

# NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTRE,

Soweto, Kenya.

Newsletter, January 2025.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WERE BUSY TIMES AT NEW HOPE....

Fifty families, including the elderly and single mothers, were given food parcels to help them through the Christmas season.



Photo above: **Jesca Adika** receives food to take home to her mother and siblings.

Photo below: **Stacy and Godwin Otiali**, with their mother and baby sister, were one of those families to receive help this Christmas.



Above: Needy families, whose parents don't have jobs, wait to receive food to help them through the next month. Above right: Stephen, who was sponsored throughout his primary and high school years, is now supporting himself as a motor mechanic to make ends meet. He is a deserving recipient. All this is due to the generosity and kindness of our sponsors and friends. The people of Soweto are so grateful and thankful knowing they have enough rice and flour to make chapati for their families during the school holidays.

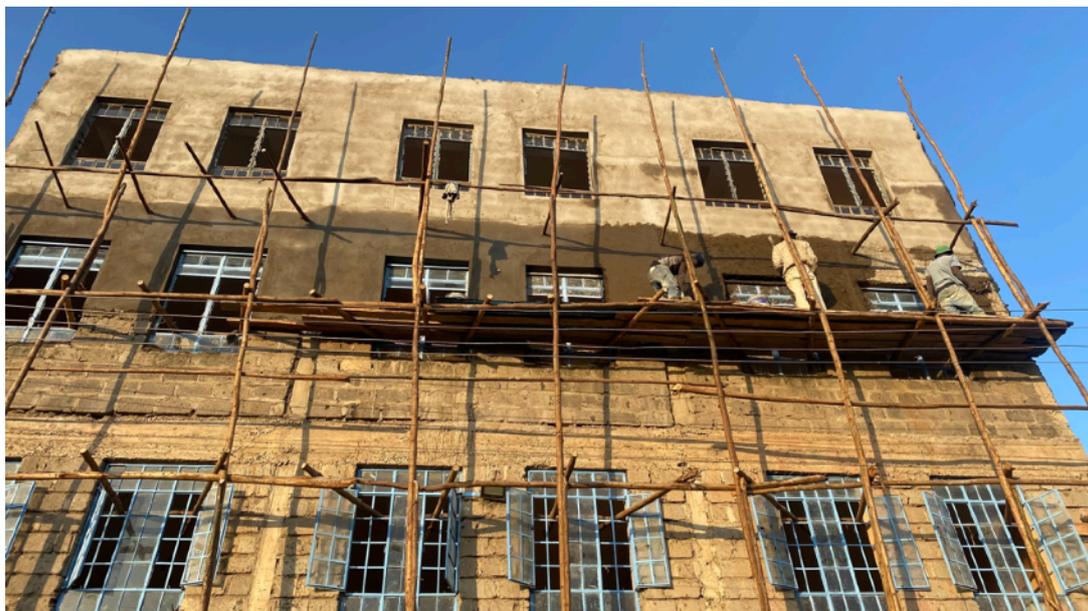


On the 19th December, School Director, Edward Owino, travelled with his family to his village near the town of BONDHO to spend 2 weeks with his brothers and sisters and extended family. There he visited twelve homes where he says "elderly people are destitute and have no family to take care of them. We gave them sugar, milk, maize flour and wheat flour, rice, cooking oil and bar soap. The quantity will last them more than two weeks and some items over a month. My daughter Zuriella and our School Caretaker accompanied me in the village".

Photos Below: Elderly people receive food in the village. (given by New Hope sponsors) Centre: Zuriella helps her father distribute food. (Some village women have recently offered to help cook food for these elderly people).



**The outside of the school has finally been rendered! The work was carried out in November, when classes were finished for the year.**



**Ten of our sponsored students finished High School at the end of 2024.**

Pictured below are some of those students. They are all hoping, and praying, that they will gain enrolment into a college in the new year, to help them gain skills so they can eventually find work or start their own business. Many high schoolers have been spending time at New Hope during the holidays doing maintenance jobs, e.g. painting, lubricating the louvres etc..



Thomas Ombaso



Phyllis Agatch



Sheila Otieno



Christopher Manyara



Phenerah

*"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21*

**Letters from our High School students to their Sponsors:**

*"I promise to make this incredible opportunity, to use my education, to make a positive impact on the world. Your support has enabled me to pursue my dreams and achieve my goals. I am humbled by your generosity and inspired by your commitment to making a difference in the lives of others."*

**Joseph Serebwa, Form 4)**

*"I live with my family in Soweto but we are not okay at home because sometimes we lack food to eat. I kindly request that you pray for my father to get a job so that he could be able to provide us food and our basic needs."*

**Glodildah Indeke Gr 8**  
*"Life is not easy for us. My parents have troubles and hardships.....and we don't have enough water".* **Festus Ojwang Gr 7**

*New Hope is the best school with the best teachers. We get knowledge and love from our teachers and we can consult them when we have not understood.* **Lilian Wanjuku (Form 1)**

*NB (From Edward): Students in boarding schools don't have internet or personal access to their emails. I have to wait until they get back to Nairobi before I am able to give them a letter from their sponsor.*

**Get well soon Gwen!**

Following a serious accident on 6th December, 2024, which resulted in many fractures and a brain bleed, hundreds of people, including the



New Hope fraternity, have been praying for our very dear sister, Mrs **Gwen Lewis**. Gwen, from Maryborough Baptist Church, Qld, has been a supporter and sponsor of New Hope school children and their families for several years. She writes regularly to five children and has often said, "It is SO worthwhile". Thank you Gwen. Gwen is still in hospital, and it may take many months (according to her medical team) to recover but we are confident that "With God, all things are possible".

**LETTERS:** To all of you who are sponsoring a child, you are welcome to write a letter to them at any time; but please don't feel obliged to do so. Just let me know if you would like me to write a letter (once a year) on your behalf. I understand not everyone feels confident, or has the time, to do this.

If you would like more information on any of the stories in this newsletter, or if you would like details on how you can support the school or a family, please contact me on 0438 606319 or email: janet\_thornthwaite@bigpond.com Thank you so much. **Happy New Year!**