

# New Hope Education Centre

Soweto, Nairobi, Kenya

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## *A Christmas Message from the School Director*

To all our sponsors and well-wishers, you have been and remain a great blessing to us. Our situation would have been terrible were it not for your acts of kindness and concern for us over the past 12 months. You have provided education for our children, shelter for some, food, clothing and school uniforms. You have done far more than we ever expected and I am so humble and grateful that you have opened your hearts to us and brought hope and joy to our lives.

As we look forward to this Christmas season we are reminded of what God has given us, for Jesus is the very best gift of all. Despite this, many families in Soweto will not have the joy of putting a special meal before them this Christmas due to the hard economic situation that the majority of Kenyans are facing right now. Many companies have closed their doors and left the country, rendering more and more jobless, with the slums the worst affected because they depend on day to day work to get food and pay rent.

With all this lack, the needs are overwhelming but it is worse during December because the few places where people go to seek employment, close for the holidays and will not reopen 'til January. I am therefore humbly requesting that if God enables, you might kindly offer to provide a food basket for a family.

We would like to provide 100 families the following items for Christmas; 2kgs of rice, 2 pkts of wheat flour, 1kg of sugar, one bar of soap, 2 ltrs of cooking oil. This would cost approx. \$30 per family. I would like to give these out on 15th December before I travel to my village for the Christmas holidays with my family.

Finally, May our God, who gave us His Son, fill your hearts and minds with peace and love during this festive season.

Merry Christmas! *Edward and Hellen* 🎄



## *The Best Gift of All*

Mark and I also add our sincere thanks to all of you who have partnered with us during 2024 to help parents or guardians who would not otherwise have been able to send their children to school or provide even the most basic of needs. Yet there is always 'hope' which is often expressed in the children's letters; their love for their teachers, their friends, their dreams of one day being able to help their family if they "work hard" and do well at school. Their HOPE is also in a God who is with them in their struggles; a God who loves them.

Despite the heartbreak which many are facing around the world, we pray that you will experience God's PEACE, HOPE and LOVE this Christmas.

*Janet and Mark Thornthwaite*



