

# Creation of Hope

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## Merry Christmas

The greatest gift you will ever receive will never be found under a Christmas tree. It is far too valuable to be stored in any other place but in the depths of your heart. - Anonymous

## Willi Graduates

We wish to congratulate our successful graduates from university and colleges this December. We will provide a complete list of graduates and their programs in 2019. Here is information about one named Willie:

Eric and I first visited Willie at this grandparents' homestead high up at the top of a hill footpath, back in 2008. Willi has always been bright, verbal and friendly - with the biggest smile.

Over ten years later and after a sustained effort at school, Willi has just graduated from Masai Technical Institute with a three year certificate in Supply Chain Management. We wish him the best of luck as he searches for employment and settles into his independent life style. We thank the caring sponsors who have supported him over so many years.

Upon graduation Willi sent this thank you poster that he created to the Hope Staff. It shows how much Hope has meant to him:



Our daughter Julia & Willi in 2010



### Thank You

Thanks Manager Ruth. (Sush)  
(This means grandmother)

Our dearest patron, the best Uncle for me in the world.  
(This is Danson Kioko, Ruth's son and program patron)

Aunty Redempta you make me strong.  
(Program staff)

Accounts Officer Mr. Makumbi for being my hotline number, my best still.

Thank you so much HDC.  
My life story body is centered in HDC.  
My Thank you note.  
Willie

## Christmas Gathering

We wish to thank all the sponsors and donors who have contributed generously to the Christmas party. The gathering will be held at Hope Development Center this year on December 15th and will include gifts of new clothes for the orphans, loot bags of necessities and treats and a big meal for all. For the guardians and grandparents of these orphans, it is one of the few times in the year that they are served a meal and given an opportunity to socialize and relax. It is a special time for all and we are so happy to be able to make this happen.

On behalf of the Creation of Hope team in Kenya and in Canada, we wish to thank you for your ongoing support and generosity and to wish you a blessed holiday season and a healthy and a peaceful New Year. Together as a group of caring contributors we have been able to create a powerful impact of care and support to so many disadvantaged in the Kenyan community that we serve. Thank you and may God bless.



*Merry Christmas to our partners in service.*

### It's Not Too Late!

Missed out on sending a Christmas greeting to Creation of Hope? It's not too late. Send your email by Friday, December 14th and we'll get it to them in time for the party on December 15th.

Emails can be sent to [sponsorship@hopestory.ca](mailto:sponsorship@hopestory.ca)

## Happy 2019

January is the start of the new school year in Kenya. Students will be receiving the results of their national exams - the KCPE exams - for both Standard 8 and Form 4 and will be finding out about what options are available for them for high school placements or college or university openings. There are limited choices offered in each case.

Post secondary students with marks less than 250 will be offered college spaces; over 250 might have university opportunities. We send students off to post-secondary with dormitory supplies including mattresses and bedding and gently used school computers or phones that are required for their studies. In other words, there is a lot to supply.



*Grade 8's off to school*

Those starting high school will be offered placements from national level (for highest marks) to local schools and students must bring their own mattresses, bedding, washbasins and academic supplies. The accompanying picture says it all!

If you have questions please feel free to contact Ruth in Kenya, Eric or Anita. It is always helpful to be informed about what is happening for the student you are supporting. We will also be sending out the school placement information as it becomes available in 2019.



Thank you Welo for the bore hole!



Thank you Paris Baptist Church!

## WATER IS THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT

We are so grateful that we are able to report to that the bore hole dig has been very successful and we are able to access clean, fresh, plentiful water. The depth of the bore hole is 160 meters which translates to 525 feet - the height of a 50 story building!

Recently Ruth wrote to me:

“You need to report that we have plenty water, very clean water. In fact, it is good enough to bottle and sell. We just received the report.”

Once again, we want to extend sincere thanks to the donors who contributed to this project and to WELO in particular, for their ongoing contributions to the cost of the bore hole. Water gives life.

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