



TEACHER, KELVIN, GATHERING A PUMPKIN FROM THE STUDENT GARDEN



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Hands of Hope Academy

For our first ECPK newsletter we would like to tell you about the great life-education ministry of Hands of Hope Academy.

Based on holistic health principals, run by Christian businessman and nurse Nestor Ndayishimiye, Hands of Hope Academy (HOH) operates in a rented school on three acres of rural land outside Eldoret, Kenya. Nestor, originally from Rwanda, is a trustworthy and Godly man. He hires and manages the teachers – ensuring they maintain a healthy Christlike school.



The children, many of whom are orphans, are safe and happy as they live in dormitory rooms, are taught their studies, and learn to grow and eat healthy foods. The teachers live on campus alongside the 79 students.

Pumpkins, onions, celery, spinach, peas and more are grown on a small patch of garden behind the school. Chickens are raised for eggs and to sell. While some of the food eaten by the students is also grown by the students, much of their food is purchased in bulk. Just the maize (the staple of the Kenyan diet) for a year is \$5040 AUD. Current donations to HOH will help purchase maize, pay for rent (\$7300 AUD) and, if enough is raised, purchase land near the school for farming maize in years to come.

Samson (left) is one of many HOH success stories. While some students head into adult life after leaving HOH, many go on to high school and university. Samson has just headed to university after finishing high school last November. Since graduating, like every summer break previous, Samson returned to Hands of Hope to help care for the children and grounds. There are three more students who are sitting their year 12 exams this year. Samson has decided to study film and sociology. We can see a budding documentary maker!

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pictures and needs

Top Left: The garden provides a small portion of the food needed to feed the 79 students plus staff.

Need: Farming acreage is available nearby at \$10,000AUD per acre.

Bottom Left: Samson at university.

Need: 29 HOH Students are currently funded by ECPK. Donations of just \$100 per month allow one student to be housed, fed, clothed and schooled.

Right: Margaret studying. A young Australian Courtney Tyler used her 21st to raise money for ECPK. In Kenya this January, she visited Margaret's Mum in their home and invited her to send Margaret to school. Thanks Courtney!

Need: Project based giving. HOH needs rent, food, land and more. Any contribution is helpful and tax deductible. Your help is what makes ECPK possible!

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