

# NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTRE

with New Hope Gospel Fellowship

Soweto, Kenya.

Easter Newsletter

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The first school term for 2025 is already behind us and the children of New Hope are now taking their holiday break. This first term has not been without its challenges, with sickness and hardship amongst families who are always striving to provide for their children.

The students will be so excited to receive a small Easter egg on Easter Sunday and a bookmark that two of our supporters have provided for each child. These small gifts bring such joy to these precious children, who are seeing God's love firsthand through people they have never met.

We are thankful that baby Faith, who was in hospital for three weeks, is now at home and healthy again. (see March newsletter) Her mother, Beatrice, had to sell the stock from her small business, to pay for some of the costs to have her baby receive the medication she needed. Thanks to our supporters, Beatrice is now able to revive her business once again.

Some of our 2024 High School graduates are patiently waiting to turn 18 years of age so they can apply for an ID certificate to be eligible for Higher Education courses. In the meantime they look for small job opportunities to help them provide for their most basic of needs, where parents or carers are unable to help them.

Pastor Edward has just returned from his Mission to Malawi, made all the more urgent after a flood swept through southern regions and destroyed one of the New Hope churches that was built on a previous trip. Once again help came, and a new iron roof and brick walls were erected during Ps Edward's visit. I have given more space in this newsletter to this Malawi mission to give you more insight into the people and their complete reliance on God in every day life. The Malawi church leaders have told us that a solar pump, to help irrigate their crops in the very hot months, could make a very big difference to their efforts in becoming self sustaining. If you would like to help with this project, or have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you so much for your support. Janet Th.



The Junior High School classroom is finally painted, and looking exceptional. The students' uniforms are white shirts, ties and grey skirts or trousers. They are so proud of their school and their dedicated teachers.

### **(From Pastor Edward Owino)**

We are accomplishing so much through your donations and support. No amount is ever too small because every dollar counts. Lives of many people have been eternally changed because of your generosity. We are forever thankful. It's my pleasure to serve you diligently and prudently, putting into good use every amount of money you send whether for children's education or other areas. The toothpaste and brushes that were given out at the beginning of the school year was so helpful because most of families can't afford these items. New Hope is offering the highest possible quality education. We are counted as being amongst the best Community Schools within our constituency and Nairobi at large. My appeal is for exercise books, pencils, rubbers and pens as children return to school on the 29th April. I am praying for another place to build a Church facility, as the ground floor school hall is overflowing with people on Sundays. New Hope School will then have its own spacious place. It's a good problem to have!

### **Meet Joseph Ainda**

Joseph writes: "I am 13 years old and in Grade six at New Hope Ed Centre."



We have very nice and lovely teachers. They are so friendly to us! My father works so hard to support my education and provide us with basic needs. He is my role model. We are living in the Soweto slum where most families struggle to put food on the table. There are some children who are not going to school due to lack of school fees. I thank God for New Hope for empowering many children in the our society. I work very hard in school to achieve my dream of being a pilot. I would like to be one of those people who help to change the face of Soweto.

May this season of Easter, fill your heart  
with renewed hope, love and peace.

**Happy Easter!**



## MALAWI (New Hope Gospel Fellowship)

(Report from Ps Edward Owino)

"I would like to register my great appreciation for your amazing support and kindness towards my mission to Malawi. As soon as I arrived, I went straight to the hardware store to purchase iron roofing sheets, nails etc. to rebuild the church in

Thyolo. (photo above shows the church destroyed after floods). I then drove the 220km to the village and arrived in time for the conference which started the following day. I met with leaders from different regions, encouraging them to keep serving God and His people. I was able to teach the word of God, pray for the sick and the troubled, give out food donations and rebuild the church that was brought down by floods. We then drove further south, 150kms away, where we have another Church branch. The current food crisis is due to rivers of water that swept away all their food crops from last planting season. The day before I left Nairobi, our Malawi Bishop sent word saying, "government things are worse and people's lives are very bad. Every day we hear stories of people taking their own lives due to despair and hopelessness."



**Pastor Ngala** (pictured left) leads the church in the village of Komondo where the church is renting a school classroom for worship on Sundays. The rent is \$5 per month but the school board gave Ngala warning of eviction because no rent had been paid for several months.

**\*\*Ps Edward was able to gift the church \$50 to cover 10 months rent to relieve him of this burden.**



This is Pastor Malonda (above) who is one of the people who received a gift of three goats during our last visit. He has had six out those three and two more among them pregnant. All are healthy. He slaughtered one for people to eat during the New Hope conference that has just ended and one he sold to settle some family issues. He is doing so well and very optimistic that they will become a big herd which will help advance his life in many areas. He says he feels honoured as someone who has something, unlike the time when he had nothing'.

### PLEASE PRAY for:

#### Soweto

- \* The school children who are struggling with health and trauma issues.
  - \* For parents in Soweto who are only able to feed their children one small meal a day.
  - \* A school bus...to help those children who have to walk several kilometres to and from school each day.
  - \* Ps Edward and teaching staff for wisdom and health.
  - \* Employment opportunities for Soweto families.
  - \* A new church building so that New Hope Gospel Fellowship can move from the school.
- \* The New Hope Church in Malawi:**
- \* A tank to store water alongside the village church in Thyolo.
  - \* Guttering and downpipes to bring water to the tank.
  - \* a solar water pump to help irrigate during dry seasons in the village of Komondo.



Above: Edward with Pastor Ngala, his wife, their children and his wife's mother.

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