

Hope's Promise Kenya

Sanctuary of Hope

February 2010 update



SoH #1 children wearing gifts from nurses in Montana

2009 in Review

Jan: Marjorie Ewing (volunteer) and Colleen Briggs (HP staff) visited SoH to provide training on attachment and to discuss the development of a self-sufficiency project with Kenyan staff and Brian & Debbie Lee (volunteers).

June: Diana, beloved SoH #2 cook, passed away suddenly from cancer.

June: A team from church partner Calvary Worship Center visited SoH.

Aug: Dave Briggs (HP board member) visited Kenya with a team from partner church Great Exchange to provide training on child development and forming a Kenyan board. Dave also conducted an internal audit.

Aug: The SoH #2 children started school after being home-schooled since their arrivals.

Sept: Pastor and Mama Karau visited many ministry friends in CO, OR, WY, MT, NC, and CA (all in four weeks!)

Oct—Dec: A team from US ministry Servant Partners lived and served at SoH #2.

March 2010 Missions Team

Please pray for a Hope's Promise missions team headed to Kenya in March, comprised of members from Rock Creek Church of Louisville and Hope's Promise child sponsors and ministry partners.



A web of hearts that care

What is truly amazing about the SoH ministry is that, from the very beginning, it has been about a vast web of people who have witnessed or heard about the suffering of children in Mathare Valley and collectively said with the heart of God, "Enough!" An intricate network of people, evident in the 2009 in Review column to the left, including churches, friends, and friends of friends have faithfully stood with the ministry in heart, prayer, and generosity of resources. Hope's Promise staff members in Kenya and the US are deeply honored to serve alongside YOU, the world-wide body of Christ rising up on behalf of children so precious to Him.

Self-Sufficiency Project

The US economic downturn has certainly affected the Hope's Promise Kenya/SoH ministry as we project a \$3000/month shortfall for SoH #2 alone in 2010. However, it has also sparked creativity and new vision for self sufficiency, a core value of Hope's Promise. The development of a Kenyan self-sufficiency project has been on the radar from the beginning with the sales of Taraja items, jewelry and textile products made by HIV+ women of Mathare Worship Centre and sold to generate income for the women and funding for SoH (about \$10,000 has been contributed to SoH in the last four years from US sales.) HP staff and volunteers are collaborating to expand the income earning potential of Taraja in 2010. Steve Karau was hired in February to research and lay the foundation for larger impact, possibly including a guest house along with workspace for the current Taraja project. Please pray with us for God's wisdom and direction as we pursue His plans. To learn more, please visit www.hopespromise.com and type "Taraja" in the search tab.

2010 Funding

Please pray for God's continued provision for SoH #1 and #2. The greatest financial need of 2010 is committed monthly donors for budget categories such as rent, staff salaries, utilities, etc. For more information, please contact Lorie at Hope's Promise at 303-660-0277 or colleen@hopespromise.com.

SoH #3

HP partners, from a church in WY to InterVarsity students in MT, continue to dream of SoH #3. Please pray for SoH #1 and #2 funding to strengthen and for fundraising efforts of ministry partners so that plans can move forward to welcome ten more children home.