



November 2020 Newsletter

Covid, Covid, Please Go Away

Living Hope High School still prevails onward as the world is fighting this challenging virus. The form 4 students are in class but the other students have not yet returned. Many graduate students have returned to college classes, but have the haunting reality that they may shut down at a moment's notice. Even in the midst of everything that is going on LHHS continues to teach those who are there and bring love to those who they can.

The school has a team of students along with Pastor Gabriel, Mr. Onala and Carol, (matron) who have been visiting those students who can't come to school yet. Pastor Gabriel brings them the word of God of encouragement while Carol talks with the girls. Everyone is doing well and can't wait for the go ahead to return to school.



Last word was that the students would return to Living Hope on January 4, 2020 after Christmas break. We will pray that this happens.

New Living Hope Manager- Murunga Josephat



Murunga is no stranger to Living Hope High School. Here is his story:

The Drug Deal

Murunga had one dream: to go to High School. He'd worked hard every year in primary school and graduated from 8th Grade with top honors. Despite all he had accomplished; his family was not able to meet the costs for him to attend 9th grade. His mother had passed away and his father had sold all their property to support his drinking habit. Having families and problems of their own, his brothers were also unable to furnish the money he needed. The yearning Murunga had to go to high school did not diminish. He not only longed to attend; he knew he needed to attend to live the successful life he dreamed of. If money was what was standing between Murunga and school, then he would find a way to get the money. With 8th grade graduation behind him and the goal of attending high school in front of him, Murunga became a "Boda Boda"a motorcycle taxi driver. Because he kept his bike clean and in good shape and he never ran out of gas, Murunga built a regular customer base. He worked long hours for little pay. On the rare occasion that he was given a little extra money for the ride, he bought one thing he knew he'd need for school: a pencil, a notebook, a small can of shoe polish. Each precious item was put in his "faith box" hidden beneath his bed. Despite Murunga's hard work and belief that he would one day be a high school student, two years passed. Discouragement began to set in and waiting became almost more than he could bear. One day, a man from the village approached Murunga and offered him the job of being the transporter in a drug deal. It sounded easy. All he had to do was carry a box of drugs, worth more money than Murunga could imagine, from point A to point B. He knew it was wrong, but it was the only way he could see to get the money he needed for school. He decided to take the risk and do it. In preparation for the transport, he drove his motorcycle down to the filling station. As he gassed up, Pastor Martin, a teacher at Living Hope High School, pulled in to the pump right next to Murunga. Both were from the same area so Pastor Martin was well aware of Murunga's family situation. He struck up a conversation with him and as they talked, Pastor Martin told Murunga about Living Hope and that there was one spot left open in the freshman class. The words rang in Murunga's ears and his chest felt tight. After what seemed like an eternity to Murunga, Pastor Martin said the words he longed to hear. He asked him if he'd be interested in filling that spot and become a freshman at Living Hope High School. Without realizing it, Murunga had been holding his breath. As air escaped between his lips, he remembered that the drug deal was

to take place in less than two hours. Once the delivery was completed, he'd be paid a large sum of money: more than he could have ever hoped for! The promise of money did not compare with the desire Murunga had to attend high school. He'd waited so long for this moment to come and so, without hesitation, he accepted. Before they headed off to Living Hope, Murunga had one stop to make. Pastor Martin followed him home. Yes, God works in strange ways. Murunga would have risked everything, even his life, had he completed the drug deal. He hadn't seen any other way until in the eleventh hour God stepped in and saved him. The waiting was over. With hands shaking in excitement, he pulled the cardboard box from under his bed. For two years he'd faithfully collected supplies he knew he'd someday use at school. Once the cargo was loaded on the back of Murunga's motorcycle, the two, teacher and student, began the journey down the road to a brighter future. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Murunga graduated from Living Hope High School in 2013 and did three courses in Tourism management, tour and guiding techniques and sales and marketing. He also did a special unit of financial accounting and worked for a bank for 3 months where he learned management of finances.

At the school he helps manage the finances, checks emails and still is the schools driver. He buys food for the school, and ensures the graduates gets their funds on time. He is a great blessing to Mum Marilyn and the school as well as those on the state side who he promptly answers when questions arise!

