

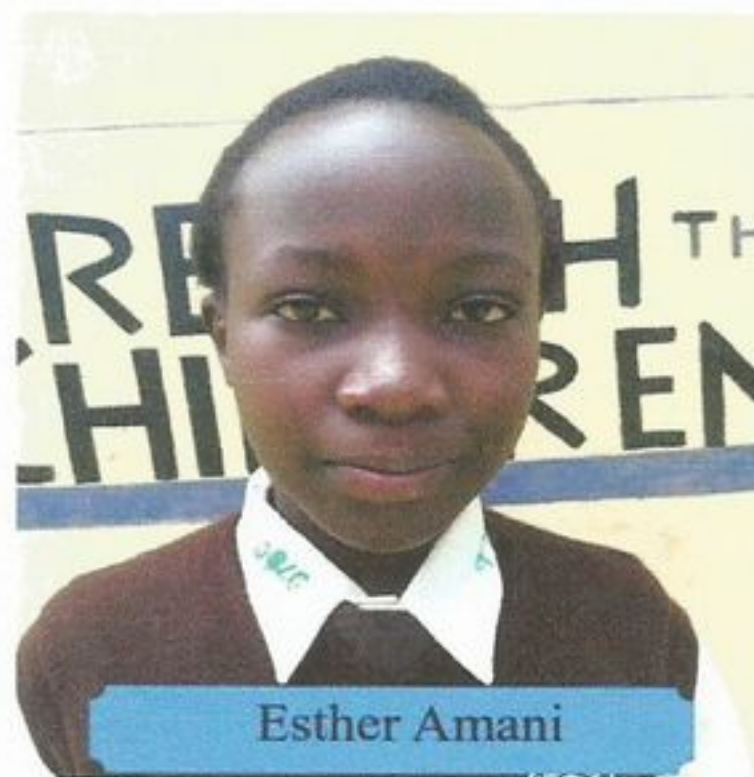
Joining Hearts and Hands

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Summer Greetings from Joining Hearts and Hands!

We hope you are enjoying your summer and able to tolerate the record heat that is covering the entire country.

As I am sure you are aware, the main focus of Joining Hearts and Hands is to support the educational needs of children in Africa who would not be able to attend school were it not for support from donors like you. Today I want to highlight one of those students.



On November 30, 2022 Esther Amani applied to Joining Hearts and Hands for a scholarship to high school. Secondary school in Kenya is not free to parents or guardians. While the government pays a portion of the tuition, the bulk of the burden is placed on the families of the students.

In Esther's letter of application she shared how their family struggled "to get our daily meals." She goes on to say "My parents have been looking for jobs but their boundless efforts bear no fruit." Esther continues by saying that "I have been praying that you include me in there (scholarship program) and I promise to work tooth and nail so that I can be a responsible citizen in the future."

Even though we were unable to secure a U.S. sponsor for Esther, Joining Hearts and Hands accepted her in the program as she is such an exceptional kid in dire financial straights.



Musoli Girls High School

Esther is attending Musoli Girls High School on a JHH scholarship. This past April 26th she sent us a letter telling us how she is doing. What a success story!!

