. Andrews, Kenton College Prep, and a few others. After all, you think to yourself, your sons and daughters are children of privilege and they deserve the best.

I'll tell you where you (most certainly) would not look... at a small, rented three-bedroom house in the Olympic District of Kibera, the largest and most

notorious slum in Africa, where forty or so of the most disadvantaged children in Kenya gather after the Kenyan school day for a few hours before they wind their way home to the various orphanages where they live. Weekdays are primarily focused on individual academic tuition.

But if by some chance you did turn down that narrow street and pull the latch on the thin metal gate on the left side of the street you'd see many shoes. And once inside you might find Moses, a tall charismatic young man, who is himself deaf and doesn't talk, teaching a roomful of rapt 5th graders sign language, the atmosphere charged with energy and completely silent. Or you'd find Jenna leading an interactive group

session aimed at building confidence and self-esteem in the kids there. It might be Danny giving singing and keyboard lessons, or a dance session to "Feliz Navidad" in preparation for the Christmas program, or learning coding and robotics with the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) team making a house call.

JSRRRC is preparing to send several students from our team, which came in 2nd out of eight schools in a local competition against some of the schools mentioned above, to an international competition in Shanghai, China.

—David Saunders
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