

HOPE!

THE NEWSLETTER OF HOPECO



HEALING AND HOPE FOR NANCY

HopeCo has the privilege of serving and caring for children who have come from hard places – abuse, abandonment, exploitation, and extreme poverty. Our mission is to rescue these precious kids and restore them – not just to physical health, but to emotional and spiritual wholeness so that they have renewed hope for a joyful and healthy future.

One of these children is Nancy.

As a 14-year-old in Kenya, Nancy* enjoyed school, was doing well, and had high hopes for her life. Tragically, those hopes disappeared last year when she was abused, horrifically and repeatedly, by a man in her neighborhood. When the abuse was revealed, and while Nancy still lay in the hospital, the man started negotiations with her parents to marry her – as he had done to two other young girls before her. *“Her welfare was completely forgotten,”* says Hilda Boke, one of our staff members in Kenya. *“When she saw 3 or 4 cows offered as reparation for what she had experienced, it was so demeaning.”*

Thankfully, upon discovering Nancy’s situation, our staff intervened to rescue and protect her. In a loving home, Nancy received trauma-informed counseling, medical care, and the tools she needed to begin to heal. And we have seen God’s work of redemption in her life. She is now back in school and is getting good grades. She has experienced God’s love and can now see that her future is full of hope!

Read more of Nancy’s story inside



*Name and photo changed to protect privacy



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TRANSFORMED LIVES, FLOURISHING COMMUNITIES IN EAST AFRICA!

Celebrating Abundant Grace!

“Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all wisdom He gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.” (Colossians 3:16)



This has been our experience at City of Hope this year. We have enjoyed an abundant supply of the Lord’s grace, compassion, and provision. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy as we remember YOU, our dear friends, supporters, sponsors, and partners in ministry. **Thank you!**

Because of your generosity, love, and support, orphans and vulnerable children have nutritious food to eat, a safe place to sleep,

and a quality education. Thanks to your support, women receive the skills that empower them and their families to live dignified lives. Because you care, we send young people to college and provide medical care to our local community. **Thank you!**

Our water challenges came to an end this year as we installed a water tank and tower. We also completed constructing twelve new apartments for our teachers, who can now focus fully on equipping our children. **Thank you!**

In 2022, we are excited about launching the new safe house in Kenya. Many hurting girls will benefit from the love, safety, and counseling that they will receive. We also look forward to completing the student dormitories. Pray with me that the Lord will provide all financial and human resources needed – and that our children and staff will experience even more of God’s favor. **THANK YOU!**

Hudson Mahare, Regional Director

Celebrating Amazing Impact!

Thanks to your support, here’s the impact that we can celebrate together!

- 94 children received protection and quality care in our children’s home during 2021.
- During a government inspection, we were rated one of the top children’s homes in the whole country for the quality of care we provide.
- Destiny Primary School was ranked 12th out of 663 schools in the region, and Dr. John Chacha Secondary School was ranked 58th in the whole of Tanzania.



- 3,623 people were treated at Amani Medical Center during the first nine months of 2021, with more than one third of these visits being for malaria.

- 103 babies were successfully delivered at Amani Medical Center over the same nine-month period, with more than 4,500 child health consultations provided.
- The first graduates from our secondary school have now finished college and are serving in teaching and medical professions.
- City of Hope now has a constant supply of water for the first time – and we have finished the construction of our first secondary school dorm and teacher housing.
- Because of your generosity, we are in the process of purchasing a new tractor – more on this soon!
- For the first time in our community, three weddings were held where the bride had not undergone female genital mutilation – this is a significant breakthrough.



- We had our first three graduates from our new Women’s Empowerment Program in Kenya – they are now able to earn an income and provide for their families.

- Our first girl was rescued in Kenya, with her abuser imprisoned for life thanks to HopeCo and our partners.

Your partnership is giving hope and a future to many children and young people – thank you!

Celebrating Changed Lives!

I made my first visit to City of Hope this past fall. It was a trip that I will never forget. From the moment I arrived to a thunderous welcome from the children and staff, to the lively dance party on my final evening (and the children dance far better than I ever could!), I was constantly reminded of God’s amazing power that brings hope and joy out of dark and painful circumstances. **City of Hope is a place where His presence is seen and experienced, every day!**

It is challenging to condense in just a few words the impact that City of Hope is having in the lives of these children. But a few things stood out for me:

FAITH: This is what drives us. We believe that it is Jesus alone who truly changes lives forever – and it is evident that He is at the heart of every program and each decision taken by the leadership at City of Hope. It was humbling to see our children and staff together, engaging in worship, committed to prayer, and growing in relationship with a Savior who loves them so very much.

EMPOWERMENT: At HopeCo, we are committed to helping each person we serve reach their full, God-given potential. Our kids thrive in school as they learn skills that will last them a lifetime, and they are flourishing as they are nurtured and mentored by their teachers, caregivers, and other staff.

LEADERSHIP: Everything rises and falls on leadership. Our children are learning leadership skills that will enable them to become the positive changemakers that their families, workplaces, churches, communities – and their nation – so badly need. And what positive role models



they have at City of Hope! Our leadership team in East Africa is godly, committed to pursuing excellence, and is doing an outstanding job of leading the program forward under challenging circumstances.

Thank you for your partnership in helping our children grow their faith in Christ, reach their full potential, and develop the leadership skills that will help them impact their communities for the better. As child sponsors and financial supporters, as team members or volunteers, and as those who pray faithfully for our work, **your fingerprints are seen everywhere at City of Hope!** I am grateful for you and your commitment to give hope and a future to these precious children!

Matt Parker, CEO

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But that’s not all. The Bible is clear that we should “seek justice” on behalf of the oppressed (Isaiah 1:17). And so, HopeCo partnered with another organization to pursue justice for Nancy through Kenya’s legal system. As a result, the perpetrator was recently imprisoned for life and will never have the opportunity to hurt Nancy, or any other girl, ever again. Hilda described this as a “landmark ruling” in a country where so much violence against girls and women goes unpunished.

Early in 2022, we will launch a new “safe house” in Kenya for more girls just like Nancy – providing them with protection, helping them heal from past trauma, and helping them look ahead to the future with hope! **Would you join the rescue team by becoming a Hope Ambassador? Find out more at JoinHopeCo.com/Ambassador**





Gifts that give HOPE!

It's a beautiful thing to plant hope in the life of a child who has known only hopelessness and pain. Our new gift catalog gives you the opportunity to choose gifts that help provide rescue and restoration to vulnerable children like Nancy! You can also honor loved ones by giving gifts from the catalog in their name, and we'll send them a personalized card to let them know. Here are just a few options:



CHICKENS \$50 for five chickens

Did you know that a chicken can lay an average of 530 eggs during their lifetime? Eggs are a good source of protein that is needed to help our kids stay healthy and strong.



SOCCER BALLS \$15 for one ball

Playing sports gets children moving, promotes good health, and encourages teamwork. Soccer balls are always a favorite and result in plenty of smiles and laughter!



MOSQUITO BED NETS \$60 provides nets for three children

Malaria is one of the biggest killers in Africa. A mosquito net will help protect children from this disease, keeping them healthy and happy!



CLASSROOM DESKS \$90 for one desk

Kids don't just need a classroom and textbooks – they need school desks too! Ensure that a new student in our secondary school next year has a desk to sit at!

You can see the full array of gifts online at JoinHopeCo.com/gift – or let us know and we'll put a printed copy of the catalog in the mail to you or someone you know. Call Lisa at (276) 632-8477 or email lisa@joinhopeco.com

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

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- