



November/December 2022 Newsletter



Graduation

Living Hope students are now busy studying and taking their practical's and getting ready for graduation. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel back and forth to a designated area to take them and that they do well. Graduation will take place at Living Hope on January 27, 2023.

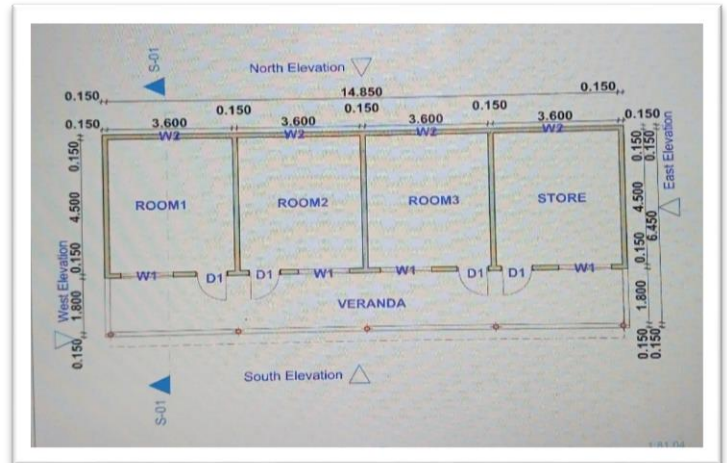
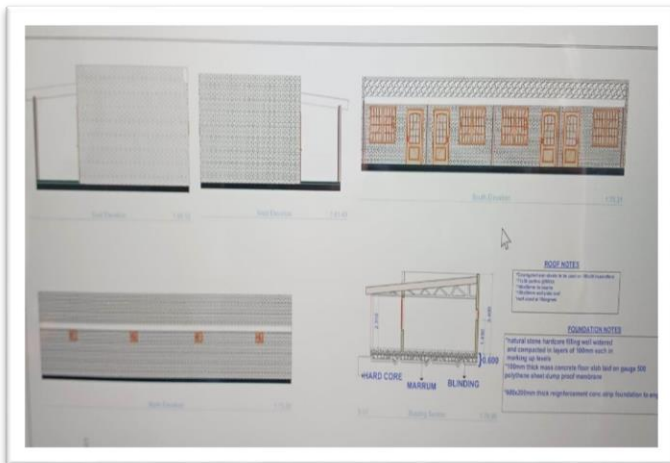
What is a practical? They are exams that the students take on the basis of their performance and ability to apply the theoretical knowledge into the actual practical state. The practical exams are usually conducted in schools, colleges, or universities during the final term. Living Hope Form four students travel to a designated area where they are closely watched to take the tests. There is no cheating!

The January mission team is very excited because they will be at Living Hope when the graduation ceremony will take place. It will be a wonderful day to celebrate with the graduating class. There will be a speaker and meal along with their parents. God is good!

Grad Dorm

The Grad dorm was put on hold for a while due to Covid. This past Saturday the foundation was laid. Pictures forth coming. It will be a building used to house past students who come for a visit or to help out at Living Hope. Many graduates return to the school that was their home for part of their lives. The students often come back to help with a project or with things that are needed at the school. It can also house volunteers that may come for a visit.

The end of the building will have a room for much needed storage. A past Living Hope Graduate, Nick Simiyu along with his crew will be building the Dorm. We are so thankful for those who have donated for this new building addition to the campus.



Prayer Day

On Nov 19th, the form 4s from LHHS their parents and family celebrated prayer day. They wanted to thank God for our blessings and for providing for all of us and the school. There was special prayer for the kids who have not cleared their school fees. Our guest speaker, Pastor Nyongesa spoke on how they are made By God's design to be successful. He gave us many tips on how to be successful.

The ladies and girls' went to bless the girl's dorms and the boys and the men went to bless the boy's dorm. They could really feel the power of God and that they will be blessed with financial miracles next month. Please keep LHHS in yours prayers and keep the form 4s, taking their exams, in your prayers, wish them success.



**Never Underestimate The
Power Of Prayer**

Bee Report- Marilyn Uhl

The bees are buzzing and here is an update about the progress of the bee house. We now have 5 hives and we are making plans to expand. We hope to have 10 hives by the 1st of the year. If all goes well we should be harvesting honey early next year. We thank everyone who has donated to the bee project. We have ordered 2 complete bee suits to keep everybody safe. So far nobody has gotten stung.

Two weeks ago, our matron was in a panic. Neighboring bees had swarmed and were covering the window of the dorm. We called bee man who has been teaching us and he came early the next morning and showed our boys how to harvest the swarm. We put the swarm in the new hive and by the next morning they were very happy. Another neighbor has a very large swarm that we will harvest next week. This is the season for swarming.