She has an "A" average

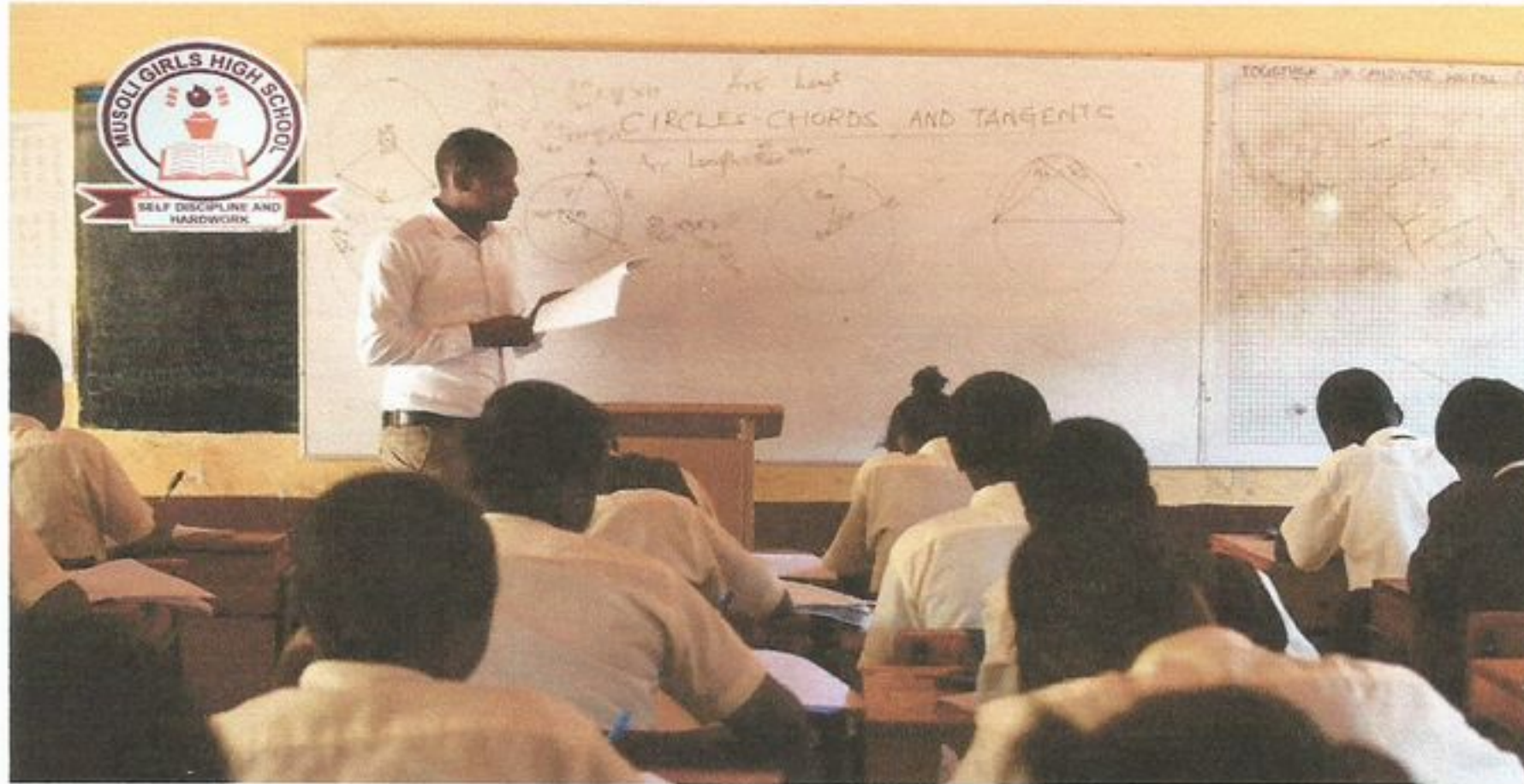
She is ranked #5 in her class.

She was elected as the monitor of her class

She is in Music and Drama Club and has traveled to Uganda in a competition

For most cases JHH provides boarding school for our students. While boarding school is very common and culturally significant in Kenya it is also very important for academic success. At boarding school the students

