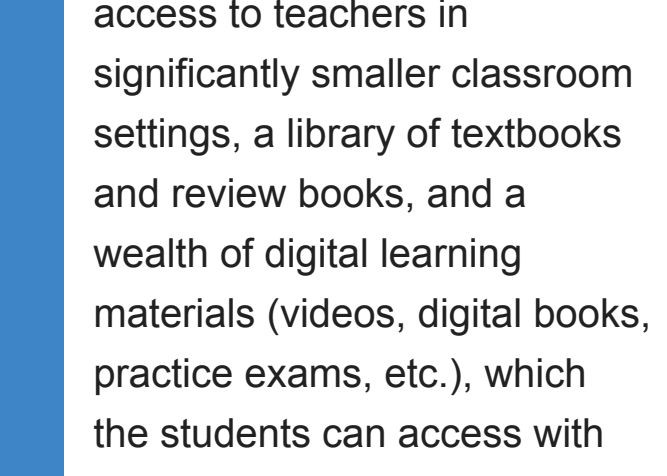


We had a great 2024 as we continued to grow the project to help more children and increase the quality and scope of the assistance we provide to our students and their families. We ended the year with 239 students enrolled in school but have already accepted several new students into the project, who we will begin to support in 2025. In 2024, we gave out over 700 bags of food, built three homes and six outhouses, gave out 42 beds and mattresses, 87 200-liter water tanks and distributed new backpacks to 223 students. We held 46 all-day tutorial sessions during the year, averaging 75 students each. Finally, we helped two students, who had finished their courses of study, start their own small businesses.

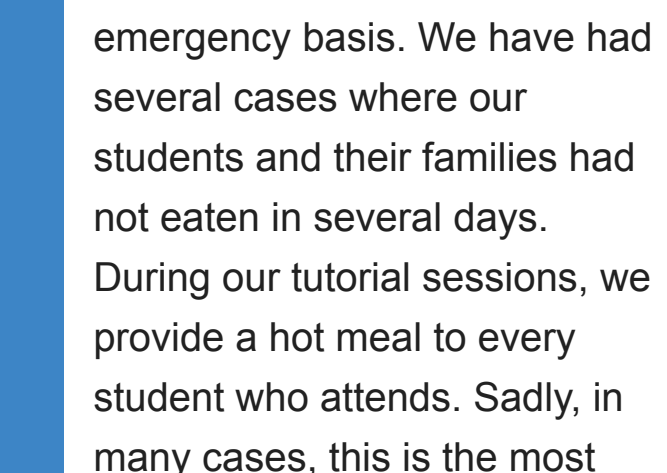
Helping Families with Clean Water

Most of our students and their families live in mud houses without running water or electricity. They have to "fetch" clean water daily for drinking, cooking, bathing, cleaning, and washing clothes. In the fourth quarter we provided 87 200-liter water tanks to our students and their families to provide them with a clean, safe place to store water. The tanks are a huge help to the families.



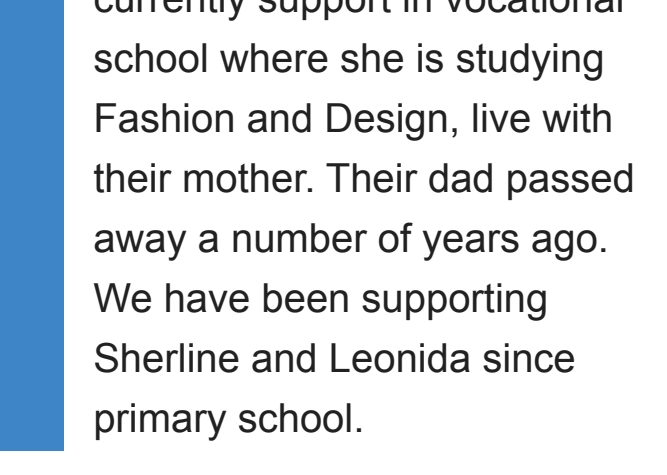
Helping Our Students Learn

With the class sizes in the schools our students attend ranging from 80 to 100 pupils, our students get no individual attention in school. Our tutorial sessions supplement their school learning by giving them access to teachers in significantly smaller classroom settings, a library of textbooks and review books, and a wealth of digital learning materials (videos, digital books, practice exams, etc.), which the students can access with computers and tablets.



