



January, 2016

2015 was a truly amazing year in our ministry, which was abundantly blessed. As a friend, donor or prayer supporter of Hope Africa Ministries, we are excited to provide you with an update on developments.

Hope Educational Centre - What a year it has been for the school! We have purchased the land and through partnership with Christ Church construction is well underway and part of the school will be used when the next term opens later this month. We have an ambitious fundraising goal of \$150,000 US (as you can see from the enclosed information), but meeting it will allow for a new building with previously unachievable things like electricity, doors and windows! The kids will not know what to do, and the community is excited about the prospects of being able to use the building for community meetings and training.

Speaking of the kids, we currently have 278 students and we had our first group in Standard 8, their last year at HEC. We recently received the results from the national testing of all Standard 8 students and are pleased to report that all of ours scored in the top 20% nationally! Our average score of 349.30 was over 100 points higher than the national average for private schools. Most secondary schools in Kenya are boarding schools and the families of our students cannot afford that cost (it costs approximately \$7,000 US for one student to attend four years of secondary education). We are working on finding or providing scholarships to allow some of them to continue their education.

Mumomatei - Hope Africa continues to be involved in Pastor Gideon's Mumomatei project. As you may recall, this project is focused on serving some of the HIV-positive population in the slums of Nairobi (primarily Mathare and Dandora). In addition to visiting, encouraging, supporting the clients in prayer, and sometimes providing them with food, medicine, clothes or small amounts of money, a series of micro-finance projects have helped to create income-generating opportunities including a chicken hatchery, making clothing and hairstyling. It is inspiring to see people struggling with disease and deplorable conditions come up with business ideas and plans to better their situation.

Health Ministries - Finally, we and our partners continue to focus on basic health issues. Through the generosity of one such partner, the students and teachers at HEC receive regular visits and examinations from medical professionals. When health problems have been discovered that call for a higher level of treatment than they can provide on-site, we have supported students and their families in traveling to hospitals in other cities to receive medical treatment. With help from another partner, we have

even sponsored lectures in local communities to train and inform people on basic preventative health care and health issues.

We are blessed to be able to serve in these and countless other ways. And we look forward to learning what else is in store as we constantly seek guidance through prayer. We appreciate all that you have done to support these projects, from financial donations, to support through prayer, to those of you that have been able to make the trip and join us in Kenya.

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to invite you to continue to financially support the work that Hope Africa is doing. We highlighted several issues above and have also enclosed information about our Help Build Hope campaign. If you feel called to give, you can send donations by check to the address below, or you may donate online via PayPal through our website - www.hopeafricaministries.org.

We wish all of you a very successful 2016!

Roberta M. Peterson, President

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Charles A. Jones, Vice President

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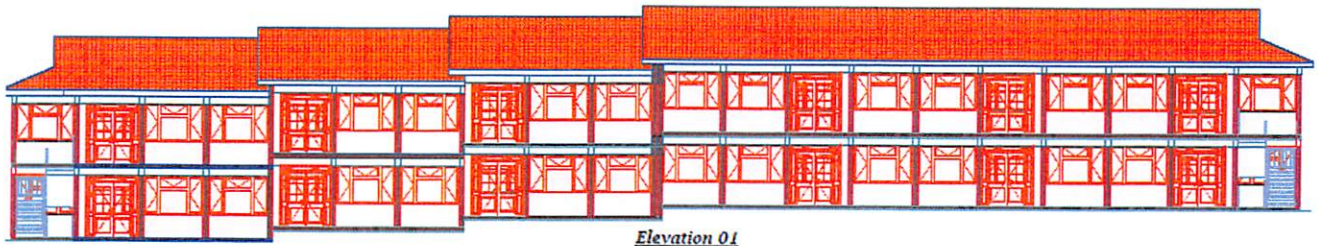


Help Build Hope

The land is ours and the construction has begun! But, there is a long way to go before we will have the type of facility that is appropriate for educating the children of Sakwa and to serve as a community center for meetings and training sessions for the community at large. Below is the architect's rendition of what we are building - but you can probably only really understand how wonderful this will be if you have visited Hope Educational Centre in its current state (or the one before that!). The construction estimate is approximately \$135,000. Based on this, our goal is to raise \$150,000 to account for contingencies, the cost of inspections and other currently unforeseen expenses. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, and significant monetary contributions from our partner, Christ Church - we are well on the way. However, we need your help. Since the total cost seems so daunting, we have broken it down into some smaller bites:

Donate Funds to Purchase and Install a Door:	\$200
Donate Funds to Build an Exterior Wall:	\$375
Donate Funds to Purchase and Install a Window:	\$500
Donate Funds to Build an Interior Wall:	\$1,500
Donate Funds to Build the Toilets (Outhouse):	\$5,000

Of course donations in any amount are very much appreciated and will be put to use in Helping to Build Hope! Donations may be made by check to Hope Africa Ministries at 9355 Davis Drive, Lorton, VA 22079 or via PayPal at our website - www.hopeafricaministries.org.



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