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WILLIAM AMUKHULA MISANGO

A Typical Story

William applied for a Joining Hearts and Hands scholarship in 2013. He comes from Lufumbo Primary school in Butere, Kenya. For a variety of reasons some of our scholarship students must attend day school at great distances from their homes. William is a very high performer, but was challenged by the long distances he had to walk to and from school. Up until recently his journey to school each way was a 5.3 kilometer walk. This means a 10.6 kilometer round trip! Every Day!

William's parents are laborers in the village and earn the equivalent total of \$3 per day, yet that is not always consistent. Some days they work and on other days they go without. There are 5 children in the family and the parents are unable to provide for all of them. In fact one of the five children is being taken care of by an aunt to ease the burden on the family.

In spite of the family hardships and the oppressive walk to and from school, William was ranked 4th in his class of 101 students. That's determination!

The family lives in a house made of mud walls with tin sheets for the roof. The tin sheets were bought used and you can see the rust on some of them (See page 3). The roof leaks in heavy rains. The floors are made of cow dung.

In Kenya, wealth is measured by the amount of land owned and the quality of the soil. The soil on the Misango property is muram (a red soil used to make roads) which is

the evening.

Buffalo Bikes

Recently we were approached by an organization called Buffalo Bikes. Buffalo Bikes build super-sturdy bicycles for people in Africa that have to trek long distances on dirt roads. The bikes are built in Africa to rigid specifications. The bikes are named after the African water buffalo as the water buffalo is a strong and fierce animal.

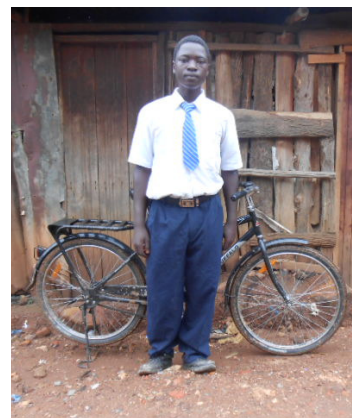
Buffalo Bikes heard about Joining Hearts and Hands and wanted to donate one of their bikes to a deserving student. We didn't have to look very far to find William.



William Misango

not good for growing maize (their staple). They only grow two 90 kilogram bags which is not enough to feed the family. Wealth is also measured by animals. There are no goats, sheep or cattle here. There are only four hens with four chicks for the whole family.

Of course there is no electricity where they live. As a result, as most rural Kenyans do, they rely on paraffin to use as candles so that they can see and study in



William receiving his Buffalo bike.

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Form VI Classrooms we just completed in Tanzania at Usambara School for Girls in Korogwe, Tanzania.



New Water Collection Tanks at Hannah's Hope. Everyone at Hannah's Hope is so happy!



LOMAA self-help group with their new JHH tent. They rent it out and help their community.



Three-Classroom Block we are currently building at Lake View Boda Academy in Homa Bay.

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Latrines under construction at Emutondo Primary in Butere, Kenya.



Children receiving care at the third annual 2015 Eye Clinic. To date we have provided 300 cataract surgeries & 600 pairs of reading glasses.



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William (contd. from page 1)

While it is difficult to imagine all of the difficulties William and his family have to face each and every day, he is blessed. He is blessed because he has someone like you who is providing an education for him. He is blessed because he no longer has to walk nearly 7 miles a day to and from school.



William at home without windows & leaking roof.

Without YOU these success stories would be an unfulfilled dream.

THANK YOU!!

May this holiday season bring you peace, joy and happiness!

Bill & Joanne

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- ◆ Educational Supplies
- ◆ A life with hope!

Don't Delay! Send a check today and give Africa a bright future!



Joining Hearts & Hands students Jojina and Nelson. Two of over 200 students sponsored by YOU, their guardian angels!

May We Present to Your Group?

One of the four major goals of Joining Hearts and Hands is to bridge the cultural divide between the United States and Africa. We would like to do a multi-media presentation for your group! We are currently booking dates to speak to community groups, schools, church groups, organizations and civic clubs (Rotary,

Kiwanis, Lions, Masons, etc.) Having an educational focus, we love visiting schools and individual classrooms. There is no better way to educate our children about Africa than being able to engage in dialogue and see what most of the rest of the world is experiencing through crisp visuals that "keep it real."

If you would like to schedule an interactive presentation, please contact us:

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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!



**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.
- ◆ Talk to your employer to be a corporate sponsor.
- ◆ Set up a presentation with your club, church or group.

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Checks can be sent to:

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