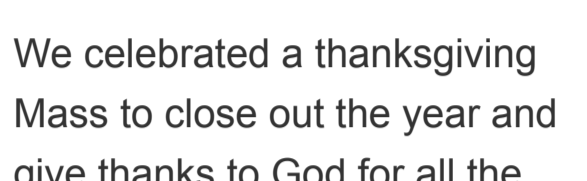
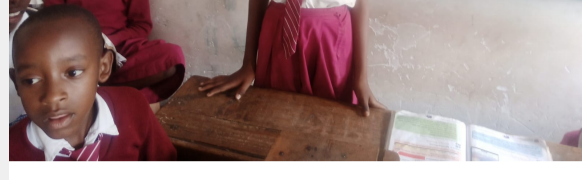


Happy New Year from the HOPE Project!
We had a great 2022 and are looking forward to continued progress in the new year.

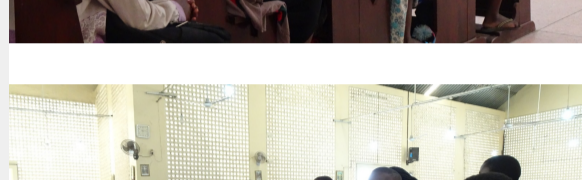
Another School Year in the Books

Our 164 HOPE students have completed the school year, which runs from January to December. Some students will now transition from primary to secondary school and from secondary school to vocational school and college. We will also be increasing our total number of students to 200. Our increased funding, due to your generosity, is enabling us to help more needy children.



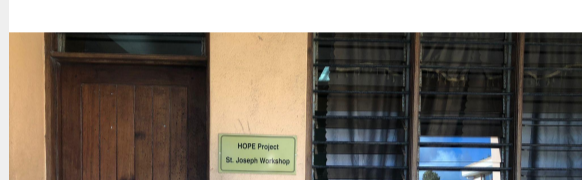
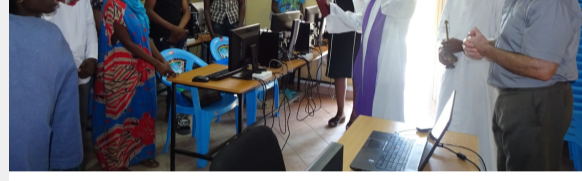
Thanksgiving Mass

We celebrated a thanksgiving Mass to close out the year and give thanks to God for all the blessings he has bestowed on us this past year. Fr. David Kaluah, the parish priest at St. Mary's Church, where the HOPE Project is located, celebrated the Mass. Students read the Mass reading, chanted the psalm, proclaimed the Prayers of the Faithful and acted as altar servers. The students also selected the songs for the Mass and practiced them during the week in preparation for the Mass.



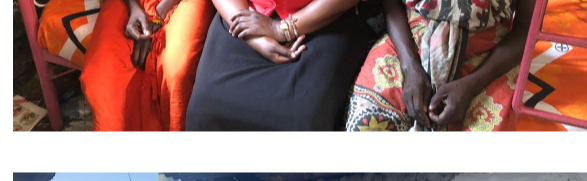
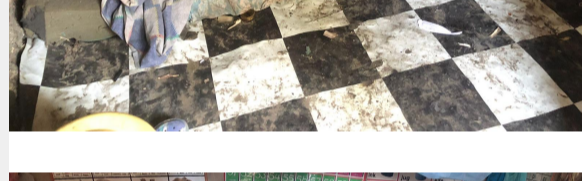
Saint Joseph Workshop

We officially dedicated the St. Joseph Workshop, our HOPE Project computer classroom. We waited until the end of the year, when the students had finished the school year, to have the dedication. We wanted all our students, who come from across Mombasa county, to be able to participate. We also invited a number of our key partners, who helped us build out the classroom.



Beds and Mattresses

Many of our students and their families sleep on the floor or ground — on old, beat-up mattresses or flattened out cardboard boxes — or on makeshift beds made of jerrycans. In 2022, we began a program to give mattresses and beds to those families who need them most. We plan to continue to provide more beds and mattresses this year.