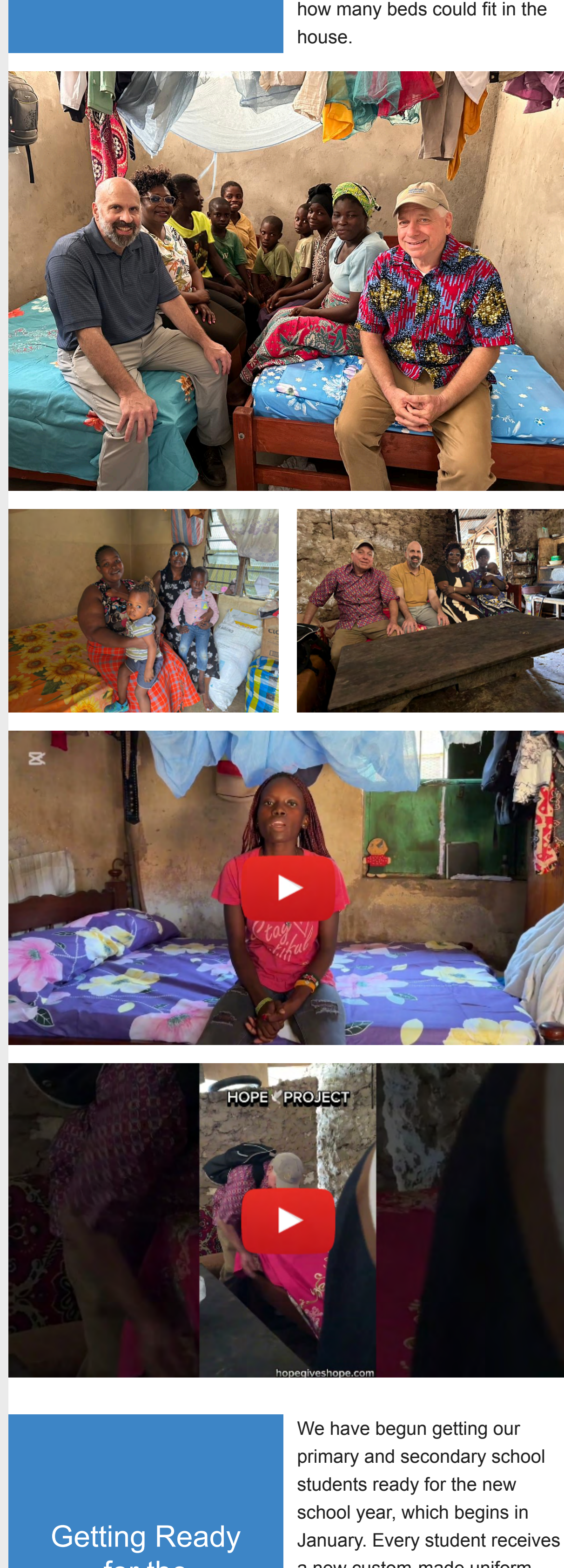
Making Sure Families Have Food to Eat

Our HOPE families struggle to put food on the table. We continue to help them by providing food each month to 50 needy families. We also gave out an additional 50 bags of food for Christmas, which included a fresh whole chicken. Additionally, throughout the year we give out food on an emergency basis. We have had several cases where our students and their families had not eaten in several days. During our tutorial sessions, we provide a hot meal to every student who attends. Sadly, in many cases, this is the most food a child may have to eat the whole week.



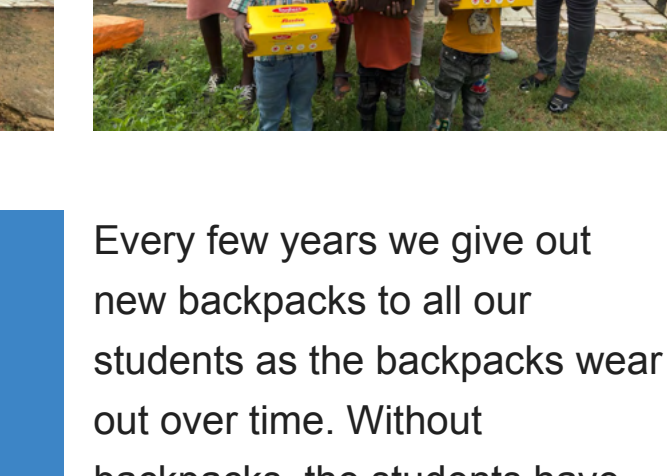
Graduation

Sherline just finished her three-year degree in Social Work. She is the first HOPE student, since we began supporting our students in college four years ago, to complete a diploma level college degree. Sherline and her sister, Leonida, who we currently support in vocational school where she is studying Fashion and Design, live with their mother. Their dad passed away a number of years ago. We have been supporting Sherline and Leonida since primary school.



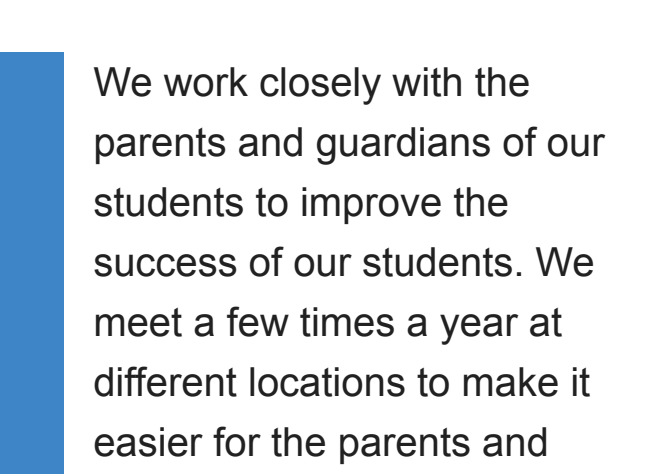
Beds and Mattresses

We gave out six beds, mattresses, sheets, and pillows in the fourth quarter. The children and their families who received the beds were either sleeping on the ground or on dirty, worn-out mattresses. In many cases, the number of beds and mattresses that we gave a family was limited by how many beds could fit in the house.



