History of Living Hope

What happens when, called by God, one teacher sells everything she can and begins on a journey that takes her to the other side of the world to plant seeds of hope? I invite you to join her in this adventure and witness the miracles of God, the obedience of a woman, and the lives that are changed along the way. Maybe just maybe.... one of those lives will be yours!

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Marilyn Uhl had been a teacher for many years in the small rural towns of Seneca Rocks and Circleville, West Virginia.

Being an avid gardener, Marilyn could often be found working the problems of the day away in the soil of her flower beds. Helping something grow and bloom was just what she needed. As she worked in the dirt she also worked on an idea. What if she could pass on her love for gardening to others?

In 2007 Marilyn and all of her seeds arrived in Uganda at a Pentecostal orphanage, through the Rotary. She planted a garden at each cottage and taught the children how to collect and save seeds for the next year's crops. Time passed and early one winter morning Marilyn sat at her kitchen table with a cup of coffee working on her lesson plans. Her old dog Jesse slept beside her in his basket. Suddenly, without warning the quiet of the room was engulfed by what seemed to be a voice.... God's voice! In that miraculous moment He revealed three things to Marilyn: "They went to bed hungry.", "Go.", and "I will provide." Stunned, she sat frozen, straining to hear more, but silence had once again settled on the kitchen. Dazed and shaking, Marilyn called her school and told them that she wouldn't be in......

If you would like to hear more of her story you can find it on the Living Hope Website <u>http://www.livinghopehighschool.org</u> under History.

Living Hope School was created and has 12 teachers and 9 support staff, all the students work very hard and take nothing for granted. It isn't always easy; the budget, sharing textbooks, the ongoing battle against Malaria and Typhoid, the unpredictable weather, and the political climate all pose challenges for Marilyn and the school; but without hesitation, she will tell you of the miraculous God who through the generosity of others, provides just what is needed to help one teacher, who answered His call, to share an abundance of "Living Hope" with others.

There are 86 students at LHHS (2020). 20 students have graduated every year for 10 years=200. There are now 57 in college and 12 have graduated. Marilyn is a volunteer director and has two volunteer part-time coaches.



Sponsorship

Living Hope High School is run only by donations and sponsorship by people with loving and giving hearts. Each new student shares their stories then prays and waits to be sponsored. They are sponsored by individuals, churches, youth groups or women's groups. It takes many hands together and funds to run a school with this many students and we praise the Lord for his goodness and caring love! Students needing sponsorship are listed on website.



Getting New Shoes

Mission Teams

Each year two or more mission teams travel to Kenya to Living Hope High School. If you would be interested in going or just getting information, please contact Sandy Binotto. Before coming home the team goes on a Safari. It is always a wonderful and life changing experience.





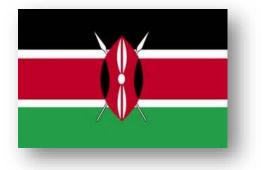


PRAY– Please keep Living Hope High School in your prayers.

GIVE- Your time and financial support is essential for the students at Living Hope. It gives them hope that they have prayed for. Many have nothing else but their prayers that they hold in their hearts and lift to the Lord daily. Going to school is a privilege for the students and an answer to prayers.

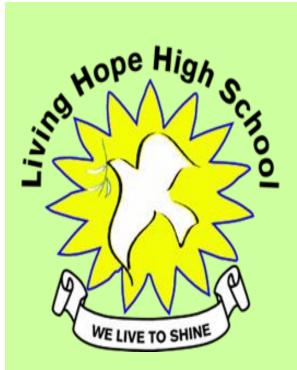
GO- There are teams going yearly which you can sign up to join. Your life will be transformed when you step out in FAITH and follow the voice of Christ.

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"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)