

## **News from the Library**

The St. James library has again chosen Global Connections as our charitable project for the 2022-2023 school year. Last year we raised more than \$600 in cash and collected gently used clothing for Global Connection's mission at the Limuru Children's Center in Kenya, Africa. Global Connections is a Mississippi-based non-profit organization that provides humanitarian aid to the orphaned, widowed and poor in Limuru, a small village about 25 miles northwest of Nairobi. We will begin collecting clothing for children of all ages in the library beginning in March.

The library has also teamed up with Mr. Clifford Smith, our volunteer from the Armed Services Retirement Home, for some additional fundraising excitement. Mr. Smith has agreed to contribute the profits from the sale of artwork donated by veterans from AFRH to benefit the children of Limuru.

Our goal this year will be to raise at least \$1,000 to benefit two projects in Kenya. One project is to raise money for a community birthday party celebrated each summer by the orphans at Limuru. So many infants and toddlers were abandoned and rescued by the Limuru Children's Center that most have no idea about their own birth date. Last year our contribution for this celebration included funds used to purchase foodstuffs for the children in addition to our donated clothing. This year we wish to sponsor the birthday celebration and also collect gently used clothing for the babies and toddlers. The center has urgent need for bath towels, winter pajamas and socks for ages 0-5 years old. We would like to collect gently used soccer jerseys, basketball jerseys, soccer balls & basketballs for children up to fifteen years of age. We hope you will join us in reaching our goal.