



NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTRE

Soweto, Nairobi, Kenya.

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(Year 9 girls love being in school!)

I love receiving beautiful photos of children who are so glad to be in school! That is, and will always be, our vision for children to learn and grow so that there is 'hope' for a better future. This month's newsletter is filled with good stories and happy 'smiles'. This does our hearts good and makes our efforts (and yours) worthwhile. I hope you enjoy! (Janet)

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR, Edward Owino Ochieng

"I have been working on completing my **Masters degree in Theology** with my thesis on Pastoral Ministry. I have been studying now for some time and hope to graduate this December. Meanwhile, my wife, Hellen, (presently taking a break from teaching), has been able to prepare learning manuals for New Hope Sunday school and for the Vacation Bible School while waiting for the right teaching job to come along.

Mission to Tanzania: I am taking a team of 12 mission members from New Hope, Nairobi, to New Hope, Tanzania in Arusha. I will be visiting the church there for three days of evangelism from 5th to 7th October. Hellen and 4 other Pastors are going with me together with some young people. Your prayers would be appreciated, especially after we return to Soweto.

Youth Conference: Once again, we will be having a Youth Conference in November and I am kindly requesting that sponsors with children from Grade 7 to College would consider helping their children to attend the Conference. It's only 2000/- (AU\$25) for each child although those coming from villages will need help with transport, but only if possible.

Govt. lecturers on strike: Some of our students who finished High School last year, and who have been eagerly waiting to join university, have have their plans curtailed. They reported to University last month as requested, but the government lecturers are on strike so they have not been to class since they reported. All other New Hope and High School students will be doing their final exams mid October, with school closure at the end of the month....starting again the first week in January, 2026.

I am so grateful to all those who have supported us this year. Only God can reward in heaven for this great commitment, sacrifices and love you have shown to us. I reciprocate this by loving what we do here for our community of children and adults, beyond what I can explain in writing, but the Lord knows our hearts and deeds. Edward

Big Smiles are on the faces of our New Hope



Year 9 boys are happy in school and excited about joining High School next year. They are preparing for their final exams at New Hope at the end of this month.



There is always excitement when children receive letters from their sponsors as seen by their big smiles above.



MILK SUPPLEMENT AND FOOD BANK: Moses, along with 6 other children, now receive a small packet of milk three mornings a week, due to lack of food being provided at home. The milk supplement program has been introduced this term.

(Photo right): New Hope Accountant, Susan, a wife and mother of two small children, also assists Pastor Edward in many practical ways, including giving out food parcels to families living in the Soweto slum. Njoki, an elderly lady with a very sick husband, receives food through the Food Bank ministry from Susan.

Photo below right: Stacey and her brother are now sleeping on a mattress for the first time in their lives thanks to their sponsor's extra donation. Their hard working mother is so grateful.



“Love Your Neighbour”

This is the theme of the first Saturday morning Bible class for all New Hope children and beyond, an initiative begun by former New Hope students Braise, Vincent, Hillary and Victor. The classes are to be held on the last Saturday of each month. These young men are in their final year of University studies but they say they “want to see more children come to know and love the Lord”. The four young men are all orphans, yet a sponsor came to their rescue so they could go to New Hope school and beyond. Now, from their own meagre means, the boys are providing the children with a tea drink and lunch. Edward says, “The school will help by providing cooking gas, water and printing work sheets, but all food are their own doings. They are ‘giving back’ because of what they have received”.



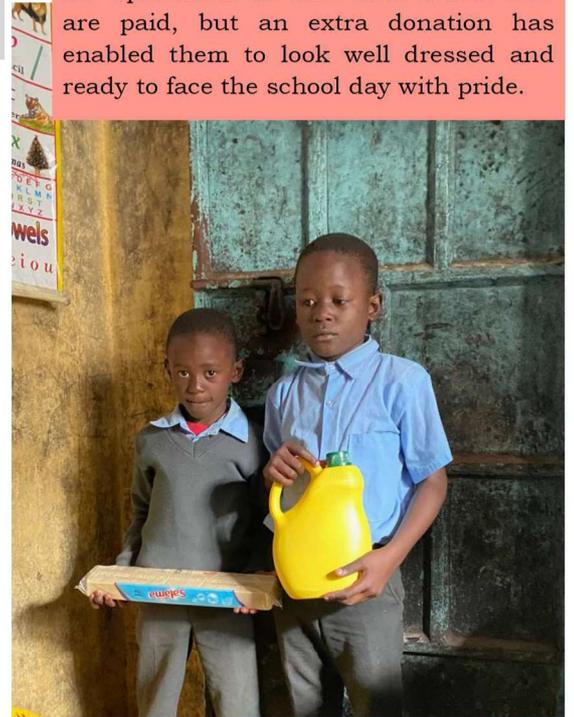
Two very happy girls, Sarah and Millicent, have a new uniform. Both girls are sponsored so that their school fees are paid, but an extra donation has enabled them to look well dressed and ready to face the school day with pride.

Marion's Journey:

In last month's newsletter, I shared Marion's story and the condition (known as Giant melano cystic nevi) that she has had since birth. This had spread from behind the ear and was advancing very close to the right eye. But I am very happy to report that Marion was able to have her operation. The doctor confessed that Marion's condition was very worrying but that she had gained extra ordinary courage during the operation which took over 7 hours. The skin graft on her thigh was quite extensive. There is still more healing to be done and even though not all of the growth has been removed, Marion is happy with the result. There will be further small surgeries to help reduce scarring in the future.



Marion's older sister, Sherryl, asked to testify at the New Hope church service after the operation. She spoke of how God had removed great shame on the family. “Whenever we walked together, every head would turn to look at Marion wondering what happened to her. People had been ‘afraid’ of Marion since she was born. Now that shame is no more”. Sherryl spoke of the joy and happiness their family has experienced; it was like they had just been hearing that Marion been operated on and that all hospital expenses were paid. But it true! Marion is now back with her classmates. We ask that you would pray that she will no longer be shy and lack confidence in herself, but will be bold and courageous as she begins to find friends who will love and care for her.



“David and Wickliffe are brothers who come from a very needy family where their father has no job and the mother only casual work. Her low salary does not cater for both food, rent and school fees. The boys are often sent home from school to get fees but they stay home almost a full term because their parents do not have enough for school fees” Edward.

If you, or someone you know, would like to sponsor David and Wickliffe, please contact me for more information. (The boys are holding soap and cooking oil as part of a food package received from the NHEC Food Bank). Janet