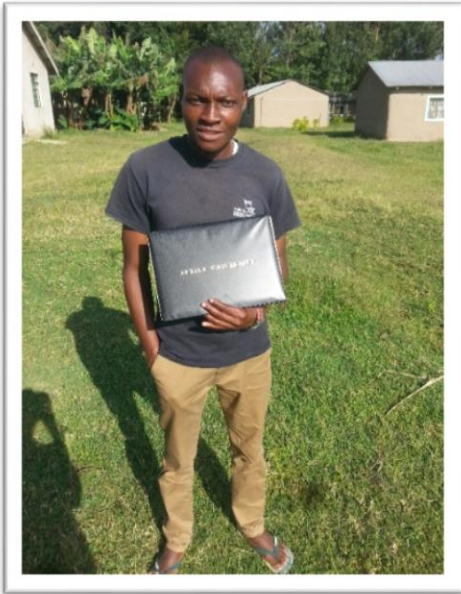
Season for Miracles



It is with tears of joy that I share this story of how God blesses His people. We have been blessed to travel to Kenya twice, bringing much needed medical supplies generously donated by Winchester Medical Center. Winchester Va. Last year we also brought 2 AED's which my husband purchased through a generous private donation. John Kariuki Tharuba (pictured) heads up I Care First Aid and recently shared stories of the impact of these supplies. He is holding the newborn of a woman who was in a horrific car accident, presumed dead but revived when he arrived with the AED!! Both are recovering! It is amazing how God worked to allow us to share our time and resources with His people on the other side of the world. We prayerfully look forward to God making a way for us to return to reunite with our friends, our family in Christ!!

By-Roseanne Marie Dudek Rhinehart

You just never know how the supplies you take on Mission Journeys will help those when you leave! Praise the Lord the equipment was there for just a time as this!



Rodgers Wabwile- African University Graduate from LHHS

I'm writing to express my sincere thanks to everyone that supported me during my time at African University. I'm honoring the WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE for standing with me. I successfully completed my Degree with a Second Class Upper division. I'm so grateful.

Rogers is now in the application process to get his Master's Degree.

He is such a nice young man who is always smiling and helping others. He also is a great dancer! We are so proud of him!

Sponsors Needed

There are still students in form one who need sponsoring. Look on our UNSPONSORED STUDENT list on the Living Hope website- Livinghopehighschool.org and pick the one that the Lord may be directing you to sponsor. Each student has a bio and picture of themselves. The school will send you all of the introductory contact information once you let us know the student that you would like to sponsor. We strongly encourage direct communication between sponsors and their students. We'll explore with you how to donate your sponsorship and how to write your students either email or mail. There are also college students who are in need of a sponsor.

What it means to be a Sponsor

Each Month there will be a sponsor who will share what it means to them to sponsor a student. Please send your thoughts to Sandy Binotto- yashe4jc@hotmail.com if you would like to share your story



I had the privilege of knowing my student, Silvia Boliva, personally. She was the only girl with ten guys in my folk dancing class while we were at LHHS in 2015 on the Volunteer in Mission team. She had no problem managing those guys and actually helped me organize them to learn the dances. I was impressed with her maturity and confidence in herself to set goals and have dreams. We also had a great visit the next year when I returned with the team again to Living Hope. I decided to help her with her college education at Kenya University. She majored in media communications and would have graduated this past August until Covid 19 shut down everything and halted her attachment before graduation. She is now working at a local radio/TV station and hopes to graduate in December. She has been accepted at the University of Dublin in Ireland to complete a Master's

degree, and hopes she can pursue those plans next year or when the pandemic is over. I am so very proud of Silvia and it has been a pleasure for me to help support her financially, as well as, provide some encouragement as we communicate via email. Silvia is not only my student, but my friend, and I wish her well as she pursues a career in the communication field. - Diann Hayes

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Stephen Bukhebi

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Tobias Sibolos



Above is a list of those who work at Living Hope High School. Some live on Campus and some don't. They work very hard to keep the school running smoothly and are family to the students. Please keep them in your prayers as they are special people and love Living Hope.



Dear Friends and Sponsors of Living Hope High School,

After many dedicated hours of work and with many hours of prayer, God has once again proven himself. I have found a replacement for my position with Living Hope High School as the U.S Coordinator. Sandy Binotto has graciously accepted the position. I will continue to mentor her until she has it all figured out. I know she will do a phenomenal job as the U.S. Coordinator. Her technology skills are way beyond my comfort level and will prove to be a huge benefit in coordinating everything thousands of miles away and here within the state. Sandy and Lavonne have been in contact with each throughout the years and have a strong line of communication.