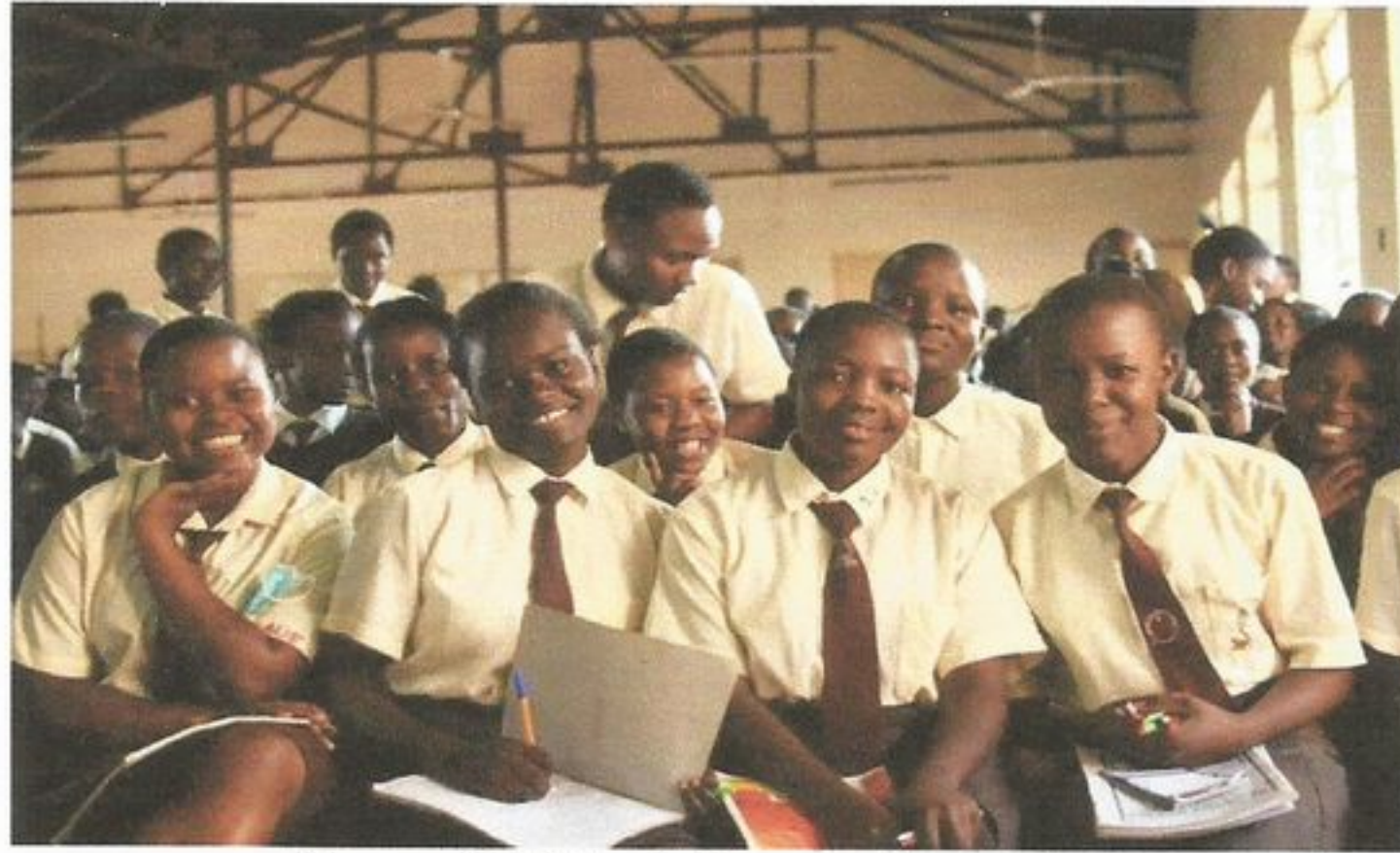
get three meals a day, something that due to the situation at home just never happens. The homes where our students come from have no electricity. Kenya is on the equator. Daylight is roughly 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. year round. Boarding school provides the opportunity for evening activities and the ability to read and study that they do not have at home.



A typical Musoli class

Boarding school provides a whole additional community and set of experiences that could never happen in their home villages. Esther tells us in her April letter about her new friends Faith and Wendy and that they meet in the school dining hall on weekends for entertainment. She glows about her favorite subject (agriculture) and her agriculture teacher who is a “great motivator.”

Esther has had the opportunity to participate in music and drama festivals. She calls it “her hobby.” “Last term we travelled to Uganda for a competition. It has given me a chance to travel to various places.” And one of her favorite things about school is “the meals.” Can you imagine any of us here in our country bragging about school food?? When your family worries where the next meal is coming from we are able to see things in quite a different perspective.



Some of Esther's happy classmates!

Esther's story is not uncommon. Over the past 18 years that Joining Hearts and Hands has been providing scholarships, we have been humbled by so many similar cases.

Imagine this transformation. A child who doesn't get enough food, living in a mud hut with a family desperately trying to survive now getting a sound education, fellowship, food and safety, and an opportunity to travel and see the world.

Your support literally saves lives!

You too can sponsor Esther or any of our many children who do not currently have a sponsor.

Drop us an email at wcala8491@gmail.com and we can make it happen!

You can sponsor one of these amazing kids or others. For just \$500 a year you can bring these precious children out of poverty. Education is the great equalizer.

Sponsoring a child will save a life.

Please help these kids!

You can pay on-line at our website below by clicking on the donation link or you can send a check to:

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