

We are off to a great start in 2024. All our students are back in school with their first term tuition paid, along with new uniforms, shoes, and school supplies. This includes a number of new students ranging from preprimary to vocational school and college. We continue to give out food every month, repair the homes of our students and their families, give out beds and mattresses, and help students, who have finished their courses, start small businesses.

Back to School

We placed 227 students in school, spanning 64 different schools, to begin the 2024 academic school year. We have students in preprimary, primary, junior secondary, high school, vocational school, and college. We pay for all the costs associated with educating our students, including tuition and any other school fees.



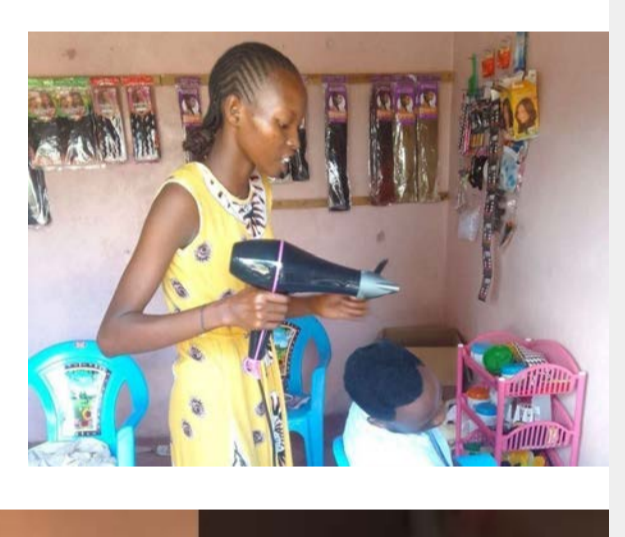
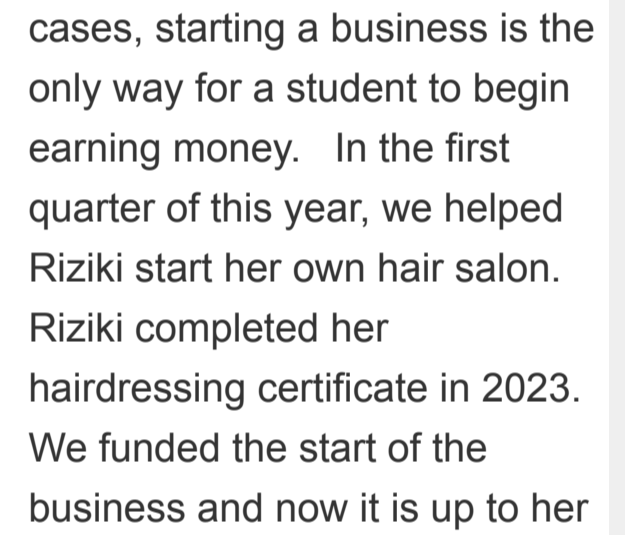
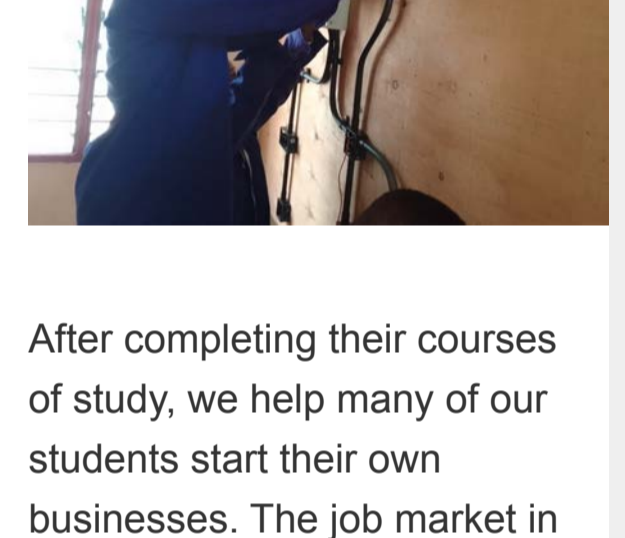
Lots of New Students

We are growing the project and helping more children than ever before. Our goal is to help as many children as possible and we plan to get up to 250 students this year. We just began supporting 25 new students, most of whom were not in school due to lack of school fee payments. We want to give every child the opportunity to go to school and get an education.



