



## April/May Newsletter 2023

### Prayers Needed

Being far away from home and not being able to get the needed medical treatment can be a challenge. Especially if you are a missionary. Please keep Marilyn in your prayers as she is having some medical problems. She was seen at a hospital and given medicine and sent home. Nurse Catherine is keeping a close eye on her. She did react to some medicine they gave her and was advised to not take it anymore. She is improving. Update, Marilyn is doing better and all tests have come back negative so far.

### In the USA

Naphtal Sikuku a 2016 Graduate of Living Hope had the blessing of once again being a counselor at Wanake Camp and Retreat Center in Beach City, Ohio working with special needs youth. He has a degree in Bachelor of Special Education and knows sign language. Naphtal loves kids and is always smiling. Several of us on the mission team, this past year, had the treat of visiting his mother and brother at his home. He is one of the gems who has graduated from Living Hope and who has been a great help to Marilyn at the school. Naphtal has been looking for a job in Kenya for a while and the Lord opened a door for him while flying to America. His seat partner who was Kenyan started up a conversation and he just happened to own three schools in Nakuru, Kenya a town about four hours from Living Hope and one of the schools was for Special Needs children. They exchanged information and hopefully Naphtal will have a job there when he returns back to Kenya late summer. The Lord is always looking out for those who love him! While arriving to the U.S. he got to visit with some past team members for a meal and another visited at the Camp. It was a treat to see him and visit.



Graduation



Waiting at airport to leave for U.S.



Dinner with his sponsors and friends.



Doing some volunteer work with Bruce and Gail.



Visiting with Judy Miller.



Welcoming Campers to the Wanake Camp and Retreat Center

## The Front Gate and Wall

The front gate/wall is almost done. Since graduation all the graduates have been donating fifty cents a month. The money has been accumulated and they donated the money towards the new gate. Gail Cox gave a donation for the installation, walls and flower beds, we thank her very much. We also thank the Jarrettown United Methodist Church who also donated funds for the project. The graduates have planned a big meeting on June 18th, 2023. They hope to have everything completed and looking sharp by then.



## The Bee House



World Bee Day was May 20th, 2023. The final touches have been put on the new bee house. They have finished the painting and put on the door. John Kariuki came to help move the bees in from the old bee house to the new bee house. Now they will have a plenty of room to expand and add more hives in the future. Right now they have five hives and honey production has increased each time we harvest the honey. The students can now enjoy some honey on their bread as a special treat! Thank you to all the people who have helped to support the bee project.



## Solar

Solar power; at least twice a week, the school has a black out of electricity. The problem is when the school doesn't have electricity they don't have water. They had emergency solar power installed in all the classrooms several months ago. The light was too dim.

They called the electrician and he is installing four solar power panels in the next few weeks.

They are also checking on a solar power water pump.

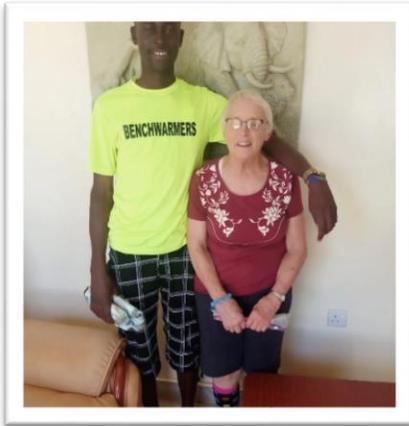
Thank you to all the donors that have donated towards this solar project, it is such a blessing for the school.



Dynitias, (on the left) a former graduate who is on a long break, will be taking Naphtal's place while he is in the U.S. Dynitias is working with all the boys and is keeping the school going in Naphtali's absence. They are harvesting cowpeas soon and more planting is to begin.

## Saying Goodbye to Sarah!

It is with great sadness that one of our former Volunteer Team members and Sponsor, Sarah Fletcher went on to Glory. Sarah was a great addition to our teams. She traveled to Kenya three times to volunteer at the school. She had a sense of humor and loved to tell stories that would make you laugh and laugh. She brought many talents to share with the students, sewing, crocheting and organization. Also if you forgot to pack something, Sarah would have it. Team members and the school all loved her very much. Sarah also sponsored two students. She will be missed by so many around the world.

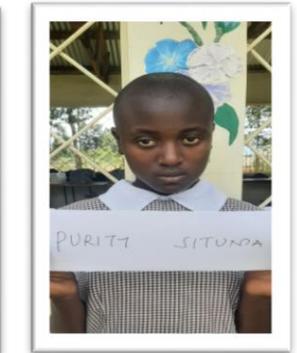


*Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean I'll miss you.....*

*Until we meet again!*

## Sponsorship

Sponsorship and donations are the only thing that finances the school and keeps it running. As of June 2023 we have 29 students that still need sponsoring. Form 1 has 17 students who need sponsorship, which is for 4 years, Form 2 needs 9 students sponsored for 3 years and Form 3 has 3 students that need sponsorship for two years. You can sponsor them as an individual, a group or a church. I am posting several pictures of those who need sponsorship. If you are interested in sponsorship please contact Sandy Binotto at [yashe4jc@hotmail.com](mailto:yashe4jc@hotmail.com). She has Bios for the students 304-839-1505 for more information. Next Month I will include others.



You may notice that the students have shaved heads, the boys and girls. I googled it and found out several findings, one is culture. Another is that the students who have hair to tend to become occupied with their hair and being late for class, always looking in the mirror and trying to figure out what style to put their hair in, so that is one reason everyone has the same hair style until they graduate. Then the hairstyles of braids, colored hair and swirled hair is created! The boys too can do what they want with their hair! It has also been shared that it means, hands off the girls until they graduate!

The school would like to say thank you, thank you, thank you for all the people, groups and churches who have opened their hearts to take a student to sponsor, or sent donations. It truly does change their lives and brings them HOPE!



## Winner of the Malaria Drive

Buena Chapel UMC, of Davis, WV is the winner of the Malaria Drive. You will be receiving an African gift in the mail, coming soon! Thank you for your generous donation!

### Some Reminders

- **Please when sending sponsorship funds, or donations make your checks out to Riverton UMC, **NOT** to Living Hope High School. Also make sure you earmark what the funds will go to. Thank you!**
- **If you have any questions please feel free to contact Sandy or LaVonne**

### Praises

- Marilyn is doing better.
- Students and staff are working hard to keep the school running smoothly
- The Front wall and Gate is almost finished.
- Naphtal arrived to the U.S. safely and is doing well at the Camp in Ohio.
- For those who stepped up to sponsor students, thank you for your support.

### Prayer Requests

- Continued health for Marilyn, students and staff
- As prices rise in Kenya for food that the funds coming in will continue to keep the school working well.
- That the Lord will continue to be in the lives of the students and staff at Living Hope.

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