



Newsletter April/May 2022

Graduation

The 2022 Spring term of Form 4's have graduated. They have worked really hard to get to where they are. Covid really put a damper on many things but they went onward and prevailed. They now pray that the Lord will lead them to the career that he had laid out for them. A big thanks to all of the sponsors who helped them make their dream come true of graduating and getting a high school education.



Bhailey Migiro Omwange
Johny Kwata Wafula
Brenda Nekesa Simiyu
Isaiah Wanuama Wanjala
Amos Wafula Kundu
Eugene Mangeni Wiraka
Farithi Tiema Kabangaba
Brian Simiyu Wafula
Phanice Nasimiyu Barasa
Joy Nasambu Nyongesa
Evans Wangila Wasike
Jamillah Nekoye Wekesa
Dynitias Masinde Wanjala
Britney Rodah

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Immaculate Naliaka Wekes
Elca Nabwile Wanami
Briton Wambilianga
Betty Nasimiyu Maskia
Bensteve Wanjala
Dasha Ashlyne Waliupus
James Rabilo
Joan Nanyama Simiyu
Yvette Prisca Barasa
Evans Wakhumicha Simiyu
Samwel Wekesa Wakoli

The New Students

The new students have arrived and been busy getting settled in their new environment of living at the school. They are so happy to be there and to get a good education. They come from many places and with so many stories of challenges and struggles.

They can now rest assured that they will have a group of people they can call family and who loves them. A bed to sleep in and 3 meals a day.

The new students bios will be on the website soon, so anyone interested in being a sponsor can read their stories, or you can contact Sandy Binotto who has them.

At the moment we have 37 students who need sponsoring, 21 New Form ones- 4 year sponsorship and 8 students from form 3 with 2 more added which makes 10 form 3's a two year sponsorship and 6 Form 4's a one year sponsorship.

We are praying that we can find 37 churches, individuals or groups that would take on this blessing to sponsor a student, I leave you with this little story!

What a joy it would be when you go to Heaven and you have a person come up to you and say, "You probably don't remember me, but you gave funds so I could attend a school where I was fed and had a bed to sleep on, received a good education and they taught me about Jesus!", "I am only here because you did it for me and I thank you!"

Here are a few pictures of some of the students needing sponsorship. Smiles tell how happy they are to be at Living Hope!



Then and Now

The school has been very busy with the Bamboo field and Bee garden. They had their first Bee Invitation!



The Gate got a new paint job!



Field ready to grow and produce!



Path to Bee Garden



The rains came the bamboo and crops are growing



The space is filling out and becoming beautiful.

They have harvested greens twice and will pick the third batch soon then harvest, the next day, then clean the field, and the next day they plant continually. Last week they planted onion plants and next they will plant spinach.

They are all praying for the garden and the crops, we ask that you pray to for a good harvest. They need everything to do well. It takes an amazing amount of food to feed 110 students, 12 teachers' and 12 support staff. The prices of all food and in fact everything is getting higher every day. They are praising the Lord for the rain and for the crops growing!

Oakdale Dorm Gets a Facelift

The Health Dept. issued that the floors in the dorms had to be cemented. That helps to secure the students from getting jiggers. A jigger is a small parasitic flea that burrows into the skin of a warm-blooded host before laying eggs. They generally attack feet or hands. At first, the jigger appears as a small black dot on the skin. As the female's abdomen fills with blood and eggs, a bump forms underneath the skin, which is often painful and itchy and makes walking incredibly difficult.

With her back end still sticking out of the host's body, the female releases her eggs then eventually dies. But did you know? Only female jiggers burrow into the skin. If left untreated, jiggers can lead to deadly secondary infections or even amputation. People suffering with jiggers usually attempt to remove them with safety pins, thorns, or other sharp, and often unsanitary, objects.

Thanks to donors who donated so that each dorm is getting new floors that will prevent this from happening. The interior walls were removed to give more space in each dorm and making it a more spacious place for the students to reside. Hopefully soon all the dorms will have this done.



School Term Changing

The Form 4 students will be graduating in December 2022 this year. The Government wants to go back to the way it was before Covid. Starting in January 2023 with the new term. If you have a form 4 student remember you will have to pay for their computer class of \$60.00 which is mandated and \$100.00 for test fees which is \$160.00 due before they graduate. Just a reminder.

School Needs

There are always repairs, or something that needs built or updating when you run a school!

Donations always appreciated for any of these items.

Some of the needs right now are:

New iron sheet on Elgonview Dorm, It needs new roof.

Expand boys shower.

New boy's latrine-where they go to bathroom

Fence repair – around Elgonview Dorm

Solar lanterns.

Batteries.

Rebuild jikos (stove they build fire underneath to cook food for the school in the kitchen).

Sammy

Sammy is getting closer to coming to America. He is just waiting for his Visa appointment in Nairobi. As for any trip of this caliber there is always cost involved. He is in need of some more funding to make sure he gets to Kentucky in time to start his classes at Berea College. If anyone would like to help him, please send in your donations to Riverton, UMC P.O. Box 23, Riverton, WV 26814 and earmark it for Sammy. He will be staying with a few past team members and speaking at several churches before he needs to be in college. I will let everyone know where he will be once he gets here. Please continue to keep him and those working out all the details in your prayers.

Mission Team to Kenya



After Prayer and a sermon from my pastor that tugged at my heart, I decided to lead a team to Living Hope High School in January 2023. The dates are, leaving from Wash/Dulles airport on January 22, 2023 and returning home February 8, 2023. I am still working on the budget for the trip and will have it in place as soon as I hear back from those in Kenya who I am working with. Airfare to get there as of today was a really good price, but as you know airfares can change like the wind. So if you might be interested please contact me at yashe4jc@hotmail.com or call 304-839-1505. Team size will be 10 and there are 6 spaces open at this time. It will be on a first come basis. You will have to have an updated passport with at least 6 months left on it, get some shots and fill out paperwork. We will have several team meetings and if you live at a distance

we will connect through Zoom. While at Living Hope we will work around the school, doing what is needed and then in the afternoons we will do workshops with the students. If you sponsor a student we also try to make plans for you to visit the student's family. Before coming home, we plan to go on a Safari to Masai Mara national game reserve. It is always a life changing experience.

Reminder to please send all donations, sponsorship fees to Riverton UMC, P.O. Box 23, Riverton, WV 26814

Also send your letters or items to your student to Living Hope High School. Address on top of 1st. page. You can also scan them to the school at

Marilynkuhl59@gmail.com. They will print them out and give them to the students.

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“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58