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January/February 2024 Newsletter

The Return to Living Hope

January 7th, 2024 three persons made the journey to Living Hope. Pastor Donna Hinkle, Vickie Adkins and Sandy Binotto- U.S. Coordinator. It was different not having Marilyn Uhl the director to greet us this time. Her absence was missed, but what she started was still present as you looked around.

It was Mum Sandy's 10th year to Living Hope. As they drove up the new wall and gate was there to greet them as well as a line of the students and staff singing. There was joy on their faces and music in their hearts as they greeted and welcomed us. It was a great blessing to be there once more.



Welcoming the New Form Ones and Graduation of the 2023 High School Class

The team was kept busy with preparing to receive the new Form one students. It was a rainy day when they arrived full of excitement and butterflies. After they signed in they listened to the School Policies and the dos and don'ts for attending the school. Then they were given a Welcome kit with toiletries and a Bible. Principle Stanley welcomed them and Teacher Paul shared as well. Each of us from the team also were asked to say something. Then the rains came.



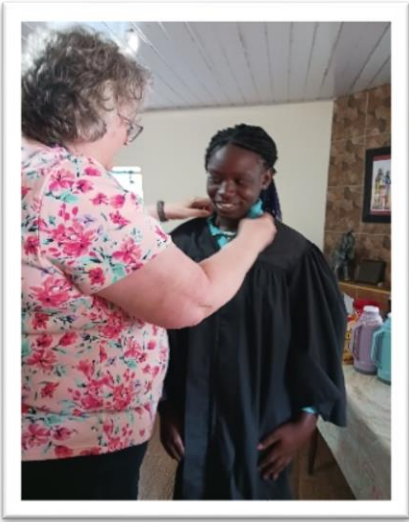
"Whoever welcomes a child like this in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Mark: 9-37

Graduation for the 2023 Students

Saturday was a busy day, it was graduation day. The students were busy chopping up vegetables for the graduation meal. Chapati was being rolled out in the small kitchen to fry up and put in buckets. Floors were swept and things tidied up for the arriving graduating students and their parents. We praised the Lord for no rain. The graduation started with lively music and dancing.





Team member Donna Hinkle helped get the grads in their graduation gowns and looking great. There were great speakers who gave the students good advice. Eluid Wasike- People and Culture Director at Life In Abundance International and Principle Stanley and Murunga business manager gave a message to the students. Sandy shared and handed out the Gold coins that treasurer LaVonne gifts them every year and a New Testament to all the graduating students. Past graduated students spoke and Pastor Gabriel as usual gave a great closing prayer. Then the food was brought out! It was a good day!



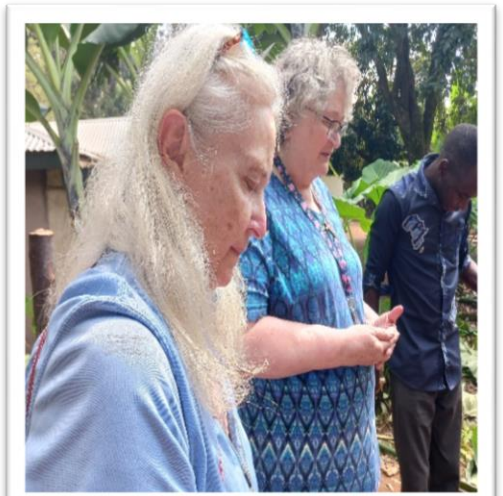
Two Living Hope Graduates who eventually got married and are doing well and looked so happy! Celicious Wanjala and Makari Margaret.



Past graduates catching up with each other after graduation.

Remembering Marilyn

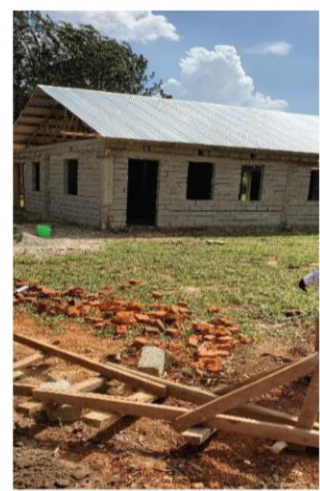
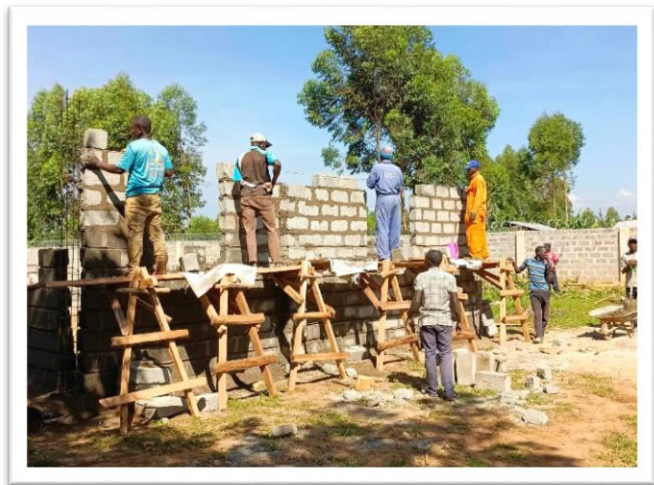
Marilyn's grave is close to her house beside the banana grove. With Sammy's help we cleared it off and bought some flowers to plant. After planting them we thanked the Lord for her and the creation of Living Hope High School. Prayers were lifted up for the continuation of the school with the Lord leading the way!



