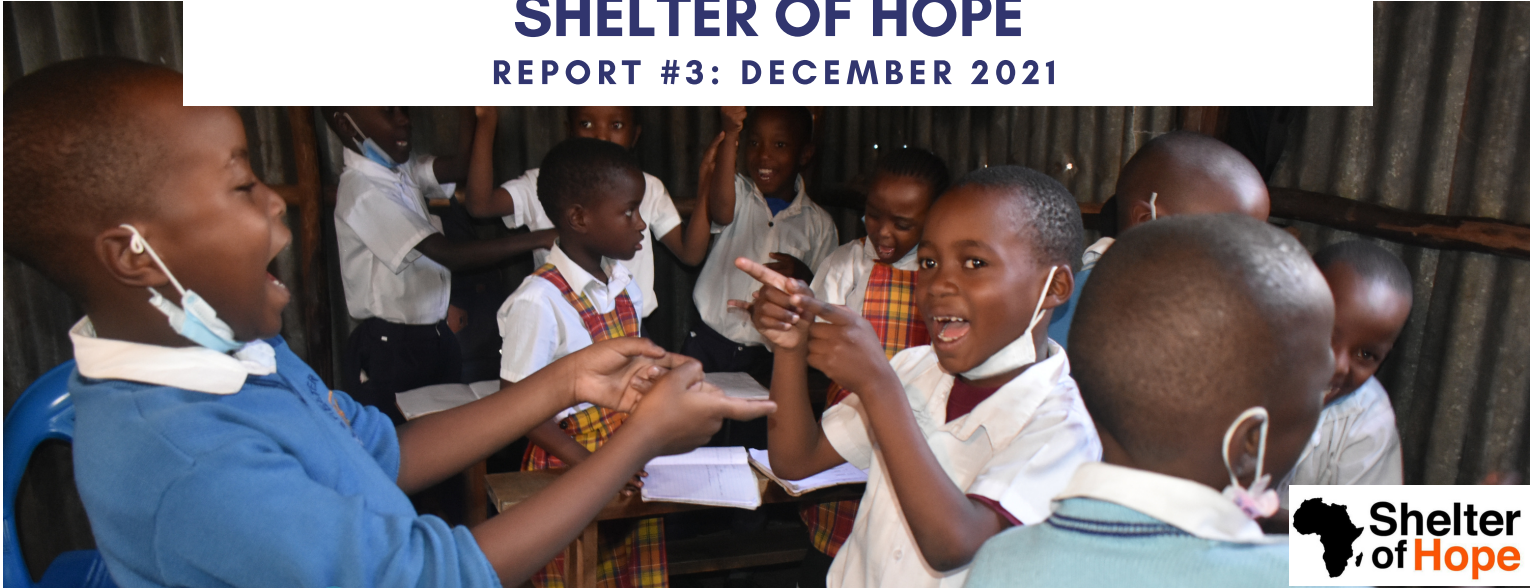


**SHELTER OF HOPE**  
**REPORT #3: DECEMBER 2021**



**You are filling these little Hearts & Bellies!**



Education is a powerful catalyst in breaking the cycle of poverty. Your support has given the gift of education and hope to children like Kerubo, who have been affected by the pandemic. Your partnership has given hope to many children in the areas of Kisumu & Nandi County, Nairobi and Homa Bay County in Kenya. When you give to Shelter of Hope, you are investing in the future of children who will determine the development of generations, villages, and the nation!

Both the Nairobi and Kagan locations of Shelter of Hope Academy have benefited greatly from the students' Feeding Program! Every day, these children look forward to coming to a place of learning, nourishment and encouragement. With their bellies full, students and staff are able to concentrate, thereby giving full commitment to their work and as a result, are more successful.

We are so thankful for our donors and supporters as you have provided children and their families with access to education, food, and even medical care!

**You are continuing to change the lives of children in Kenya!**

**Finding Hope Beyond Books: Kerubo's Story**



Time and time again, we have seen poverty cause financial, mental and social distress in children.

Kerubo is a 12-year-old student, studying in grade 6 at the Shelter of Hope Academy in Nairobi. She lives with her parents who are casual labourers, in the Kiambu slums, Nairobi. At the outbreak of the pandemic, Kerubo's parents lost their jobs. As the school reopened, they were unable to pay her school fees, causing Kerubo to stay at home for one term... (Continued on page 2)

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

- Through ImpactHope breakfast, lunch and clean drinking water are provided for staff and students.
- 180 students and 17 staff are provided with daily nutritious meals, which allows them to focus on their work.
- The use of chalkboards in our classrooms enables collaborative learning. The students in grade 3 had a wall painted in black, which has made learning more effective.
- Sanitation and hygiene are critical to health in this environment. A tap has been repaired to enable children to wash their hands efficiently.
- Watch a video of students learning the names of the parts of the body: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2pB7eH5LtU!>



Accessible running water & nutritious food has benefited the health of students.



Funds are imperative for Staff salaries and classroom repairs.

### Praise & Prayer Points

- Students at SOH are performing well in academics! Four exams have been successfully held in this period.
- The repaired tap has improved hygiene in the school.
- We thank God that most of the students are healthy and have not been adversely affected by Covid.
- Please pray for healing over the senior teacher Judith Owiti, who is suffering from asthma attacks.
- A student is mourning the loss of a parent in November. Please cover his family in prayer!

### Funding Needs

- Funds are needed to pay Staff salaries in both schools.
- Funds are needed to sustain the students' feeding program.
- Provision for teaching resources like textbooks, chalk and computers.
- Most of the classrooms leak during the rainy season, hindering classes. We are praying for funds to repair the classroom leaks.



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### Kerubo's Story Cont'd..



The experience unfortunately caused Kerubo psychological trauma. The SOH management stepped in and visited Kerubo's parents. They waived off her fees and allowed Kerubo to attend school for free, until her family had recovered financially.

Kerubo was also enrolled in the Shelter Academy Counselling Club, where counselling is carried out weekly for traumatized children. Kerubo has recovered emotionally and is motivated, like the many other children blessed by the SOH Academy

Thanks to compassionate people like you, vulnerable children and youth are provided with spiritual nourishment, education, and income-generating activities to enable them to be independent, and most importantly, the gift of HOPE as they strengthen their faith in God.

Kerubo knows about the love of Christ because of YOU! Your support towards the cause of education through the Shelter of Hope Academy is the beacon of light children desperately need in Kenya!



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