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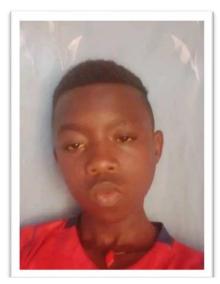
#### Newsletter June/July 2022

# Johnny Wafula- Form 4 Student

We are sad to announce that a form 4 student, John Wafula who was 18 and studied agriculture went to be with the Lord. He lived with Sickle Anemia and was having some problems because of it. John became sick and then went to the hospital where he passed. He leaves behind a mother and sister. It was a very sad time for Living Hope School. He was a sweet boy and will be missed by many. It was hard to call his sponsors Teresita and Ken Post who met him when they went on a mission trip in 2019 and became his sponsors. He was buried at his Grandma's place in Mateka Bungoma County.







Johnny, you will be missed by so many. We thank the Lord for your joy and smile that you brought to so many. We know you are now resting in the arms of our Lord. May your family be comforted by the wonderful memories that they keep in their hearts of



YOU!



## When there is No Electricity!



When the electricity is not working it is dark in Kenya. Darkness comes around 7 P.M. The students then have to pull out the solar lights, if they have one, the candles and kerosene lanterns. It makes it very difficult to see to study. The school is now looking into Solar. This will greatly help when the electricity goes out. They have started a fund for it. When the 2023 team goes over they will look at what they will need and cost to make this happen for some of the classrooms for now. One of the team members has solar at his home and his knowledge will be really helpful for the school. We have started a fund to make this happen. If you would like to give, please send your donation to Riverton UMC, P.O. Box 23, Riverton, WV. 28614 Earmark it Solar Project.

## **Highlighted Students**

Each Newsletter we will highlight some students who need sponsoring.



From: Job Wekesa To: One willing to Sponsor me.

I would like to tell you my story. I am in desperate need of a sponsor to pay my school fees and my living expenses. Please help me.

My name is Job Wekesa and I am 19 years old. Thank goodness that I am a Christian because God has been helping me since I was born. I grew up in slums and at the age of 3, my parents divorced. My little sister went with my mom and I went with my dad. My father was not a good father. I was living on the street and God helped me to avoid death and many accidents.

At the age of 6, I was walking on the street and met a man who wanted to know all about me. I told him of my troubles and he decided to help me to

go to my grandparents at that Point I had never been at school. And my grandfather paid my fees and took me to school. My grandparents were very old and could not afford my school fees so I was sent home many times. I decided to go live with my aunt. These arrangements worked out until I was in P7. My Aunt and her husband had a great fight over me. The husband didn't want me. My Aunt gave up sponsoring me and I decided to drop out of school. During the day I hustled for money doing anything I could for money. I saved every shilling that I could. I joined the school again and paid my way to take the National Primary exam. Because I had missed so much School, My score was low. I joined a group of kids doing construction jobs. One day I went to work and the owner whom I did not know called me over and wanted to know why I wasn't in School. He was a teacher. He said he would talk to his friend to see if he can get me back to school. The teacher told me about Living Hope High School. The teacher brought me to Living Hope and talked to the principal. After a short time I came and interviewed and even though my grades were poor, they could see I had the potential and gave me a chance. I have been at Living Hope for one term. Right now I have a B plain and I am working very hard to improve my grades. I would like to do something in the medical field and I am looking for opportunities. I need a sponsor to get me through the next two terms, Pay my back fees and help me go to college. I have no one to help me and no family support. I am praying hard for your support and prayers.

I believe that God has been giving me all this troubles and challenges to make me tough and Rely on Him. I am praying for you. God is at work

Job Wekesa.

## Some Students Needing Sponsorship

If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please contact Sandy Binotto at <u>yashe4jc@hotmail.com</u> for information on sponsorship.



#### **News Flash**

Could all sponsors and donors please have their payments and or donations in by the 14 of each month? Due to some situations in Kenya. If you can't please let the treasurer Lavonne – <u>lvhammett@yahool.com</u> know they are on their way. Thank you!

#### What's Been Going on at Living Hope

- School opened on July 11<sup>th</sup> and the students will go home for midterm break on August 6-13<sup>th</sup> to pave way for the election for president in the country. Please be in prayer for this election.
- A new brand of beans were planted this year and they did very well. They were harvested on July 15, 2022
- The ground nuts will be harvested next week and the maize (corn) will be harvested in 3-4 weeks. The Kale gets harvested 3 times weekly.
- The school is now in it's second term which is very short, 5 months. After their time off for the election they will then go back to school until November. The form 4s will start their National exams on December 1st and everybody else will go home before then. The Exam will be over on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The new school term will start on January 3, 2023.

# The 2023 Team to Living Hope-



The 2023 January Mission team of 10 is filled and very excited about going to LHHS. They are now getting all the arrangements in place and getting their projects asignments and travel arrangements. Please keep the team in your prayers as they pray, plan and pack for a great adventure to Kenya. The students can't wait to see visitors for they have

missed teams coming because of Covid. Also pray for a Mission Volunteer who will be going to Living Hope High School for several months. Una Jones, the Mission Volunteer Coordinator and who trains Individual Volunteers is working with Sandy Binotto on this endeavor.



#### **June Birthdays**

Each month the students who have a Birthday get to join Mum Marilyn and have some cake and a drink. Many of the kids have never had a celebration of their birthday! A Joyous occasion!



Lovince Wekesa Brian Kilwake Sandra Kituyi Brenda Nyongesa Edwin Kerre Peter mwangi

## **Prayer Requests**



• Prayers for the upcoming election in Kenya. May it be peaceful and without incident.

• Prayers for someone or several to help with the 2022 graduation. Funds needed are 500.00 and it goes for the dinner, guest speaker, and

diplomas.

- Continued prayers for good health for the students, staff and Mum Marilyn
- Prayers for the 2023 team and several others who will be going in February to help with first aid and vaccinations.
- Praises! Sammy Wakoli's Visa was approved but, we are now waiting for it to get in his hand so we can make the arrangements for him to come to America to attend Berea College in August. Prayers that they can all be worked out! A Dream come true for him!

#### Letters to and from students



Because of the cost of postage going up your student can send you a letter via email as long as we have a correct email in our file. If your email has changed please let us know. The letters will be scanned at LHHS and then sent to you. You may also do the same thing. Just write your letter and attach it and send it to <u>Marilynkuhl59@gmail.com</u>. Just make sure you put the students name in the subject matter. Also sending a package is going up. I know the students love to get packages but you also can send them some extra funds for them to purchase something there. It is up to each sponsor, as to what they would like to do.

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