

# NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTRE

Soweto, Kenya.

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## Govt. Officials Visit New Hope School.



Out of thousands of Schools in Nairobi and Kenya, we were among only 5 schools chosen as a Junior Secondary Exam pilot examination Centre. This is to be a test of how Grade 9 will do in their national

exams before transitioning to High School. It is a big honour bestowed on us. When the Education Dept Govt officials visited us, they confessed that they never thought of finding such a beautiful and organised School in a slum district. They told me that they imagined undisciplined children, untrained teachers, poor hygiene etc. To their surprise, they got to a different place all together. They even ate our food! They promised to deliver some clothes for the children in the future and to work closely with us for the betterment of the School.



## Youth Camp in November:

*(An invitation from the School Director,)*

“It's always a life changing conference for our young people, especially interacting with each other. It will be a big event as youths from India, Zambia, Tanzania, Malawi and Uganda will be attending. We have a young Pastor from India and a Pastor from Tanzania together with our very own pastors, myself included. Accommodation fees for Kenyan young men and women is 2000/- (\$21) each, for others it is \$A100. This will go towards accommodation, food, transport and honorarium for the guest speakers. I am hoping that some of our JSS and High School Sponsors might consider supporting them so they can attend this conference. I am also hoping some **young Australians will attend. Interested? Contact Janet to make arrangements.**

## WE CONTINUE TO DISPENSE FOOD TO THE FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DEMOLITION AND HARD ECONOMIC TIMES: (PS EDWARD)



**Photo above:** These children were deemed to be in greatest need of new school clothing. Each will receive either shoes, a jumper, trousers etc. which has been made possible by donations given by our Australian supporters following the recent crisis. **Photo below:** George Okello, Gr 7, having received new trousers and a sweater, is looking very proud and happy.



## Letter from New Hope School Captain:

"Dear Friends, I am very humbled to write to you on behalf of the New Hope fraternity. I want to thank you for putting a smile on our faces. We thank you for the things you have provided for us. In our country, we have had demolition of houses going on. Some of us have lost their items, others their sweaters are torn and also their shoes. We really thank you so much and may God bless you and give you many years on earth. Receive our heartfelt gratitude. You have touched a place in our hearts that we have never imagined. I promise you, we are children who are going to work hard in our studies so that we may help other people who come from humble backgrounds in the future. New Hope fraternity love you so much and thanks you again and again. Yours faithfully, **Hellen Minayo**"

**PS EDWARD VISITS THE NEW HOPE GOSPEL CHURCH IN TANZANIA IN JULY, TO ENCOURAGE THE VILLAGERS AND TO GIVE OUT FOOD AND BLANKETS.**



**Photo above:** Women gather in front of the church to give thanks to God for His provision, made possible by gifts given by Australian supporters.

**Photo left:** An elderly lady holds her new blanket high, excited and thankful that she will now be warm at night.

**Edward says:** They all needed blankets. I heard little children coughing terribly at night since I was just sleeping in the next room but couldn't sleep well myself due to the extreme cold.

The church Pastor uses a bicycle to reach people as the place is mountainous and has no roads for motor cars. The best gift for him would be a motorbike because I had to walk almost 1-2 hours on foot from the main road to the village. It's a journey that you shudder before taking and the place is so close and dusty throughout. It's hard to sleep even at night due to extreme cold yet there are no proper blankets to cover yourself but the work of the Lord has to be done no matter the circumstances. I am praying that God would provide a motor

bike for him since he is doing a tremendous job there. **Photos below:** Following the sharing of rice, maize flour and cooking oil, the men and women from this remote village in the mountains of Tanzania, were eager to hear from Pastor Edward as he shared with them the love and compassion of Christ.



Mark and I (Janet) are so grateful for your support for the children and their families living In Soweto, Kenya. If you would like to donate or support a child, please contact us by emailing: [janet\\_thornthwaite@bigpond.com](mailto:janet_thornthwaite@bigpond.com). Donations made through Global Development Group are tax deductible. Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to anyone you think might be interested. Thank you. (Janet)

