

NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTRE

Soweto, Nairobi, Kenya.

Providing hope for a better future through education

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Grade 9 students (left) begin their final term at New Hope School.

They are working hard to receive good grades in their final exams so that they will be offered a place in one of Kenya's better Senior High Schools.

New shoes: These children (pictured left) had shoes that were so worn out that they arrived at school with wet socks due to the holes in their shoes. They were elated when they received new shoes (pictured below) that will help them when they present at their new High Schools in 2027.

Aspiring Young Entrepreneurs:

Story sent from School Director Edward Owino
Meet **Thadius Okibo** (left) and **Sophey Isendi** (below). I listened to their business ideas which came as a result of a class subject called "Pre Technical" which talked about students becoming young entrepreneurs. Thadius began his 'business' by buying old broken bikes. He takes them home to repair, then hires them out to other children for a small fee. To my astonishment, he has been able to clear school fee arrears for his older brother who is joining university this September. He does this work during the holidays and long weekends. He only gives these bikes to children in the area who are well known to him lest they disappear. I am so impressed by his thoughts and hard work coupled with good performance in class. His parents are quite poor and unable to meet their family needs on their own. Thadius would like to receive a small loan so that he can repair more bikes so that he can continue helping his brother as well as preparing for his own school support next year as he joins Senior High



School. **Sophey says in her letter:** *I want to start a small business here in Soweto to help those girls who lack sanitary pads and learners who are struggling to have pens and pencils. By the grace of God, I am going to do it!*

Last month, every child received a banana and a slice of watermelon as a very special treat when served porridge at mid morning break. This was made possible due to a special donation given so that children could experience the joy of these fruits and to make them healthy and strong. Maize porridge is given to every child each day, and with some extra help, more children are now receiving lunch. This is often the only food some children will receive each day.
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A reward for students in Grade 6 and 9 who gained an EE1 or EE2 score (Exceeding Expectations) in their Term 2 Math and Integrated Science exams.

Eugene (pictured above) Yr 9, and his brother Levis, Yr 6, were the first to receive their reward at the end of Term 1. Others were promised a calculator (by a kind sponsor) if they could improve their results in Term 2. As a result, sixteen children in Gr 6 (who will go on to Junior High School next year) and four students in Gr 9, received a calculator, which will be needed when they join Senior High School in 2027.

New Hope Term Dates - Final Term: (Prep - Yr 9)
25th August - 21st October, 2026.

High School Final Term: (Yr 10 - 12)
26th August - 6th November.

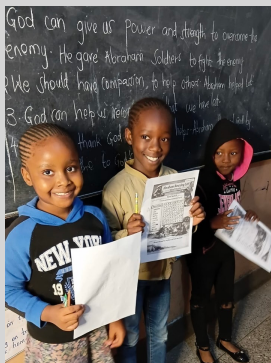


Millicent Kerubo, one of our sponsored children, died on 22nd July after a tragic accident. She was just 10 years old. She and her mother, were visiting relatives in their village when Millicent climbed a tree, along with other village children, to pick fruits high up in the tree. Unfortunately, she fell and was severely injured. Her injuries were not believed to be serious at the time, however, after some days and after experiencing severe abdominal pain, Millicent was taken to Nairobi hospital, where she died shortly after. Her teachers, school friends, family and all those who loved Millicent are deeply shocked and sad. We have grieved with them, since hearing this painful news. Thank you for your prayers for Millicent's family.



Vacation Bible School 4 - 7th August

200 children from 3 - 13 years, attended this year's Vacation Bible School. Former New Hope High School and Church young people volunteered to help run the classes along with Pastor Oscar and teachers. They brought the stories of Abraham to life, with fun and games, and learning of God's promises. The cost of teaching and other writing materials were provided by Maryborough Baptist Church and others helped with provision of daily food costs. (Below: Children pray and praise God during worship time).



Our hearts are filled with gratitude as we send this newsletter to you. Thank you for standing with us through your prayers, encouragement, generosity, and unwavering belief in the work God has called us to do. You are more than supporters—you are family, and every life that is transformed is a testimony of your love in action. Janet and Mark



CAN YOU HELP!

Sarah Okumu, born in 2008, comes from a family of seven children. Both her parents have died. Sarah doesn't remember her father but tragedy struck the family again when her mother was murdered in 2020. Sarah was invited to come to Soweto to live with her aunt, but she is unable to pay Sarah's school fees. Sarah hopes to continue her education by attending Senior High School (Yr 10) next year and is praying that a sponsor will come forward to help her.

YOUR LETTERS!

If you are sponsoring a child, now is the time to think about writing a letter. It is so exciting for a child to receive a letter, but it also gives them some news to respond to. The children finish the year in October, (which is why you may have received a "Happy Christmas" greeting in their October letters in the past. High School and Tertiary students are asked to send their results with their letter, which may not be received until December. If this isn't possible, please let me know. We can help!



HIGHER EDUCATION for New Hope's former students.

(Mercy Wangui (left) and Hebsibah D'zouza (right))
Mercy is hoping to find employment when she completes a one year Aviation Cabin Crew course at the end of this year. Hebsibah is in her second year of a Nursing Degree, but has a large fee arrears. She is determined to continue praying that some support will be offered.

2025 High School graduates (from Edward Owino)

"We are organising a send off ceremony for young men and women joining Universities and Colleges on the 23rd of August. We anticipate having 10 students who will be offered places. Five of our former students who will be graduating at the end of this year, will share their testimony about campus life. They will prepare and make them ready for their new adventure. We will talk to them about character development, making them aware of pitfalls that can be part of college life...praying that they will handle their new found freedom well. What a time of celebration and joy to see our young people move to another stage in life".

University fees are subsidised by the Government, (unlike private schools like New Hope, where there is no financial support of any kind). If you can help a student with fees, books or transport, it would be such an encouragement for them.



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