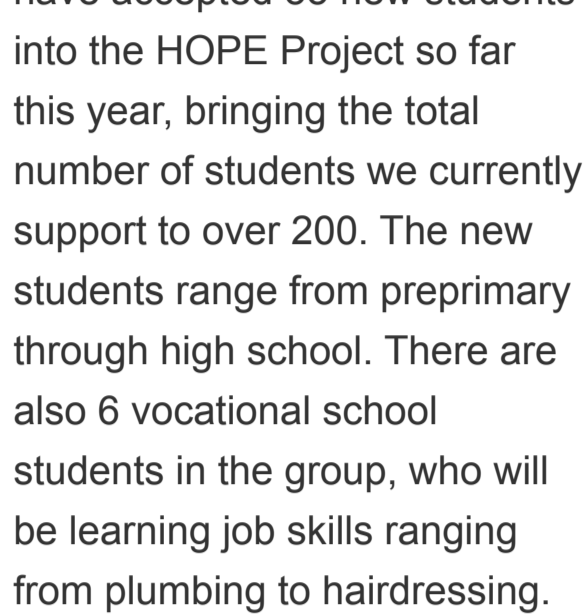
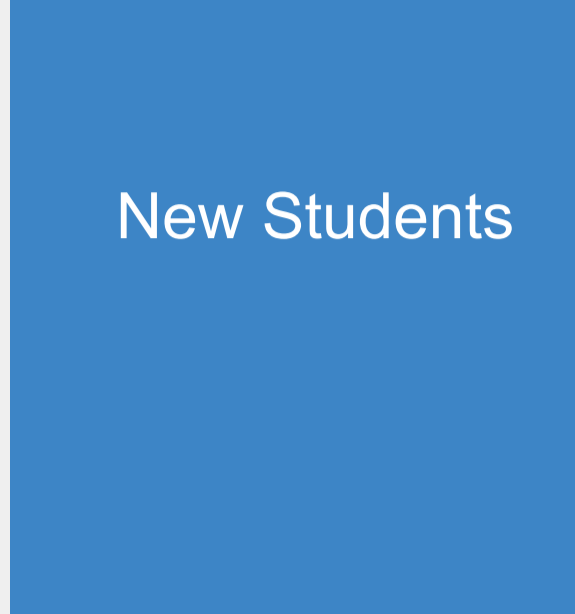


We are growing and expanding the project by helping more children and their families. While education remains our primary focus, we are also helping families with food, beds, mattresses, and other home goods.

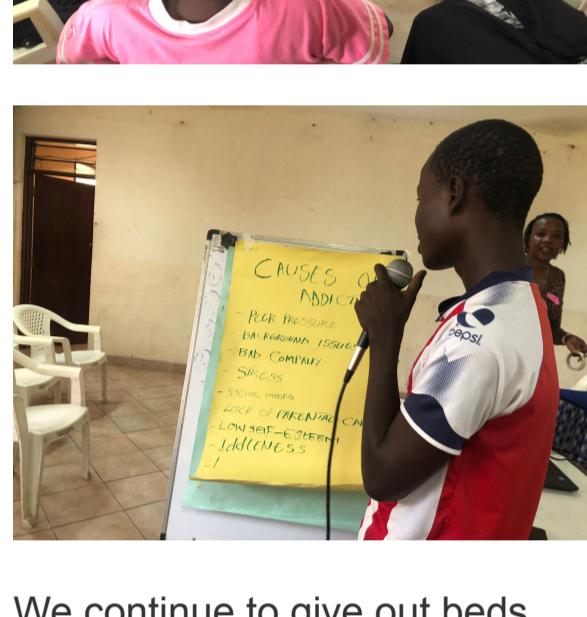
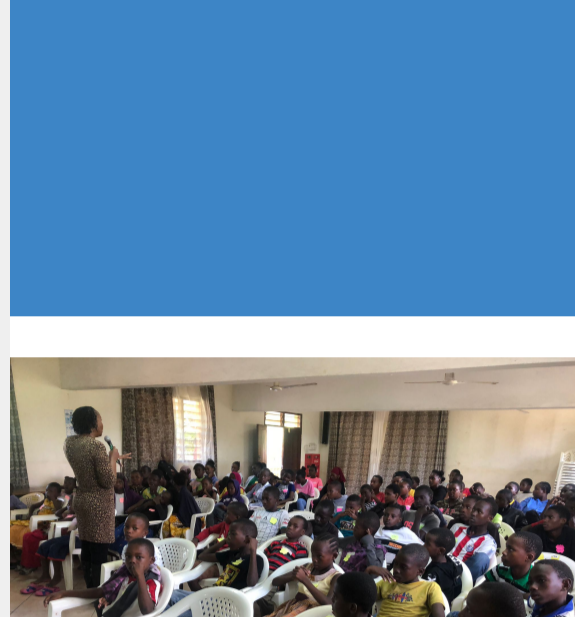
A New School Term

