

# ImpactHope & Shelter of Hope

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## Your Partnership Is Changing Lives!

It's hard to believe that the new school year is just around the corner. A time where many of us start to return to normal schedules and for many, go back to school. You have been one of the reasons why children in Kenya can attend school and we are so thankful. At times like this, I thank God for people like you!

Your partnership has given hope to many children in the Kisumu & Nandi County and in Nairobi. When you give to Shelter of Hope, you are investing in the future of children who are struggling in poverty. Your great kindness and support have given the gift of education to children like Elizabeth, whose story always brings me to tears. Like many children around the world, Elizabeth was in desperate need of help to attend school since her widowed mother could not afford to send her off to school. Due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on her family's livelihood, the situation became even more dire.

Thank you so much for helping children, like Elizabeth. You have provided children and their families with access to education, food, and even medical care! **You are changing the lives of these children!**

## Finding Hope Through Education: Elizabeth's Story



Elizabeth and her family live in a remote village of Kagan, along the shores of Lake Victoria. When Elizabeth was about 1 year old, her Dad passed away, leaving her mother as a widow with three young children. Not too long after, Elizabeth's Mother became disabled and as a result, their family faced immense challenges throughout her early childhood years.

When Elizabeth first came to **Shelter of Hope Academy**, she didn't trust that she was *safe* or was in a place that would provide for her, beyond education. (Continue on page 2).

## The Last 3 Months At Shelter of Hope (SOH)

- We were able to provide nutritious food to the most vulnerable students at SOH.
- The resumption of learning activities in both Shelter of Hope Academy locations (Nairobi & Kagan).
- Proper safety regulations and equipment needed for all of the staff and students of both locations were provided. Classes were able to resume safely because of this!
- Graduation ceremonies were able to take place in both locations. Families were able to attend safely!
- We were able to safely hold Youth events.
- An opportunity for a free medical camp in Kagan for students was available this past summer.



### Prayer Points

- Please pray for the safety and well-being of all our staff and children at both schools as classes resume.
- We pray for God's provision. The future is quite uncertain due to COVID-19 complications, seriously affecting our local income interventions and efforts.

Join our Prayer Points Group by scanning the QR code:



### Funding Needs

- Teachers' salaries in both schools.
- The completion of the building and for the current operating clinic in the Kagan school.
- Funds for the building of the Kisumu school.
- Purchase Tablets and Laptops to support online learning.

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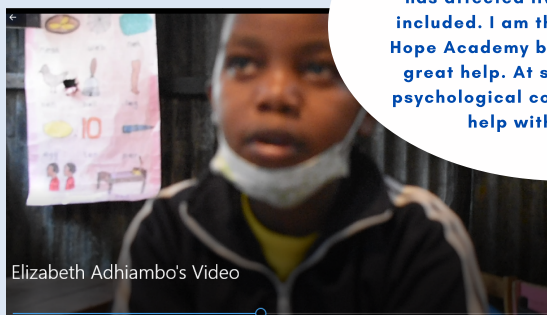
### Elizabeth's Story Cont'd

After some time at Shelter of Hope Academy, Elizabeth learned how to trust again. She learned about Jesus. She learned how to play and become a child again. She also learned more about herself and most importantly, whom she wanted to become. The world used to be so hard-edged and difficult for Elizabeth but now, she is surrounded by people who care for her! Since her mother is disabled, she is eligible to become a boarding student and live at Shelter of Hope next year!

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Elizabeth and her family struggled immensely due to the poverty they were already living in. Thanks to compassionate people like you, children like Elizabeth can receive an education, nutritious meals, medical care, counselling, and most importantly, the gift of HOPE as they learn to trust again and strengthen their faith in God.

Everything this girl knows about love and faith is because of YOU! Your support of education through Shelter of Hope Academy is the hope children desperately need in Kenya!

To watch the video of Elizabeth expressing her gratitude, visit: [www.impacthope.ca/soh-report2](http://www.impacthope.ca/soh-report2)



"I am a grade 6 student at Shelter of Hope Academy in Nairobi. Covid-19 has affected livelihoods, my family included. I am thankful for Shelter of Hope Academy because it has been of great help. At school, I've attended psychological counselling sessions to help with my trauma."

[Elizabeth Share's Her Gratitude Video](#)

