

New Hope Education Centre

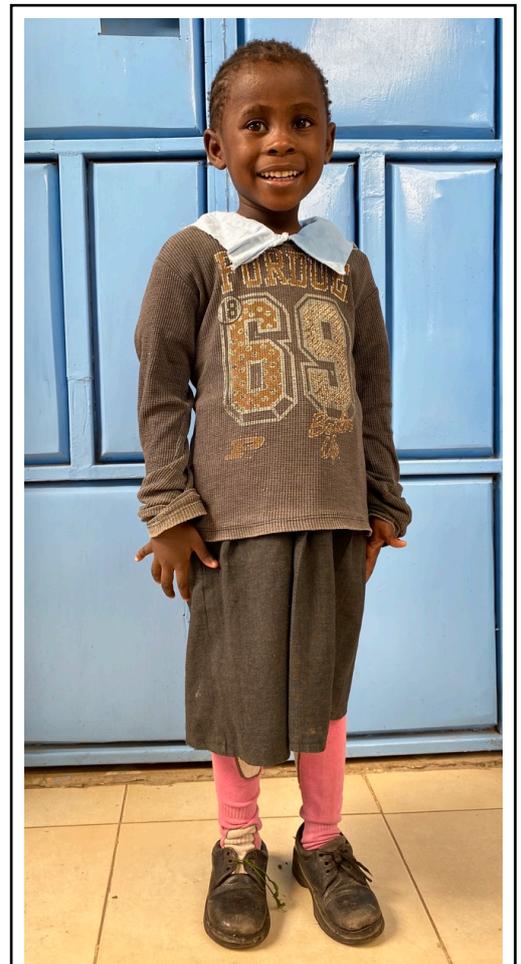
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(From The School Director's Desk) "The food situation is so bad, it has never been like this, where so many children and their families are going to bed on an empty stomach. Women are flocking into my office for food support narrating their state of helplessness with no casual jobs to be found. Our porridge provision is also a challenge because prices have shot up like never before. It is getting harder for me to continue giving the children this needed breakfast given that some may only have this for the entire day and night. A good number of children look thin and weak in the School because there is no food at home". Edward. **(Photo above)** 25 children who often go to bed without food were given maize flour, sugar and cooking oil to take home after a donation was given this week.

Kenya needs our prayers.

"The drought, the worst for 40 years, continues to cause food prices to soar. Many people are thirsty, hungry and desperate for their next meal. I have been feeling weighed down by the situation".
(Edward Owino, School Director)



Meet **Jaylene Nekesa**, pictured above. She and her two older sisters are often sent home to collect school fees but they are never available. Her mother does not have a job, is single and has never been educated. There is rarely food in the house which is why it's vital for these children to be able to attend school so that they can receive the porridge drink that is offered to children when they come to school. Would you, or someone you know be able to sponsor Jaylene?

Morning Porridge

Photo left: Happy children receive porridge at school. Each class receives porridge brought to the classroom in a bucket at recess time. A recent donation from the Maryborough Baptist Church has enabled the school to purchase food to help more Soweto families. Edward says, *"This comes with great joy to our hearts and to families who will now be able to enjoy some meals during the Easter season. I am more than elated. I hear the heavens say to you, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink....."*



Letters from children to their sponsors

From Jesca

"I am so thankful for your help and for accepting me. For so long I have been praying that God would bless me with a sponsor and He has come to answer my prayer."

From Damaris

"My family has really been struggling to pay my school fees as I come from a poor family. This sponsorship will enable me to be at school at all times. I like being at school since my teachers are loving and caring. I like my school because it is a good performing school with nice buildings."

From Emmanuel

"My school is offering quality education and I'm proud of my school. Madam Lydia is my class teacher and she teaches us well and we love her. I hope I will be among the best this term. Thank you for sponsoring my education. May God bless you abundantly".



Volunteering at New Hope while waiting for University placement.

Getrude (pictured above left) was one of the first students to start school at New Hope in 2010. Now she has finished high school and waiting for a University placement. In the meantime, she is volunteering, along with Hebsibah (pictured back left) by helping in the new school library. Edward says, "Getrude is an amazing young girl who has grown steadily in her faith and has done so well in her academic studies. We thank you again and again for your resilience in standing with us.

Dear Friends, Have you written to your sponsored child this year? From these children's letters you will see just how much your letters are valued by them. So many more children are in desperate need of support, just to be able to go to school and to get enough food to eat. Do you know of someone who might be able to help...or perhaps you might like to sponsor another child? If so, please contact me on 0438 606319. Thank you. Janet

Letters from Students who have just completed High School and waiting to begin other courses.

From Hebsibah

"Thank you so much for your support in paying my school fees from primary school to high school. You have really helped in shaping my life through the education that I acquired. Now that I have finished High School, I am very much interested in doing a short course in catering".

From Getrude

"I thank you for the support you offered me for the four years in High school. It was really a heavy burden for my parents but you have made it easier for them. My parents really thank you from the bottom of their hearts. They have nothing to give in return but pray to the Almighty God for blessings upon your life. I hope to succeed in the future and also support other children as you did for me. I will ever forget your kind heart towards me".

From Levy

"I want to inform you that your letter played a major role as far as my results were concerned. Your letter was such a huge motivation for me to keep going and finish the month long test. This awakened my dream to become a commercial pilot one day, God willing. I want to thank you for all your support to my fellow Kenyans. I can inform you and your friends that I personally have seen the huge impact your help has been to the children of Soweto."



Introducing MOURICE OTUNKA

Mourice lives with his mother Lydiah. She has two other children but they live with relatives as Lydiah is unable to feed or educate them. Mourice's mother has not been able to get any casual work which means she has been unable to support her son. They live in one small room, approx. 4 metres square. It is such a blessing for Mourice to have recently received the gift of a sponsorship which will pay for school fees and daily lunch. Mourice now has hope for a brighter future.



Galations 6: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."