It will be much easier for Sandy to communicate with Marilyn, as she has a new assistant, too, whom is tech savvy.

I am saddened to give up this responsibility, but after 12 years the time has come. I just am not efficient in doing the job anymore. It has been a blessing. It has brought me closer to God and closer to Marilyn. I plan on staying involved by first sponsoring a senior this year, and I will continue mailing student letters for some time.

I'll miss your phone calls and correspondence regarding Living Hope.

Here moving forward please direct all questions, concerns, praises to Sandy Binotto. She will be handling the sponsors and speaking engagements. Her contact information is:

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In Christ and Lots of Love,
Helen Markwell

We thank God for all of our blessings as we celebrated Thanksgiving here in America. Now the season of Advent is upon us and soon we will be celebrating Christmas. If you would like to send a letter to your sponsored student you can send it to Mum Marilyn at marilynkuhl59@gmail.com. Once they get it they will print it out and make sure the student receives it. Please put in the **Subject** area of your email, letter for your sponsored student with their name. You can also send them a monetary gift to Riverton UMC, P.O. box 23, Riverton, WV 26814. Make sure you earmark who it is for. LaVonne- U.S. treasurer wires the funds to Living Hope around the 15th of the month.



Prayer List:

- That School will resume in January 2021
- Students needing sponsored will receive one
- Marilyn will be in good health as well as those who work at the school
- Hedge of protection will be around the school
- Healing/recovery for Helen Markwell for she fell and broke her back in two places this past week.

U.S. Coordinator/ Mission Team Leader and Newsletter

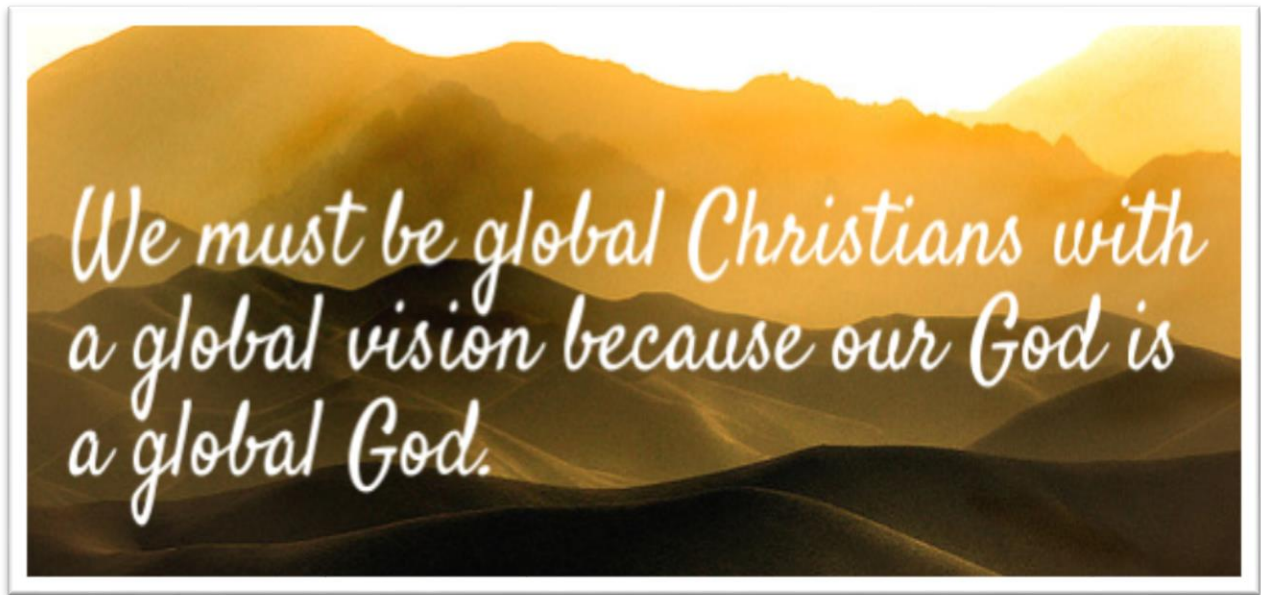
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Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."