

# *Joining Hearts and Hands*

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*Fall 2022*



**Providing Education from Birth through High School**

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**Please Give Today!**

Our tradition is to give gifts on special occasions to let others know we love them and that we are thinking about them. Many times the gift is not needed, but simply a sign of our love. Why not give a gift in the name of your loved one or friend.

**What better way to express your love than to help save a child in Africa?**

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Books @ \$50
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water Projects @ \$200
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships @ \$500 per year (4 years)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Clinic @ \$100
- \_\_\_\_\_ Build Classroom @ 10,000
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donation (Undesignated)

**Tear off this page and send your donations to:**

**Joining Hearts and Hands  
601 23rd PL SW  
Vero Beach, FL 32962**

**Make checks payable to Joining Hearts and Hands**

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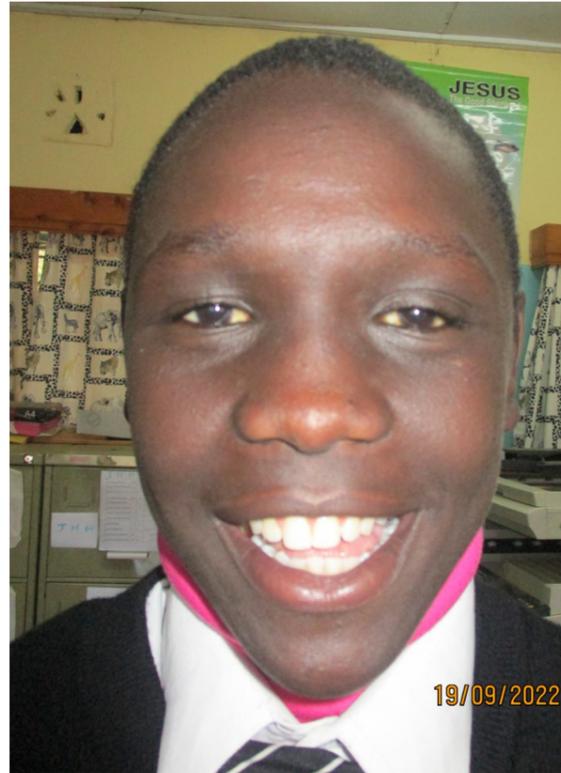
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## Education is Our Primary Mission **Sponsor a Student Today!**

JHH is sponsoring over 225 Students!



**Chrispine Murangiri** is studying hard this semester and enjoying playing football (soccer).

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**Wycliffe Mutuma** is a prefect at his high school.

**Here is what only \$500 per year provides:**

- ◆ A full year of High School Education
- ◆ Educational Supplies
- ◆ A life with hope!

**Don't Delay! You can send a check or pay on line at [www.joiningheartsandhands.org](http://www.joiningheartsandhands.org)**



**Mary Wanjiru Kimani** is doing well this term and has joined the Red Cross Club which helps those who have been injured.

# Jacob Xavier Ochieng'

In 2009 Joining Hearts and Hands built the elementary school, Hannah's Hope. One of those kindergarten students was Jacob Xavier Ochieng. Throughout the years, JHH sponsored many scholarships to children so that they could attend. Jacob was one of them. As you can see from the photo to the right taken this past August he has become a handsome young high school student.

Jacob is the third born of a family of six children (3 boys and 3 girls). His oldest brother just finished high school and is attending Kisii University. A sister is in grade 11 in a nearby school and he has two younger siblings attending Kobeto Primary School. Finally, there is a one-month old baby brother.

Joining Hearts and Hands currently sponsors Jacob's high school education at Wang'apala High School. He is now in his second year. (Grade 10). He performs well and is in the top half of his class.



Jacob in August of 2022

In September Jacob was on a motorbike taxi (piki piki) returning from his high school back to his hometown for the semester break. The piki piki is the cheapest transportation available. There was a traffic accident and Jacob was seriously injured. We were made aware of the accident by the former principal of Hannah's Hope, **Modesta Atieno**, who is the most compassionate person we know. She is constantly taking care of children who went to her school long after they have left her charge. As Jacob's family could not afford medical treatment, Joining Hearts and Hands came to the family's aid. Our first step was to contact our long-time friend and Kisumu, **Kenya Lions club** member **Bharat Thakrar**. Bharat was responsible for introducing us to the Sabatia Eye Hospital almost 10 years ago. As a result of that meeting, Joining Hearts and Hands was able to hold 6 eye clinics where we provided over 500 cataract surgeries, countless pairs of eyeglasses and in some cases, unique surgeries. Bharat was a great help getting us to the right people.



Jacob was a member of this kindergarten class



Modesta Atieno taking Jacob to the hospital



Lions Club's Bharat Thakrar

We then sent Jacob to Sabatia Eye Hospital. The doctors there determined that he needed to have a CT scan as they suspected broken bones in his face and this was beyond the capacity of the eye hospital. We then sent Jacob to Maxcure Hospital in Kisumu where he was diagnosed with multiple fractures of the eye socket and face along with antero-lateral soft tissue oedema (fluid swelling). In order to be treated, he had to be transported to Eldoret, Kenya, a three-hour journey by public transportation.

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## Jacob's Road to Recovery

The photo on the right shows what Jacob looked like right after the accident. He is so dedicated to school that we had a hard time getting him to the hospital for surgery.

The moral of our story about Jacob is that providing an



Jacob shortly after the accident

education is one element of our work but caring for the individual is paramount. Without the assistance of so many compassionate people, Jacob's fate would have been much different, with a potential loss of eyesight and permanent disfigurement.



Jacob getting an MRI in Kisumu



Jacob after surgery—Modesta on the Left



Jacob today—A long road ahead



Jacob returning to school

## 7 Help us Rebuild Mang'uliro



**Mang'uliro student writing a letter to her Joining Hearts and Hands Pen Pal in the U.S.**

In 2018 Joining Hearts and Hands renovated a dilapidated classroom at Mang'uliro Primary school in Malava, Kenya. Through the generosity of the employees at Mindex Corporation in Rochester, NY this project became a reality. Check out the photo in the lower left. The building with the green roof is the finished renovation. If you look closely, attached to that building is another classroom block on the right that was not renovated. It is nearly collapsing. The photo in the bottom right is what the classroom that needs to be rebuilt looks like. This will be a Joining Hearts and Hands project in the coming months. With your help we can provide a better learning environment for our kids in Malava.

**Your Donation Can Make This Dream a Reality!**



**2018 JHH Classroom rebuild in Malava**



**Current classroom needing a rebuild**



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**Faith Chepkoech is a JHH scholar from Kericho, Kenya in her first year of high school**

## HOW TO MAKE BETTER LIVES



In 2023 JHH hopes to rebuild the classroom (left) and Kitchen (right) at Mang'uliro School in Malava, Kenya.



**Your donation will make this a reality!**

**Tired of buying gifts that no one needs or wants for the holidays?? Why not consider a family donation? It's a great way to share your love with children in Africa who have so little.**

- ◆ Talk to your employers. Since we are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit many companies will provide matching funds.
- ◆ Allocate your Qualified Charitable distribution tax-free to Joining Hearts and Hands



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