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Living Hope- United Women of Faith Visit

September 10, 2022 Helen Markwell and several past team members had the opportunity to share about their experience visiting Living Hope High School. Those present were, Sandy Binotto- U.S. coordinator to the school, her husband Paul, Jane Arnold, Pastor Larry Anderson and Debbie Seldomridge. Each had a time to share their love for the school, the students and the work that is being done there, to bring Hope to those who attend.



It is always a great blessing to gather together with those who have a heart for a Mission Program that is changing lives. Stories shared and Love for a God who calls us to serve. It was a good day to be together. A story follows of Jane Arnold sharing her Living Hope experience in 2015.

Before going on a Mission team you need to, prepare your MIND, BODY, and HEART!



Kenya and Living Hope- 2015

Working Together to Share God's Love- Jane Arnold

“Go Ye, therefore into all the world”. How often we've heard these words, or a variant of them. Did I think that I would go into any other part of this world, at the Call of God? But then one fine day Helen Markwell called, and next thing I knew I was asking Andy (my husband) what he would think if I said I had been asked to consider going to Kenya. He just said “When?”

So as many of you know, I went. I went primarily as a musician, to form and to lead a choir, with another dear lady Connie Damon. What fun we had, choosing songs. And of course there was the keyboard. It was big! And heavy! And arrived safely, along with suitcases of shoes and sheets, and so many other items for the students and the school.

Seriously, I don't believe I ever really thought about what it meant for me to be going, at least from the perspective of working together to be sharing God's love. I certainly didn't think of myself as a missionary. What do you think of as a definition of that word-Missionary? The first and most common definition is a person sent on a religious mission”, it was until the second one that religion was mentioned! Military and scientific came first.

As I looked at a longer definition for missionary, I found this “a person sent to propagate religion or to do educational or charitable work in some foreign country or region.

Well I certainly hadn't considered that I was on a religious mission, though of course in some ways I suppose that's a valid description. Education seems to fit a bit better for me. What I was doing mostly was sharing, sharing my love of song, my gift of being able to sing and especially to sing of, about and to God.

What I found however, was so much more. It seems to me that when we think about sharing God's love, we very often think that we must do the sharing. It seems sometimes rather one-sided. We are to give away what we have. We maybe don't stop to think about what we may be receiving. Sharing, like a good conversation, is a two sided interaction. We give, and receive; it is a together thing, isn't it?

Sharing God's love, for me is sharing **in** as well as a sharing **of**. In song, in music, we listen as well as sing or play. Music really is a together thing. When we arrived at Living Hope H.S. the keyboard had to be set up and powered up. That did not go smoothly. We burned up one power source. But oh my goodness. Right away, one of the young men went and found another, and had it all powered up and then he just started playing! And he played whatever came into his heart. Those young men could (and did) play for hours! Just as they danced one night for hours. Such joy, such enthusiasm, such *sharing* of God's love that was held so deeply in their hearts.

It still humbles me to think of all that they shared with me, so freely, so joyfully. The young men and women at Living Hope, and all the people we met in Bungoma or Nairobi or wherever we traveled, shared with us what they had, sometimes maybe just a smile or a look of interest. But even that is a work of sharing God's love. For we know that God first loved us, and that is the love we share out to the world by word and action, through song and music and the gift of ourselves.

Together across a table, across cultures, we share. We share what we know of the God who loves us, and loves all of His creation. Sharing can and I think should be a most calm and gentle way of loving people into the knowledge of love of God that we have found in our lives. Together as we share, we grow, and differences can become connections. I was called once to go and share in places and ways I never dreamt of. But so many who have gone will say “I found, I received, much more than I gave.



