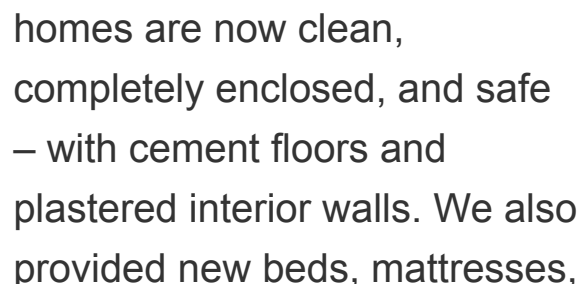
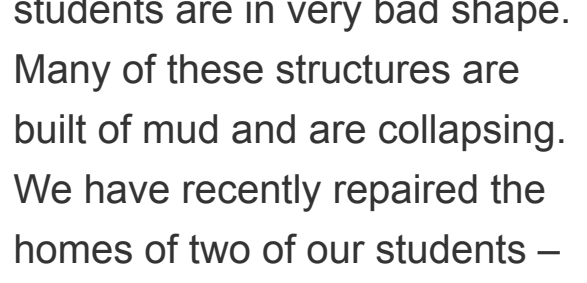


The HOPE Project is doing much more than educational assistance. We are also helping our students start small businesses; repairing the homes of our students; giving out food, beds, and mattresses; and helping with medical care. We also opened a second computer classroom to accommodate more students.

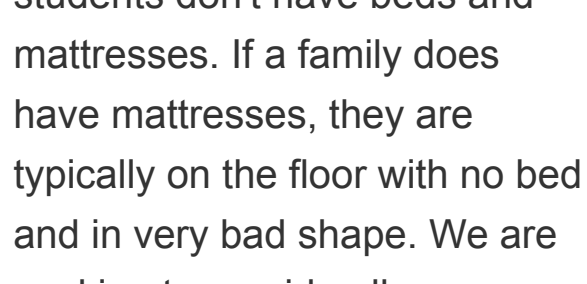
## Small Businesses

The job market in Kenya is very tough. As important as it is, simply sending students to school – even with a focus on developing job skills – is not enough. In order to make real changes to their lives and lift themselves out of poverty, students need stable jobs and careers. To help our students, we have begun helping them start small businesses. Our first two students to start their own businesses are Mwanahamisi (a hairdressing salon) and Eunice (a tailoring shop).



## Home Repairs

The homes of many of our students are in very bad shape. Many of these structures are built of mud and are collapsing. We have recently repaired the homes of two of our students – Mildred and Mwanahamisi. The homes are now clean, completely enclosed, and safe – with cement floors and plastered interior walls. We also provided new beds, mattresses, sheets, and pillows.



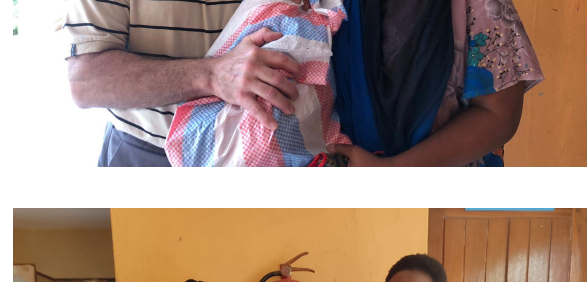
## Beds and Mattresses

Most of the families of our students don't have beds and mattresses. If a family does have mattresses, they are typically on the floor with no bed and in very bad shape. We are working to provide all our families with new beds, mattresses, sheets and pillows – at least as many as will fit in the dwelling in which they live. We recently gave beds and mattresses to Ibrahim, Hadija, Naima, Mary, and Beatrice.