*Right now I'm in a different place
And though we seem apart
I'm closer than I ever was,
I'm there inside your heart.*

The New Library

Because of the new school curriculum and prayers, it was decided to build a library. The library will be a great resource for the students, teachers and eventually the community. Books were donated by Daniel Kibe and friends from Texas that will be put on the shelves once finished. The recent team organized the books and put pockets in them for check out. We want to thank everyone who donated towards this great project!



Learning for life...whether the focus is on readiness for the next grade or college and career readiness, a school library plays a crucial role in preparing students for informed living in the 21st century. The school library provides learning opportunities that enable students to become efficient and effective in the pursuit of information.

Beyond its curricular role, the school library gives each individual member of the learning community a venue for exploring questions that arise out of individual curiosity and personal interest.



New Chairs and Beds



Gifting Buckets of Hope to a needy Family



Restoring the schools JIKO stove that students meals are cooked



Making sure staff's family has mosquito nets, gifted by team member.



Form ones, shelling groundnuts



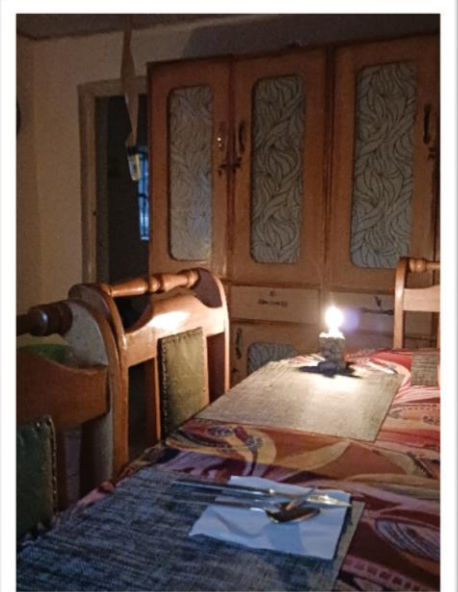
Visiting a student's home.



Nurse Catherine Praying during assembly



Time to milk the cow



When the lights go out



Baby Eric, Mum Mercy and Principle Stanley



Mum Sandy's afternoon class!

Looking at the Future of Living Hope



Marilyn's passing was a shock and blow to so many. She started a great mission in Kenya for those who needed help in getting an education. The Mission of the school was to get the least of these through High School. Over the years the organization drifted from its main mission of just supporting students in high school and started helping students attend college. This drift started taking away from the students who wanted to attend high school and getting sponsorship. After much thought and prayer the leadership decided to go back to the original mission of the school and just to support those who are attending high school. From Form 1 through Form 4.

Living Hope will no longer be involved in using the school account for future college students. College students who are already enrolled and are being sponsored will have the ability to continue to use and be filtered through our account. This will only be available for the first four years of college or trade school and they must be currently enrolled. If you have any concerns or communication for sponsorship of students/college students at Living Hope, you should speak with the U.S. coordinator, Sandy Binotto. She will then coordinate with leadership within the school.

It was discussed that we put in place two college scholarships at the school for one boy and girl with the highest grades for 2024. The amount of the scholarships is still being discussed. A College information check list will be sent to each student in college to fill out with their college information. It will then be sent to the sponsor and filed at the school. We are now trying to resource students in form's 3-4 with information on how to go to college without sponsorship and looking at grants and scholarships that are available. If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact me at yashe4jc@hotmail.com.

New Form One Students

We have new Form one students who need Sponsorship and some from Form 2 and three's. Below are some of them. Their Bios will be on the website shortly and if you would like to view them in the next few days you can contact Sandy Binotto for them. Since some new students were accepted recently we are still writing up their biographies.

All students live on site in dormitories. They get 3 meals a day and a good Christian Education. Many get a bed and blanket for the first time. Most of all they get love! The teachers and staff do all they can to nurture and mentor the students and give them Hope! It cost \$110.00 a month to sponsor a student. The school also asks for \$10 to \$15 a month extra that goes into their accounts for toiletries, shoe polish, pens, or notebooks, whatever the need might be. When they reach Form 4 they will have to have a computer class and exam testing mandated by the government. We ask an extra \$200.00 for that, it is due several months before they graduate. If you can't sponsor a student on your own, we suggest you do it as a group, Sunday School Class, or youth group. Please contact Sandy Binotto at yashe4jc@hotmail.com for more information if interested.



Form Ones (Freshmen)



Prayers:

- Leadership of the School, both in Kenya and America.
- Team of two, Connie Damon and Pam Francis who are in Kenya now, they arrived safely
- Paperwork and Documentation being worked on after Marilyn's passing
- The teachers and staff stay healthy along with the students
- All the new students and those that graduated stay healthy
- The school continues to run well and prayers that it will continue to do so
- That an Individual Volunteer who has experience in Africa or a Missionary couple to help at the school will be provided by the Lord
- Someone to mentor now to eventually down the road to take over Sandy Binotto's U.S. Coordinators place
- Funding needed for Eye Care- Medicine for infections and students needing glasses

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All of us at Living Hope wanted to take a moment to personally reach out and express our deepest gratitude for your sponsorship of our organization of Living Hope High School. Your generosity and support mean the world to the school, and we truly appreciate your contributions.

Your sponsorship has helped so many students get an education they could not have gotten if not for you. The impact it is having on our Mission cannot be understated. Thank you for standing by our side as we work towards creating a better future the students.

Sincerely, Leadership of Living Hope High School