The students completed the first term of the 2023 school year on April 21 and then had a two-week term break. They began their second term on May 8. As with the beginning of every school term, we go through the process of paying school fees for all our students. As our students attend over 100 different schools, this process is a significant amount of work and takes several weeks to complete.



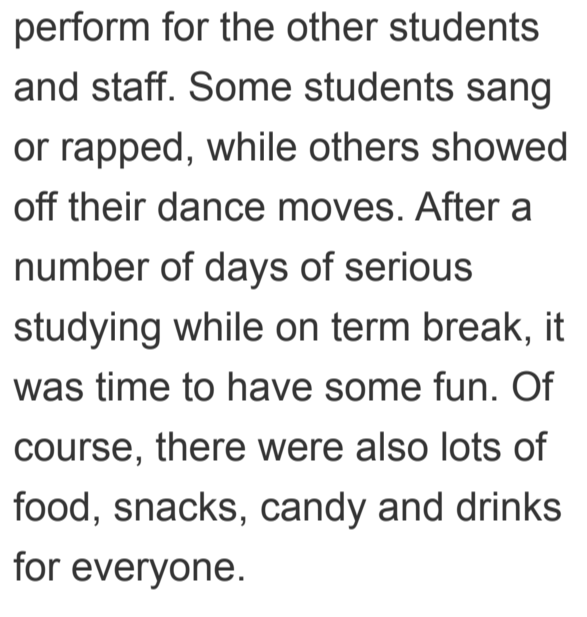
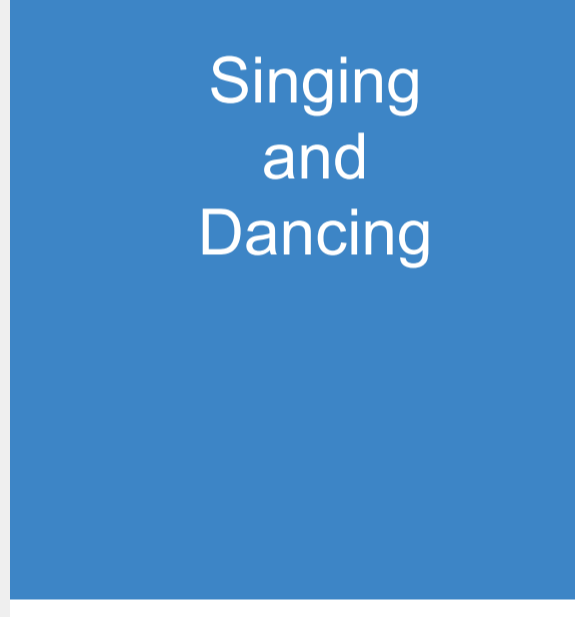
New Students

We continue to accept new students into the project. We have accepted 55 new students into the HOPE Project so far this year, bringing the total number of students we currently support to over 200. The new students range from preprimary through high school. There are also 6 vocational school students in the group, who will be learning job skills ranging from plumbing to hairdressing.