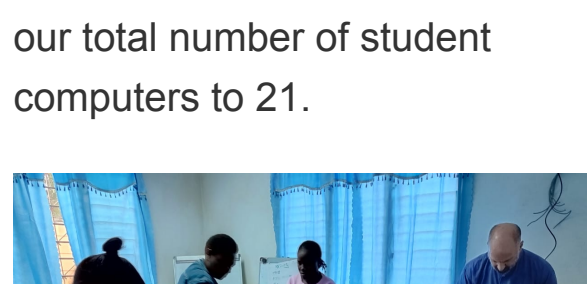
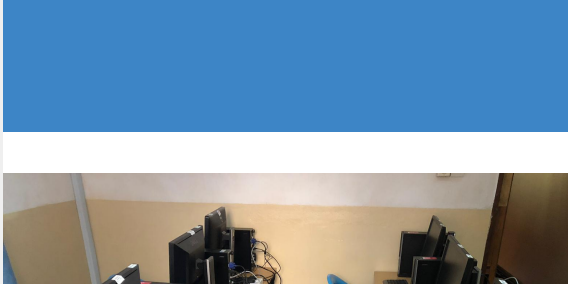
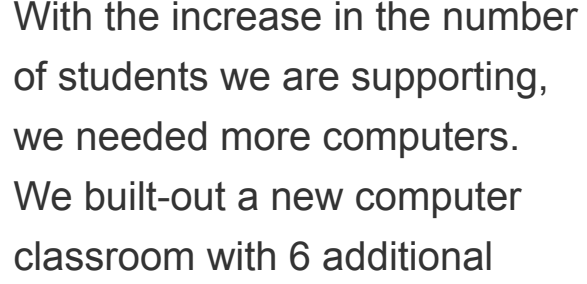
## Food

The Kenyan shilling has lost nearly half its value trading against the US dollar in the last four years. The cost of everything, especially food, continues to go up in Kenya. Families are struggling more than ever. We continue to work to make sure that none of our families go without food.



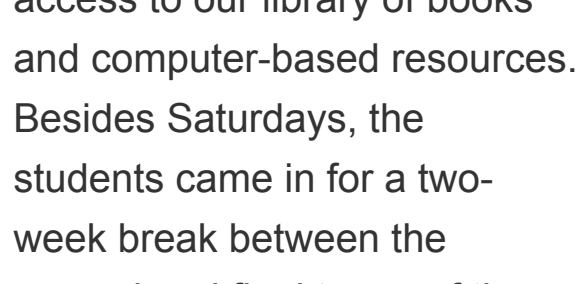
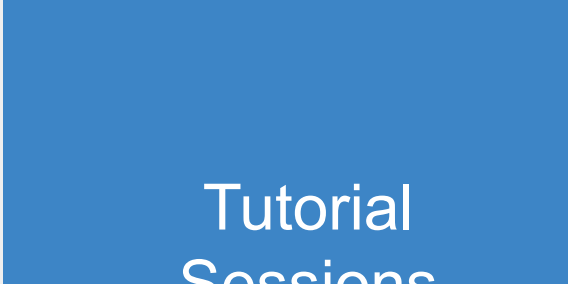
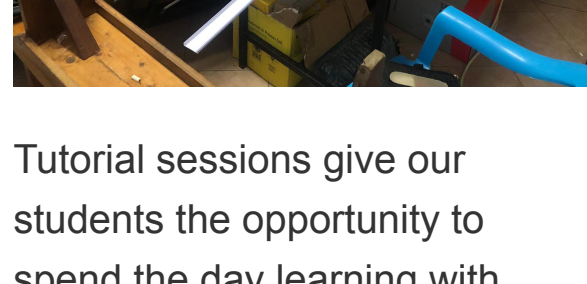
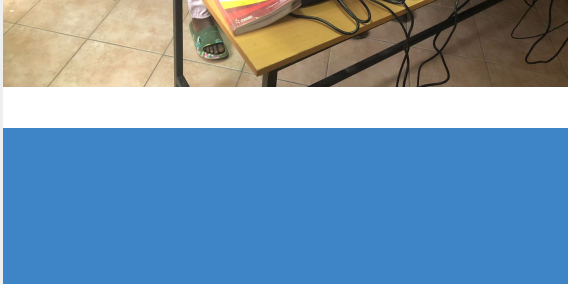
## New Computer Classroom

The students love the computing environment we provide, which gives them access to hundreds of videos and other learning resources. With the increase in the number of students we are supporting, we needed more computers. We built-out a new computer classroom with 6 additional student computers, bringing our total number of student computers to 21.



