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RELATIONSHIPS LEAD TO PROJECTS

From Eye Clinics to Mang'uliro Primary

Thanks to your generosity, we have been sponsoring eye clinics through Sabatia Eye Hospital in Kenya. Over the past 4 years we have held 4 eye clinics that have brought sight back to nearly 400 people. At Sabatia we met their outreach coordinator Samuel Tsimbuela. Samuel has since moved on to work in other areas including a stay in Afghanistan. We have cherished our relationship with Samuel and our friendship continues.

Samuel is on the board of his village primary school which is in need of so much. He invited us to Mang'uliro Primary earlier this year. When we arrived and toured the grounds we were saddened by the conditions. As we walked on the dirt road in front of the school, we could smell the pungent odor coming from the children latrines. It was awful! Later that morning we met with the school committee and discussed what their needs are and how we can partner as an organization and a community to improve their school.

From that meeting came more meetings and agreements from the community to donate

some materials and labor and help us build new latrines for the children and the teachers. We are often asked how we pick projects to support. This is a typical example of how relationships are formed, trust is built and projects evolve for **Joining Hearts and Hands**.

promised to visit on our next trip to Kenya. Upon arrival we were able to see and understand the great needs of the many orphans at this site. After many visits and conversations, JHH has provided hundreds of books and school supplies and is now planning to renovate their classrooms.

Relationships are key to our work.



Pre and Post Surgeries at the JHH 2016 Eye Clinic

JHH Website Draws African Interest

Joiningheartshands.org has also started relationships that have led to important projects. Last year we were contacted by Sr. Maurice Michael who runs the St. Mary Magdalene orphanage in Kisumu, Kenya. We

Growing and building connections between Africans, JHH and YOU are what moves our projects forward. This is but one example of the several web-based connections we have made over the years.

Good Friends Pass Leaving Their Legacies

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JHH Scholarship Girls Catherine and Elizabeth



On Sunday they were blind. On Monday after cataract surgery provided by JHH, they can see!



Delivering some of the more than 20,000 books JHH collected in the U.S. shipped to Kenya.



Wheel chairs donated by JHH being received by St. Martin's school for children with Cerebral Palsy



New JHH latrines under construction at Mang'uliro Primary School in Western Kenya

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JHH Biology Lab just finished at Usambara Girls H.S. in Tanzania



Marty and Joanne delivering supplies to Springs of Life Orphanage in Butere, Kenya



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Good Friends Pass Leaving Their Legacies (contd...from page 1)

Sadly, this year we have lost some incredible people in Africa but their legacies live on.

Denis Ogalo

Denis contacted us three years ago in an attempt to help his village school in Suba, Homa Bay Kenya. The community built a school out of tin sheeting. There were no latrines or any other facilities. JHH has constructed latrines and permanent classrooms due to Denis' unwavering efforts and work with JHH and the community. What Denis had to go through to meet with us three years ago was a testament to his persistence. He traveled over 8 hours by motor bike taxi through the roads of Suba that are not manageable by even 4 wheel drive vehicles. His intelligence was unparalleled and his drive to help his community was powerful. Sadly, Denis passed in April of a bone marrow disease. Denis is gone but his memory will last forever in Homa Bay as the school would not have been built without his efforts.



Bill & Denis Ogalo from Suba, Homa Bay.

Father John Chambi

Fr. John was the chaplain at Usambara convent and school for girls. JHH built much of Usambara Girls High School and has worked with the Usambara nursery school in Korogwe. Fr. John was our guide and rock over the years. He broke bread with us each morning and evening, he took us to the market to buy clothes for the children and school supplies. As you know, it is very hot in Tanzania. This past March he gave us his personal room fan to help us deal with the unbearable heat while he went without. We will miss him terribly. He passed in October due to complications from asthma. Too young to leave us, but his legacy will live on.



Joanne & Fr. John Chambi

Thanks to Denis and Fr. John for leaving an indelible imprint on the lives of so many.

Bill & Joanne

Scholarships Give Hope!

Here is what only \$500 per year provides:

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

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



Joining Hearts & Hands students Idah Awuor & Jackson Kaparo. Two of over 200 students sponsored by YOU, their guardian angels!



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- ◆ 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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