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November Newsletter 2019

Mum Marilyn has Come and Gone

Marilyn returned home safely from her annual October leave. While here she and her sister Helen attended the UMW meeting in Bluefield where they had the opportunity to share about Living Hope High School and to collect shoes for the shoe drive. She has been very busy, sharing, packing up the shoes in plastic containers for the January mission team to transport to LHHS. November 9th she attended the "Steeping for Jesus" UMW event at First Church Keyser and attending the team meeting for January 2020 VIM members. Marilyn will be back at Living Hope in Bungoma and watching over the students as they prepare for testing and for the incoming team. (Update, she has arrived safely back to Kenya)





UMW Event-Steep in Jesus, It was a reunion for 8 of us who had worked at Living Hope since 2014. Connie Damon from Pa. was the main speaker.



Team meeting for 2020 VIM to LHHS.

Shoe Drive

Living Hope High School would like to thank everyone who donated shoes to the shoe drive. Can you even imagine what it would be like to have no shoes? Many of the children come to the school with nothing, no shoes, or personal hygiene items or hardly any clothes. If you don't have shoes you could be a victim of Jiggers. Jiggers are a parasitic insect found in most tropical and sub-tropical climates. If you want to know more about them I would suggest you Google them to view the pictures. They are hard to digest.

The January team has 7 containers of shoes to deliver to LHHS. Four of them can be taken without charge, but 3 of them will need to be paid for. If you would like to donate to help get them there it would be greatly appreciated. You can mail your donation to Riverton UMC, P.O. 23 Riverton, WV. 26814 Ear Mark Shoe Transport by December 10th.







New News from Living Hope

Many of the team members know Sammy as we call him. His given name is Samwel Wakoli, he was surprised by a party on his 17 birthday. It was difficult to get a cake so he got a watermelon instead. When Sammy goes to America after Living Hope to attend school, he will be 19. When He graduates from college, he will be 23. Sammy will leave as a boy and come back as a man. He is a wonderful young man who always wants to help and really grown physically and spiritually since going to Living Hope. He is very much loved by many.

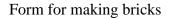




Bricks-Latrine

All of the grads, under Nick's supervision, have decided to build their own dorm. They have already built a 4-door latrine. It is ready to be plastered, the doors put on and painted, and then they can tear down the old, old, old latrine which is in bad condition. During December and January, any grad that is free will be making bricks. Over 100,000 bricks will be needed. If they buy the bricks ready-made, it will cost 8 cents a brick plus 250 for transport per ox-cart, 200 bricks. So, we will save us thousands of dollars. They students will dig the foundation in April and start building in August when they are on break. The grads are asking for donations to help them with cement, sand, gravel, doors and windows.







Drying bricks, ready to be baked.



New Latrine

Computer Lab

Two of our graduates, have come cone back home to help us run our computer lab and teach classes. We will open the classes to all Living Hope students and the community. Each individual will pay Ksh. 3,350-\$32.98 US. for a 2-month class. They will graduate with their computer certificate and basic computer knowledge.



Bees

There were a million visitors with wings and stingers, who decided the kitchen looked like a good place to set up a shop. Lameck and Sammy were fearless and took the situation under control with boiling water and bee-killing spray. They killed two paint buckets full of dead bees. Only Ezekiel, as he was walking by, got stung. Marilyn gave Lamech and Sammy \$1 each as hazardous duty pay. Thank God they are brave and courageous while Marilyn hid in her house.



Prayer Day

God was pleased with our prayer day, October 12th. We were praying for the form fours and their upcoming test, KCSE. The 24 grads were there of course, the rest of the school, faculty, support staff. About 75 parents and guests were present. Our guest speaker talked about "keeping your star shining." Everyone was motivated and inspired to give God the best. The empty desks await the new form ones who will be coming soon. Sponsors will be needed, would you, your church or group consider being one?





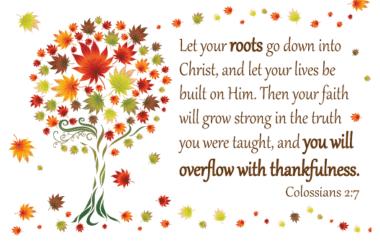




Prayers Needed

It is asked that you keep in your prayers the January 2020 VIM team traveling to Living Hope High School. The group of 9 persons are from WV, Illinois, New York and Florida. Five members have been or are sponsors of some of the students. We on the team count it a privilege to be a part of the Living Hope High School Ministry as they change lives of the students and the community. The team is also transformed by the experience. **Team Members**: Sandy Binotto- Team Leader, Paul Binotto, Nancy Anderson, Ann Warner, Rev. Daniel Fulton, Rev. Larry Anderson, Gordon Howard, Sarah Fletcher and Karl Barth.

May we this Thanksgiving Season stop as we gather with our family and friends to thank the Lord for what we have and ask ourselves "How can we reach out and touch those in need with hope and love?" He may be calling you to reach out in your community, a disaster relief area or in Africa or other places around the world, for Jesus calls us to do this it is His command!



Wish List:

Bibles: \$8.00 a piece

Donations for Shoe Drive to get the shoes to Kenya

Donations for cement, sand, gravel, doors and windows for new grad dorm.

Sponsors for several LHHS students

Sponsors for new Form 1 students coming in.

Prayers for students graduating.

If you would like to donate to LHHS you can send your donation to: Riverton UMC, P.O. Box 23, Riverton WV 26814 Please earmark the donation for what you are donating the funds to.

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