Food for Christmas

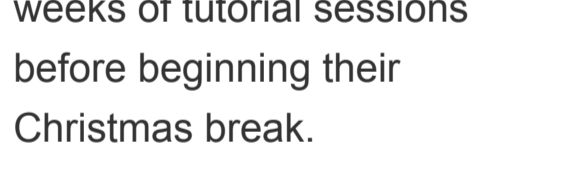
In 2022 we gave out over 600 bags of food to needy HOPE families as part of our monthly food distributions. We also provided our families with special meals for Christmas and Easter. Our Christmas food bag included a fresh chicken and desert. We plan to continue to help families with food in 2023.



Tutorial Sessions

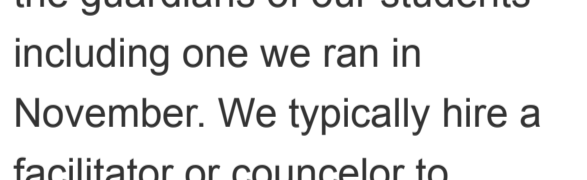
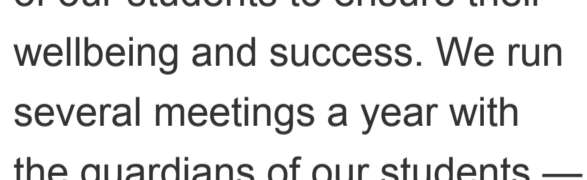
The students came in throughout 2022 for tutorial sessions and during the week while on term break. During tutorials, the students have access to our library of several hundred review books, textbooks, videos, and other digital learning materials available on the computers. We also hire professional teachers to tutor the students during tutorial sessions. Improving the grades of our students is a key priority. Whenever students attend tutorial session, they are given a hot meal.

At the beginning of December, the students came in for two weeks of tutorial sessions before beginning their Christmas break.



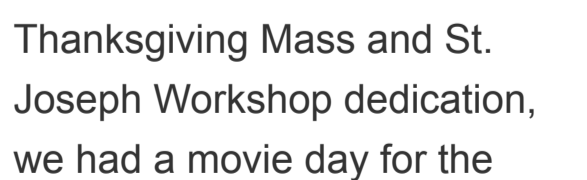
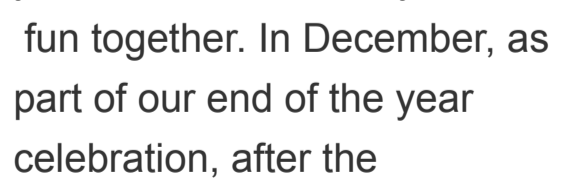
Guardians' Meetings

Most of our students are orphans who live with a single parent or relatives. Children cannot be successful in school, or life, without a strong support system. It is crucial that we work closely with the guardians of our students to ensure their wellbeing and success. We run several meetings a year with the guardians of our students — including one we ran in November. We typically hire a facilitator or counselor to work with the guardians of our students during the sessions.



Movie Day

We get together a few times a year as a HOPE family to have fun together. In December, as part of our end of the year celebration, after the Thanksgiving Mass and St. Joseph Workshop dedication, we had a movie day for the students. Not only did the students watch a movie, sing, and dance, but they also enjoyed large quantities of food, snacks, juice and cake (in honor of the dedication of the St. Joseph Workshop).



Please help support our efforts. We need your help to meet our following goals for 2023.

1. Increase the number of students supported from 164 to 200 — the need far exceeds our current capacity
2. Help students, who have completed their education and are unable to find decent paying jobs due to the very tough job market in Kenya, start small businesses
3. Provide increased holistic support to our students and their families in the form of food, mattresses, beds, cooking units, and desperately needed home repairs
4. Improve the grades of our students with more learning materials and tutors

Please join us as we change the lives of children.

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