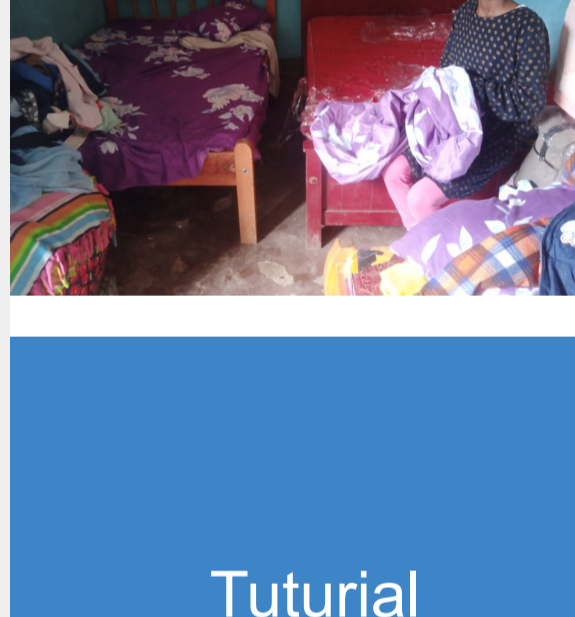
Addiction Workshop

We held a workshop for our students to learn about the reality of alcohol and drug addiction. During the workshop, the students broke up into smaller discussion groups and then presented their findings back to everyone. The students also did some role playing in front of the larger group. Members of a local AA group shared their personal stories with the students during the workshop.



Beds and Mattresses

We continue to give out beds and mattresses to families – many of whom were previously sleeping on the ground or floor. We also provided these families with sheets and pillows. We go to the homes to deliver the beds and mattresses and assemble everything.



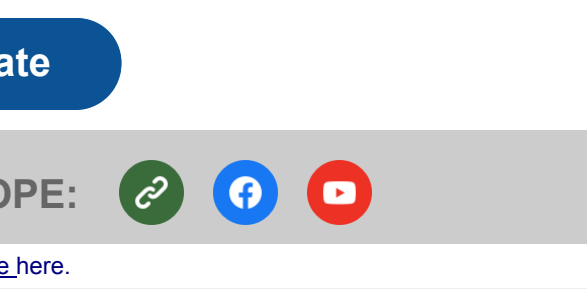
Singing and Dancing

To finish up term break, we got together to have some fun. The students love to sing and dance, so they got a chance to perform for the other students and staff. Some students sang or rapped, while others showed off their dance moves. After a number of days of serious studying while on term break, it was time to have some fun. Of course, there were also lots of food, snacks, candy and drinks for everyone.



Home Assistance

The roof and walls of the home of several of our students, to whom we had recently given beds and mattresses, began to collapse under the assault of heavy rains. We scrambled to find them a new place to live and moved the family and their belongings into the new house. As a result, we also had to re-enroll the children in new schools and provide them with new uniforms.



Tutorial Sessions

In addition to our regular Saturday tutorial sessions, the students came in to learn and study on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during their 2-week long term break. In addition to their school work, we teach the students basic computer skills and electronics.

School Visits

We make periodic school visits to check on the progress of our students and talk to their teachers and school administrators. We do not tell the students that we are coming, so they are surprised when they see us.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop

In addition to workshops for the students, we also run workshops for the parents and guardians of our students – most of whom have experienced a lot of trauma in their lives. We brought in a counselor to speak to them about life challenges and how to cope with anxiety and stress.

Helping with Food

We continue to provide food each month to help needy families who are struggling with the ever-rising cost of food. In addition to our regular monthly food distribution, we also gave families additional food to celebrate Easter.

Your financial support enables us to help needy children and improve their lives and those of their families. We need your support, which makes what we do possible.

Please join us as we change the lives of children.

Donate

Learn more about HOPE: [🌐](#) [📘](#) [📺](#)

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, [unsubscribe here.](#)