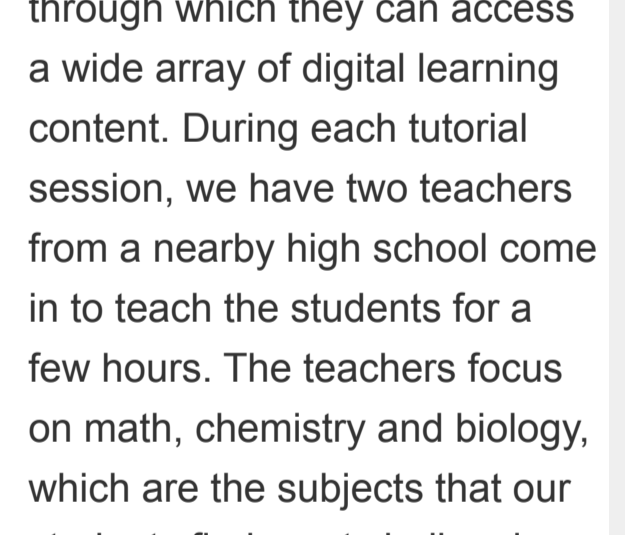
Repairing the Homes of our Students and their Families

Ruphus and his three children - Jeremiah, Margaret, and Geoffrey - were living on the side of the road in a makeshift structure made of corrugated steel sheets and tarp roofing. We built a new house for the family that includes a cement floor, plastered walls, a toilet, window grates, and secure steel doors. We also demolished and rebuilt the home of Peter and Michael, who live with their grandmother. The two boys were not in school until we brought them into the project last year.



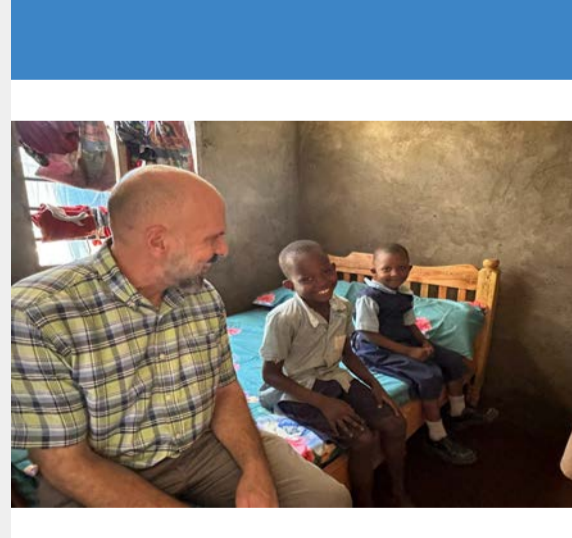
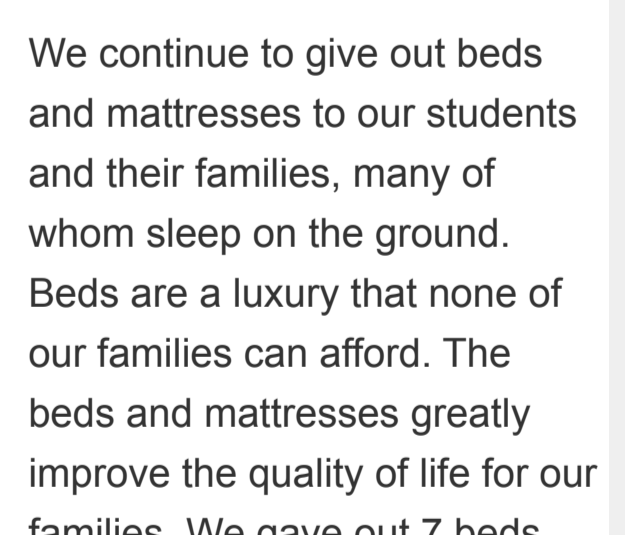
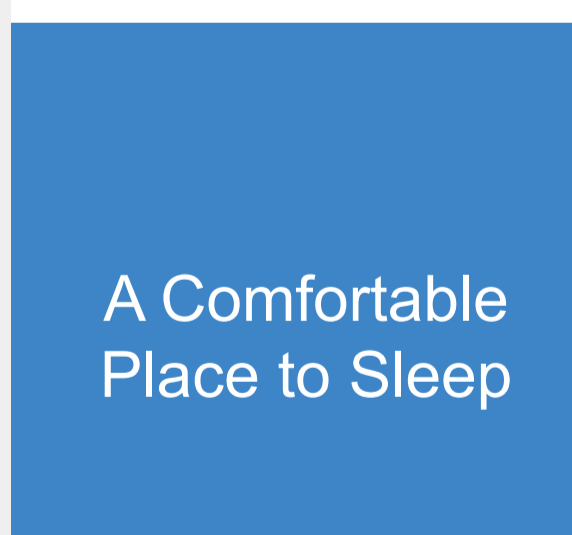
Developing Job Skills

We give every student the opportunity to go to either vocational school or college. We want every student to develop marketable job skills. We currently have students studying engineering, software development, architecture, teaching, social work, tailoring, hairdressing, welding, electrical installation, and motor vehicle mechanics.