A Story of Forgiveness and Starting Over

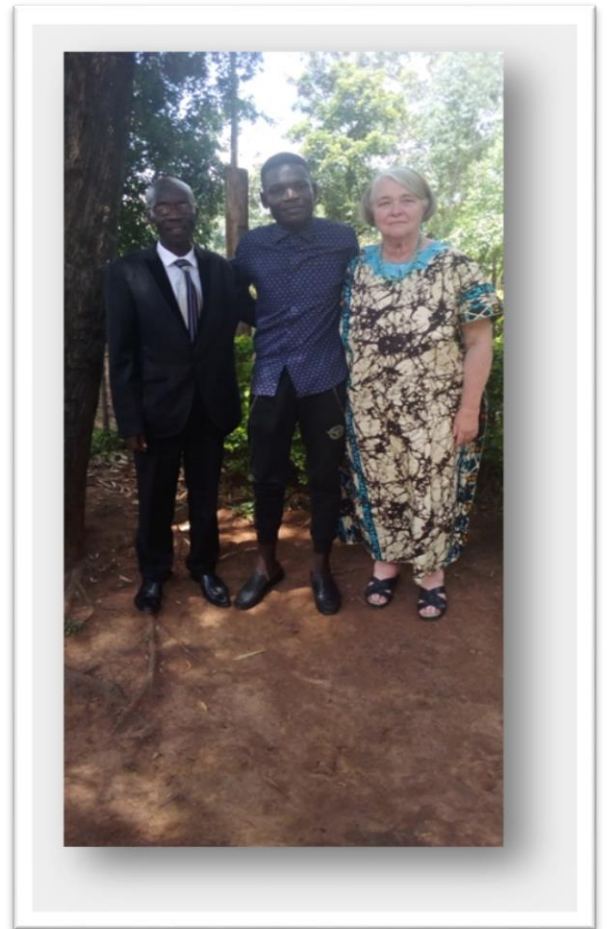
We all have those times in our life when we get off track and fall from Grace. Thank-goodness that we have a loving Christ that forgives as well as people who give us another chance. Sandy B.

Ephesians 1:6-7 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.....

Yesterday we had a great day. Morphat Wamalwa came back last week, and begged forgiveness and he said he was ready to try it again and this time he will work hard in college. He went to St Mary's Medical School and talked to counselor and he is waiting for his acceptance letter. He will have to start medical school all over again, which is ok. That is what he needs to do. He is excited to get started again. His school begins on September 26th and he will have to go a few days early to set up his house. Thank goodness his sponsors gave him a second chance.

From now until the time he leaves in the next two weeks, he is going to work with Catherine, the nurse, and get back in the groove of being a doctor. He is going to work on all things he needs to begin college. Any extra time that he has, he is going to help in the garden. Today he helped run the Sunday service and really is working on his relationship with God, PRAY FOR HIM!

Marylin



Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

The Christian Union of Living Hope

The Christian Union of Living Hope had their induction service for the new CU leaders. They used the offerings from last year as their gifts to pay for a lovely dinner.

They prayed for the new leaders for God to give them Wisdom courage perseverance and guidance for the communion. The Christian Union is very important at our School; they help keep God in our decision and help students stay on truck. The new officers will be working in these positions until this time next year. God bless them.

The new CU leaders are;

Chairperson- Edwin Kerre

Chair Lady- Shamillah Sakwa

Secretary – Diana Maende

Treasurer- Trizer Masinde

Organizing Secretaries- Kevin Okumu

Zuhuriah Amasomo

Praise and Worship- Purity Nyongesa

Theme Leaders- Sharline Amana

Intercessories - Debaorah Wanyama

Collins Mukhongo

Instrumentalist- Brian Juma F3

Brian Kilwauke F2

Ushers - Lauren Kulim

Brenda Nyongesa

Joy Wabomba

Peter Mulati

Evans Simiyu

Prayer House- Billy Peter

Esther Wanyama

Caretaker- Sharon Wekesa

Bible Study coordinator- Elizabeth Muyoma

Class Pastor - Miriam Naliaka F1

Victorious Wekesa F2

Flavian Braka F3

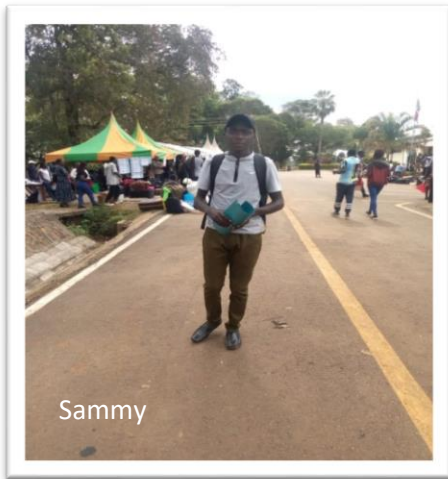
Sandrah Kituyi F4



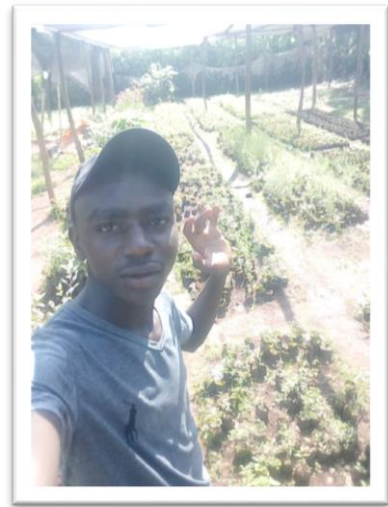
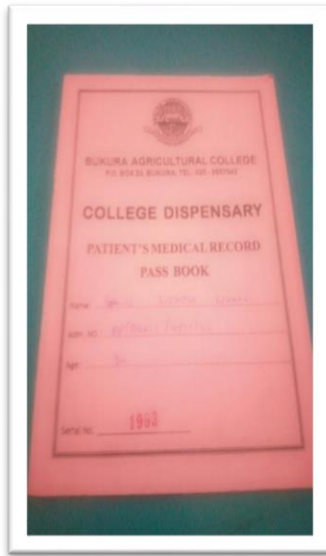
Sammy Wakoli Update

Sammy has been at Living Hope High school for a long time and is always ready to help with anything you need. He has been a big part of the family of Living Hope. Along the way he has had several sponsors. After graduation his sponsor Jenny Williams, and a co-sponsor the Ries's helped him get accepted into Berea College in Kentucky and he was supposed to start this fall. But due to not being able to get a visa, all the plans got changed. He now is deferred until next year. That did not keep him from his dreams of college. After many emails, texts and perseverance, Sammy is now enrolled in the Forestry School in Bukura, Kenya. He has always had a passion for Forestry, he loves planting and learning about creation.

He is so happy to be at the Forestry School after not getting a visa and excited that he now has medical help if needed. We all encouraged him to persevere and wait upon the Lord for direction and wisdom. A big thanks goes out to his sponsors who had faith in him and who wanted to see him flourish and do well giving him Hope and seeing a dream come true!



Sammy



Construction Update

Nick, the boys and the construction team have been working on the 5th dorm. They are ready to plaster and paint and put the last smooth layer on the floor. It will be great to have one more done. The kids are on Break until Sept 26th and we hope to have it done and out it back together by the time they come back.



Bee Update

The bees have had some challenges as they were attacked by the geckos so we are putting in place some preventive measures. We hope someday they will have some honey to sell and profits will buy some other hives. We are ordering some bee equipment to help keep the kids safe and make bee project more attraction and it's a donation from Caster Mtwale.

The bamboo update

The bamboos are growing great. They have 25 large leaf bamboos that are 4-5 feet tall and 40 small leaf bamboo which are 3 feet tall. It will be another two years before we can harvest.

Garden update

The bee garden is looking good, some of the flowers are over and some are just starting to kick in, the bees seem to be happy.





A big Thank-you to all who donated to make this garden and bee program a reality!



Student update

The students grades have slipped and they are working extra hard to catch up. The form 4s who should be on break now are having extra classes. They are behind because they had to take off 10 days for the Presidential elections. Malaria is still a big problem too and they have 2- 4 cases every day. Catherine is working hard to keep everybody well.

Graduate update

1. Sammy Wakoli – is at Bukura Agricultural College studying Forestry.
2. Morphat Wamalwa- starts medical School at St Mary's next week
3. Dynitias Wanjala- is studying Commerce at Kaimos University
4. Farith Tiema- is at Moi Studying special Needs
5. Immaculate Wekesa is at Kirinyaga University studying nursing
6. John Kwata- studying Actuarial Science in Jomo Kenyata University
7. Eugene Wiraka- Studying biotechnology in Maseno.

Sponsorship

Living Hope is still in need of sponsorship for quite a few students, and if anyone is interested please check out our website: Livinghopehighschool.org, go to the sponsorship page and look over the students that still need sponsorship. Once you choose one you can then email Sandy Binotto and she will send you information about what you will need to take a student or answer any questions you may have. If you can't do it as an individual, you can sponsor as a group.

PTA Fees- Parent Teacher Fees

These are Parent Fees that are to be paid to the school by the parent of the students. Sponsors are not required to pay them.

They are for: Field Trips, Speaker fees, some special events for the year. If you have any questions, please contact, Sandy Binotto or LaVonne Hammett.



Kenya Gets a New President

Mr. William Samoei Arap Ruto, 55, was named Kenya's new president. If you would like to read about him you can go to: <https://nairametrics.com/2022/08/16/meet-kenyas-new-president-elect-william-samoei-arap-ruto/> I pray he will keep his promises and do a good job as the President of Kenya.

Prayers

- Please continue to pray for the school and the students, teachers and staff. It takes a team to keep it running and maintained. Also for those in the U.S. who work with Living Hope and keep things running.
- Pray for the students who need sponsorship
- For the next graduating class in December 2022.
- For the January 2023 team who will be traveling to the school, to teach, work on projects and learn about Living Hope High School
- For continued health for the school, Marilyn- School Director, students and staff.
- For a Mission Volunteer to be touched by the Holy Spirit to journey to Kenya and to help out. Sandy is working with the Mission Volunteer Program to make this happen.

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