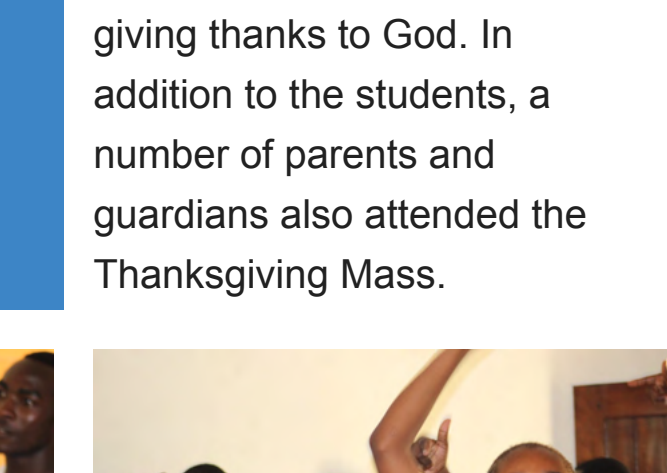
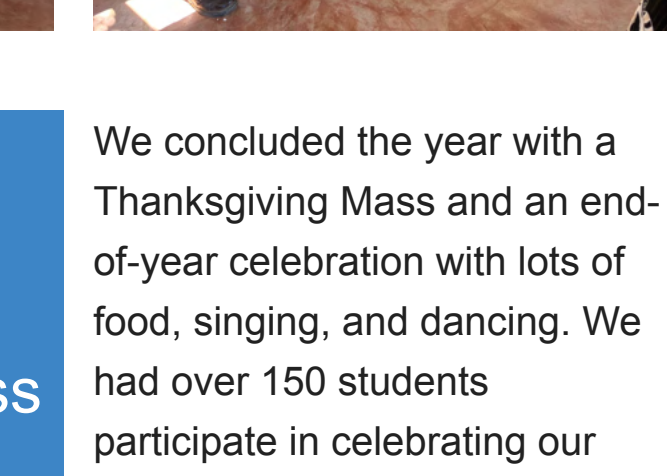
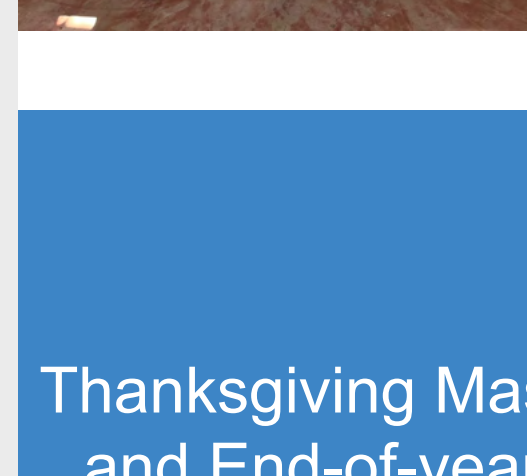
Getting Ready for the New School Year

We have begun getting our primary and secondary school students ready for the new school year, which begins in January. Every student receives a new custom-made uniform and shoes every year. Tailors come in to measure the students and then make the uniforms. We gave out over 200 uniforms in December.



Backpacks for Every Student

Every few years we give out new backpacks to all our students as the backpacks wear out over time. Without backpacks, the students have no means to carry books and school supplies to and from school. We also give a backpack to every new student that enters the project. In the fourth quarter, we gave out 101 more backpacks. This is in addition to the 122 we gave out in the third quarter.



Helping More Students

We accepted nine new students into the project in the fourth quarter and began supporting them in school – a group of four siblings, one of three siblings, and a brother and sister. Each of these children lives with a single mother and would not be in school without our support. In addition, we have already committed to supporting a number of additional students in January and will be continuing to bring in more students over the course of the year.

Meeting with the Parents and Guardians of Our Students

We work closely with the parents and guardians of our students to improve the success of our students. We meet a few times a year at different locations to make it easier for the parents and guardians to get there. We held our second set of meetings for 2024 at the end of October.

Thanksgiving Mass and End-of-year Celebration

We concluded the year with a Thanksgiving Mass and an end-of-year celebration with lots of food, singing, and dancing. We had over 150 students participate in celebrating our accomplishments for 2024 and giving thanks to God. In addition to the students, a number of parents and guardians also attended the Thanksgiving Mass.

We had a great 2024 in which we were able to help hundreds of children and their families. Education is the key to lifting these children out of poverty, but we also helped our students and their families by significantly improving their home lives. Your generous support makes all that we do possible. We appreciate our continued support.

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