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Because of you, hope is taking root

Since 2005, Pastor Ishmael Ochieng Okuku and his wife, Moline, have led Shelter of Hope in reaching orphaned and vulnerable children and youth with the love of Christ. Today the ministry runs two schools in Kenya, one in the Kiambiu community of Nairobi and one in Kagan, Homa Bay County. Your prayers and generosity help provide children a place to learn, grow, and know they are loved. Here is a look at what is happening and how you can be part of it.



Homes in Kiambiu are being cleared, and families have had to start again somewhere new.

Embracing change in Kiambiu

In Kiambiu, an informal settlement in Nairobi, the government has begun clearing the area, bulldozing homes and other structures it considers not permanent. Families have had to relocate, making this a very difficult time for the whole community.

Shelter of Hope was also under pressure to rebuild using more permanent materials such as cement block. The team stepped up in faith, and new permanent classrooms have now been built. What remains is to finish them, so children can learn in a safer, more pleasant environment.

Meals that keep children in school

For many children at Shelter of Hope, the meal they receive at school is the only one they'll eat all day. It gives them the energy to concentrate, join in, and learn.

But funding for food has fallen short, so Shelter of Hope has had to ask parents to help cover the cost. Many families simply can't. They have had to take their children out of school, and enrolment at the Kiambiu school has dropped from 145 to 95. Many of the children who left are now not in school anywhere.

Your gift toward nutrition helps lift that cost from families, so children can stay in class and keep learning.



Children at Shelter of Hope sharing their meals at school.



Praying over our learners before exams.

Blessing Our Learners Before National Exams

As our learners prepared for their national exams, our school community gathered to cover them in prayer and blessing, asking for focus and confidence in the days ahead.

We're so proud of how hard they've worked, and it shows: Shelter of Hope in Kagan is once again ranked among the top five of 60 schools in the district. We love seeing them shine! Please join us in praying for each of these learners as they take their next steps.

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Finishing the new classrooms

The new classrooms in Kiambiu are a real milestone. Built from permanent materials, they give the school a firm footing in a community that is in transition and marked by deep economic disparity.

Now they need to be finished so children can use them. The walls and ceilings still need to be plastered and painted, flooring put in, and the rooms fitted with new desks and chairs. Finishing each of the seven classrooms will cost about $4,000, including materials and labour, or $28,000 in total.

Your support will help us begin this work and turn a new building into a place where children can learn, gather, and grow for years to come.



A new place for learning in Kiambiu where children will have a safe place to learn and grow.



Bright smiles from students at Shelter of Hope, Kenya.

thank you!

Thank you for standing with **ImpactHope** and **Shelter of Hope** as we share the love of Christ in Kenya!

JOIN US TO BLESS THE CHILDREN IN KENYA

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There are three ways you can help:

1. Provide food for the children at school.
2. Help finish the new classrooms in Kiambiu.
3. Pray for the Shelter of Hope ministry.

Your partnership helps children in Kenya be fed, taught, and surrounded by the love of Christ.

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