New Students

A group of 20 new students will be arriving next month to Living Hope High School. After they are accepted into the school they will have their biographies put on the website for anyone whose heart is moved to sponsor a student. Upon arriving at the school they receive ***Welcome Kits*** that have been lifesavers for the incoming 9th grade students. They feel loved from the first day on campus. For the great majority, it is the first time they have ever seen or used real washcloths and towels, nail clippers, emery boards, or nylon scrubbers. We so appreciate all who have donated towards the Welcome Kits.

Solar Project

The Solar project has begun and the panels will be installed soon. Having solar power will truly help with the need for the students to have light. It is desperately needed to be able to see when they study. It is very difficult to study with a candle or yellowish glow from an oil lantern. Having a few more watts of electricity will also be a blessing to power up phones and computers. We will keep you updated with the progress of the installation and we thank everyone who donated to this much needed project.



The Power or Prayer and Miracles- Sandy Binotto

I have to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. In August I was having some medical issues. My primary Doctor suggested I have a cat scan, which I did and not long after getting it, I got a call from my Doctor stating there was something suspicious on the report and I would need to see a OBGYN Oncologist. After reviewing the report, I had to find a doctor who would see me. First they wanted me to go to D.C, well I wasn't to hip on that. A dear nurse friend suggested I see a Dr. McBee in Morgantown. After a few calls and his viewing my cat scan, he decided to take me on as a patient. To make a long story a little shorter, after a month of tests I was cleared for surgery on November 8th. I had a rather large ovarian cyst on my ovary and had it removed and a complete hysterectomy. My first thought was who was going to lead the mission team to Living Hope if I couldn't go? I went into my prayer mode and shared my story with many. I have been so blessed to have so many who prayed for me around the world. Living Hope went to the Secret Weapon (which is Prayer.) I had a calm and peace for the whole month that I had to wait before surgery. The cyst also grew ½ inch during that time. The surgery went well and I did have a few cancer cells but they were encapsulated in the cyst. The first thing I asked the doctor was could I still go to Kenya and he said yes! I didn't have to have chemo, but get checked every three months and get blood work done. I was one happy camper and then home to recover from the surgery. It has been almost six weeks since the surgery and I am doing pretty well and am so happy I can go visit with Mum Marilyn, the staff and the students at Living Hope. It certainly has been a time of rejoicing of God's goodness!

I am also thankful for those the Lord put in my path to direct me to the right Doctor, all the staff and people who took care of me and those who let me share about Living Hope along the way!



The scripture I held onto while waiting for my surgery!

January 22-February 8, 2023

January 22, 2023, 10 people will be boarding a plane to travel to Living Hope High School. I would ask that you keep the team in your prayers. We have all new people on the team except for my husband Paul and myself. They are really talented and special people who I know will be touched by experience of visiting Living Hope. Please pray for our travel safety. Those going are:

Sandy and Paul Binotto- Augusta
Kim Wolfe- Ridgeley, WV
Pastor Ann Merkel-Springfield, WV
Winnie Hurd- Wheeling, WV
Diane Knowlton-Ridgeley, WV.

Samatha Smith-Augusta, WV
Pastor Robert Carter-Keyser, WV
Beth Gulick- Zanesfield Ohio
Judy Miller-Grafton, WV



Some Reminders

- Please send all funds, sponsorship/donations to Riverton UMC, P.O. Box 23, Riverton, WV 26814
- Please designate funds with them being earmarked
- Make sure your funds/sponsorship are sent in by the 13th of the month. Funds get wired by the 15th of the month.
- You may send students extra funds for birthdays, holidays by sending and earmarking them to Riverton UMC.

I would like to take this time to thank so many behind the scenes who work hard to keep the school going!

- Marilyn Uhl - Director
- Murunga Josephat- Asst. Director
- Stanley Kutiri-Principle
- Napthal Sikkuku- Grad. Volunteer Helper
- LaVonne Hammett-U.S Treasurer
- Doricas Wegulo- Kenyan Treasurer
- Connie Damon-Best Living Hope Fundraiser

Wishing you all a Wonderful and Blessed Christmas, Living Hope wouldn't be what it has become without you! And so many more! Especially the sponsors and donors!

The New Year

We do not know what the New Year will bring, but we do know who holds the New Year!

Please pray:

- *The graduating students will be directed by the Lord to find a path that He has planned for them.*
- *The new students will find a safe and happy place at Living Hope that gives them HOPE!*
- *That the financial needs of the school will continue to be met.*
- *That the students, staff, Marilyn and others will remain healthy.*
- *That the Mission Team makes the journey without any obstacles.*
- *That touched hearts will come forth to sponsor a student.*

Reminder to please send all donations, sponsorship fees to Riverton UMC, P.O. Box 23, Riverton, WV 26814

Also send your letters or items to your student to Living Hope High School. Address on top of 1st. page. You can also scan them to the school at Marilynkuhl59@gmail.com. They will print them out and give them to the students.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!