

# NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTRE

## 2010 - 2025

"sharing stories of lives transformed amidst hardship and struggle."

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### NEW HOPE SCHOOL HAS HAD A FACELIFT!

The outside of the school building has been rendered and painted to protect the block work (photo above.) Our classrooms have been painted and new pin boards installed to protect the newly painted walls.

**FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL...**all children received a gift of an exercise book, a pen or pencil, toothbrush and toothpaste and a small cake of soap. (Photo right: Students from Grade 3 class line up to receive their gifts as Teacher Manson hands out the items to very excited children. (Photo below shows eager children in their bright and colourful classroom with pinboards in place for lesson illustrations.



### OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW HOPE BUILDING

PLANNED FOR 20th of April 2025.

*"His goodness and mercies have seen us through the journey of completing the building".*

### Our Young People are Sharing the love of Jesus around Soweto.

**Hemstone Omondi** and **Thomas Ombaso** (who completed Form 4 last year) have become very responsible young men. Last Sunday they went out to evangelize around Soweto. Several people gave their lives to Jesus declaring Christ as Lord and Saviour. The boys come to clean up the Church every Saturday together with girls like **Lizah and Jesca** and others...as well as serving as ushers on Sundays. (All these teenagers have been sponsored for several years...) Ps Edward says: "I am proud of the sons and daughters that we are raising up. They are trailblazers..." Edward.



### An Assistant for Edward

"Pastor Oscar, is New Hope's resident pastor. He is 34 years of age, married to Irene and has two young children. Oscar's responsibilities are to assist me by visiting the sick, praying and sharing the Word of God to church members during the week, and visiting school children in their homes or if they are in hospital. He teaches the Word to NHEC on Mondays during school assembly, counsels troubled children and is in charge of the Sunday school children's ministry. Pastor Oscar helps me by checking on our High School students and following up in terms of their character formation and paying their term fees. Sometimes he comes with me on missions even outside the country like Tanzania where we have established our church. Ps Oscar receives just \$60 per week to help with his expenses. Edward Owino

### Running a school is expensive!

"Our school account was completely depleted at the end of last year yet there were bills to be paid, like yearly government running licenses, fire extinguishers licenses, yearly licences to the Nairobi County, children's number licence, kitchen licence, land rates ...amounting to almost 50,000/- (\$600) which must be paid for us to run the School effectively and be in harmony with the government. We were not sure how we would pay our teachers but God is so good, for He gave us the help we needed with a kind donation. We are so blessed! Edward.

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on our faces and  
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## Letters from our sponsored children:

"I live with my mother and sister. After my father's death, my mother did not know where to go. We lost hope in life because we had no-one to help us in our education, but by God's grace, someone from Australia helped my mother with some money to start a small business. I now have a sponsor who has paid my term fees. I want to make my sponsor proud and to achieve my dreams in the future of becoming a dentist and to help the needy."

**Aisha Akinyi.** Grade 9

"Thank you for your prayer to God that He may grant my family food to eat and for us to be happy. I am thankful to God for enabling me and my family to crossover into the year 2025 with good health, I promise to continue working hard in school to achieve my dream of becoming a teacher. Thank you very much for continuing to sponsor my education. I will live to remember you all the days of my life".

**Fabian James** Grade 8

If you have sponsored a child, would you write to them (or ask me to!) so that they can get to know you a little. You will receive a letter in reply. It would mean so much to a child. Several of our sponsors are no longer able to continue supporting this year, and this is understandable when circumstances change. Please let me know if you find yourself in this situation. My email address is [janet\\_thornthwaite@bigpond.com](mailto:janet_thornthwaite@bigpond.com)

**Phone: 0438 606319.**

The whole Soweto community would welcome your prayers, especially for those mentioned in this newsletter who are sick, or waiting to be given the opportunity for positions of further study or employment, or for the mission trip to the Church in Tanzania. Thank you so much for your support. Every donation, whether large or small, will make a big difference. **Janet**

## Our young people need support and prayer.

Three young girls are now orphans after the sudden and unexpected death of their mother at her home in Soweto. Sisters, **Lilian Mueni, Mercy Njeri and Abigael Waithera** had the support and love of the New Hope teachers when they travelled with the girls to their family village for their mother's burial. All three girls are sponsored due to their family's poverty but will find life even more difficult now. (Photo right: Waithera holds a photo of her mother at the graveside.)



## Sickness has kept New Hope children from being at school.



Edward says: **George Okello** (pictured left) is doing well after medication. He had malaria that was depleting his red blood cells. The doctor recommended we give him fruit every day like beetroot and grapes, mango and avocado. We shall take him for a blood level check up after two weeks then we stop the diet of fruits that we are doing daily. (George is an exceptional student of Godly character and we are so thankful that he is so much better. **Ian Nyangau** has also been too sick to attend school.

**Nine month old baby Faith** (pictured right) has been in hospital for the past 6 six days due to severe pneumonia. She had to be put on oxygen. Faith had suffered for so long before being taken to hospital for medical care due to lack of money hence the situation. We raised a little money so she could get the right treatment but her situation is very serious. (Edward) *PS I have just heard that Faith is still in hospital but improving.* Janet



## Ps Edward visits the church again in Arusha in Tanzania (photo above)

"The Church and the people are doing well and still thankful for all the help given to them last year". Large bags of rice and maize were donated. (Story of Pastor Fred and his church, and the gift of a bicycle was told in my October, 2024 newsletter)

**Ps Edward to return to Malawi on the 20th March.** Gifts of 30 goats were shared between pastors to help sustain their communities during Hellen's visit. (Story in the October, 2023 newsletter). Edward says: There is an urgent need for me to return to the churches that we established there, after receiving news that the nearby village of Chikwawa has converted to Islam. Edward says, "The village is very close to where our churches are. They converted because of their hunger and the promise of food.

I aim to teach and build leaders in New Hope Gospel Fellowship churches and see how our goat project is doing. Much prayer is required. Can you pray with me? If anyone can give financial support to help me provide resources and food for these dear people, I would be so thankful and grateful."