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## **Stanley Kutiri, Assistant Director, Takes on Position of Director of Living Hope**

This is to clarify some misinformation and concerns as to who is running the school at Living Hope. At this time Stanley Kutiri is the director as stated on the Foundation documents drawn up by Marilyn Uhl before her passing. Marilyn's name is in the process to be changed to her sister, Helen Markwell. After all the documentation needed by the courts in Kenya is processed then the Foundation will be changed to a Charitable Trust with a board. An interim Board is now in the process of being formed, it will consist of Americans and Kenyans. Stanley is working closely with U.S. Coordinator Sandy Binotto and Treasurer LaVonne Hammett. He has done a wonderful job of stepping into the position of running the school along with the rest of the staff. Stanley was groomed by Marilyn since 2011 and has been running things in her absence. He loves the students and has only their best interest at heart. Stanley has a calm spirit and loves the Lord. He is a good listener and wonderful family man. We covet your prayers for him and the staff as the transition is taking place.

Stanley and his wife Mercy have 4 children. The oldest, Emmanuel, Daisy, Treasure and little Eric.



*“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” —John Quincy Adams*

## Math Contest

Living Hope High school picked 10 form four students to attend the Math Contest at Nalondo, in Bungoma County. Nineteen schools attended the contest and Living Hope High School took first place. Everyone was impressed with how a small school would beat big schools in the county. Everyone wanted to meet the Math teachers to share which methods they use to teach Math at our school.



From left to right:

Sharon Wekesa, patience Lukendo, Evans Simiyu, Alex Wanjala, Terence , Mr Jackton Juma, Billy Peter, Kephers Wafula, Marion Wanjala, Iyvonne Waswa and Trizer Masinde

*“It is clear that the chief end of mathematical study must be to make the students think.” – John Wesley Young*

*“I’ve always been interested in using mathematics to make the world work better.” – Alvin E. Roth*

*“Mathematics knows no races or geographic boundaries; for mathematics, the cultural world is one country.” – David Hilbert*

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## Scouting

Scouts went out for a Scouts competition, and they emerged 4th out 7 schools that competed.



**Scouting in Kenya** is a co-educational program, open to both boys and girls. The **Scout Motto** is Uwe Tayari, which means "Be Prepared" in Swahili. Age divisions. Sungura ( Cubs) - 6–11 years. Chipukizi (**Scouts**) - 12–15 years. Mwamba (Senior **Scouts**) - 16–18 years.



## **The Library**

The new library building is taking shape and is now under roof. The next phase will be piping, plundering, and doing the cement work on the walls and the floor and then putting the shelving inside.

Nick a former graduate of Living Hope is doing a great job with his crew in constructing the library. The School is now waiting for more funding to be raised so the next phase can be completed. It will be a great addition to the school.



## **The Cooks' Uniform and Closed Toe Shoes**

Pamela Francis who was on the February mission team surprised the wonderful cooks with the closed toe shoes and uniform. This complies with the requirement by the public health in the County. Living Hope fraternity extends appreciation to Pam and everyone who donated funds towards these gifts. Thank you! Thank you!

Three happy cooks: Samuel, Lameck, and Stephen

## **The Bamboo**

Living Hope High school started to harvest the big bamboo trees to be used for firewood and some to be used for putting timbers inside the roof in readiness for the ceiling at the library. At first, the management didn't know what to use the Bamboo for. They came up with those ideas and everyone is happy with them.



## **Chicks are Almost Chickens**

The little peeps are now almost full grown chickens. Soon they will be producing eggs. They are being cared for by Lameck one of the cooks. He loves his chickens!



## February 2024 Mission Team

Pam Francis and Connie Damon have been visiting Living Hope for quite a few years. This year while visiting they were kept very busy. They helped with giving vaccinations and working with John Kariuki Tharuba of I Care teaching First Aid and Health Care. They enjoyed helping and attending many school activities and on Sunday they were invited to share at the Grace Community Church.



Vaccinations



First Aid Class



Sharing at Grace Community Church



Making New Friends



Having Breakfast with Stanley's family



Visiting Marilyn's Grave Site

### Mission Teams

Sandy Binotto will not be leading a team next year to Living Hope, but if you would be interested in leading a team, or going as a short term volunteer, please contact Sandy. She can help you make all the arrangements. It is suggested that anyone leading a team have some experience in leading a mission team.

## Sponsorship Needed

As of March 2024 there are 116 students at Living Hope. The school is in need of 46 sponsors. Form 1 needs 14 sponsors, Form 2 needs 13 sponsored, and form 3 Needs 17. Form 4-1 student. If you would like to sponsor a student please contact Sandy Binotto- yashe4jc@hotmail.com

## Some Updates and New Policies

As Christians, our mission is rooted in compassion and service, as articulated in James 1:27, where we are called to care for orphans in their troubles. At Living Hope High School, our commitment to the holistic support of our students is a reflection of this biblical mandate. We aim to provide these children with hope, a bright future, and the opportunity to bear witness to their faith in Jesus Christ. Our vision is to offer a quality Christian education to the most vulnerable orphans in the Bungoma Central District of Kenya, cultivating the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

### Policy for Sponsors supporting the students in letter writing:

1. Engage in Meaningful Conversations: Sponsors are encouraged to inquire about the students' academic progress. Building a connection through genuine interest contributes to a positive relationship.
2. Promises: Sponsors should refrain from making promises they cannot fulfill, such as invitations to America or commitments that may raise false expectations. These promises hold significant emotional weight for the students.
3. Communication: In case students have specific needs, they are advised to communicate through the leadership at Living Hope and the U.S. coordinator to ensure proper and organized assistance. If there are any questions concerning finances please contact the treasurer: LaVonne Hammett:

**lvhammett@yahoo.com 304-567-3139**

4. Encouragement and Prayers: Sponsors are encouraged to offer words of encouragement and include prayers in their letters.

By adhering to these policies, we aim to create a supportive and respectful environment that aligns with our mission and vision.

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### Needed:

- Sponsorship for unsponsored students
- Donations for Soccer uniforms, soccer shoes and balls
- Funding for finishing the Library

### Prayers Needed:

- Health for the students, staff and for some sponsors who are dealing with health issues.
- Transition issues go smoothly.

### Joys:

- Students placed first place out of 19 schools in Bungoma County in a Math Contest
- Library under roof
- Students doing well academically

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