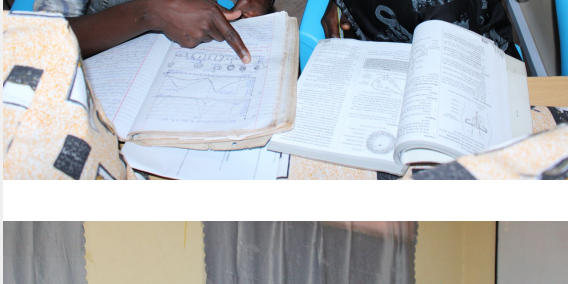
## Tutorial Sessions

Tutorial sessions give our students the opportunity to spend the day learning with access to our library of books and computer-based resources. Besides Saturdays, the students came in for a two-week break between the second and final terms of the 2023 school year. In addition to their normal course work, we provided the high school students with sessions on Windows, Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, electronics, and computer programming.



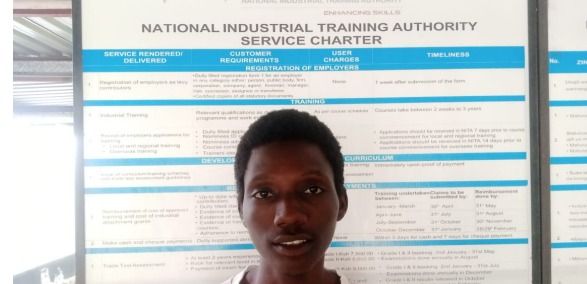
## Vocational Training

Developing marketable job skills is a key tenet our student academic strategy. We want all our students to be able to have jobs after completing their educations. Pictured below are Collins, who is studying motor vehicle mechanics, and Erick, who is studying electrical installation.



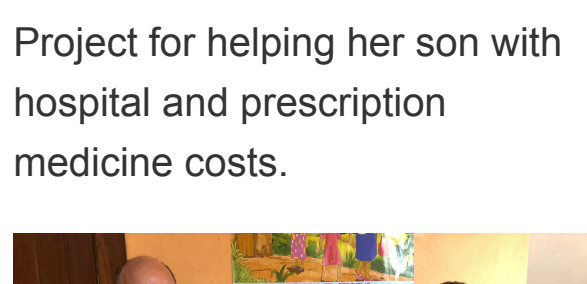
## Medical Assistance

We also provide our students with medical, dental, and optical assistance as needed. Valentine, who was having vision problems, just got eyeglasses and Hamisi was recently treated for cholera. Hamisi's mother came to the office to thank the HOPE Project for helping her son with hospital and prescription medicine costs.



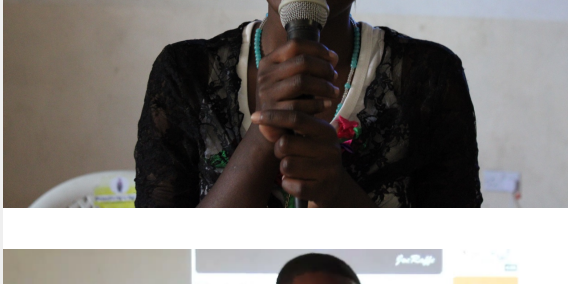
## Fun Day

To wrap up the term break, we had a fun day where the students watched movies, had an opportunity to show off their voices and dance moves, and ate lots of food.



## The Last Term of the Year

The students are back in school for the third and final term of the 2023 school year. The school year concludes at the end of October. Students finishing primary and secondary school will sit for national exams in November.



Our work is completely dependent on your financial support. We are making great progress in improving the lives of children, but there is so much more to do. We need your support.