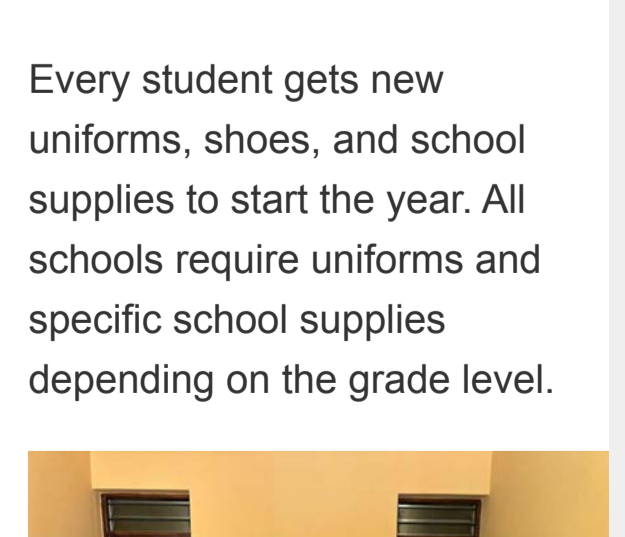
Starting a Hairdressing Salon

After completing their courses of study, we help many of our students start their own businesses. The job market in Kenya is very tough. In many cases, starting a business is the only way for a student to begin earning money. In the first quarter of this year, we helped Riziki start her own hair salon. Riziki completed her hairdressing certificate in 2023. We funded the start of the business and now it is up to her to make it self-sufficient.



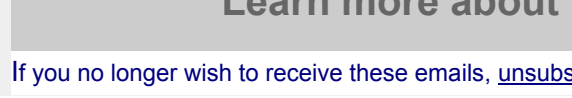
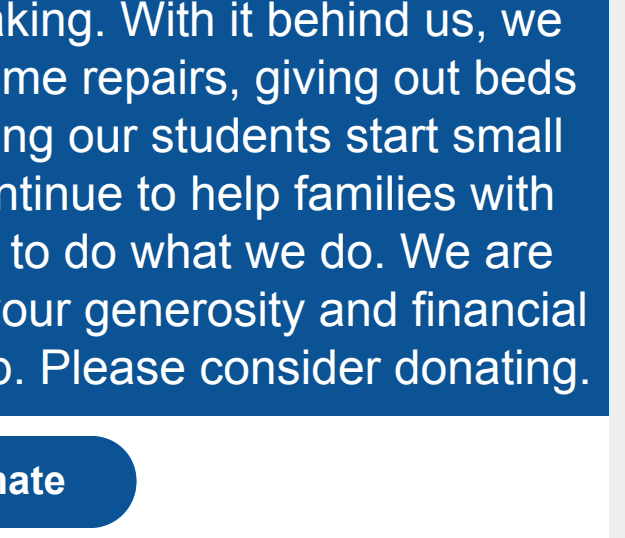
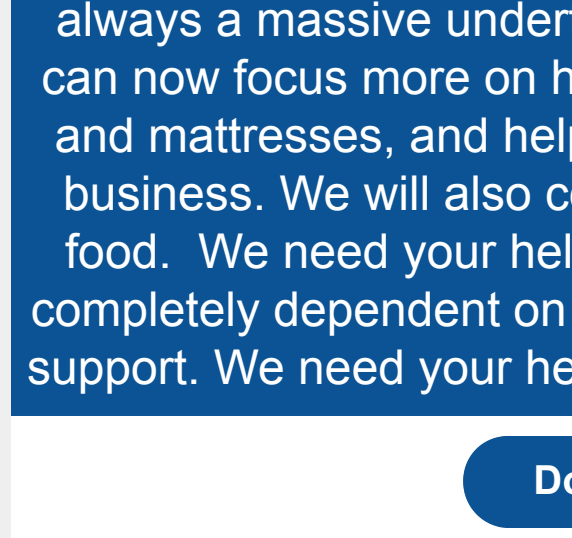
Helping Our Families with Food

We began our fifth year of giving out food every month. We started at the beginning of the pandemic, and it has become an integral part of what we do. The food distributions have been such a blessing for our students and their families. In addition to the monthly distributions, we also gave out additional food for Easter (as we also do for Christmas).



Helping Our Students Learn

We run full day tutorial sessions on Saturdays while school is in session. The students have use of our library and computers, through which they can access a wide array of digital learning content. During each tutorial session, we have two teachers from a nearby high school come in to teach the students for a few hours. The teachers focus on math, chemistry and biology, which are the subjects that our students find most challenging.



A Comfortable Place to Sleep

We continue to give out beds and mattresses to our students and their families, many of whom sleep on the ground. Beds are a luxury that none of our families can afford. The beds and mattresses greatly improve the quality of life for our families. We gave out 7 beds, mattresses, sheets, and pillows this quarter.

New School Uniforms, Shoes, and School Supplies

Every student gets new uniforms, shoes, and school supplies to start the year. All schools require uniforms and specific school supplies depending on the grade level.

It's hard to believe that the year is already a quarter of the way complete. The beginning of the school year is always a massive undertaking. With it behind us, we can now focus more on home repairs, giving out beds and mattresses, and helping our students start small business. We will also continue to help families with food. We need your help to do what we do. We are completely dependent on your generosity and financial support. We need your help. Please consider donating.

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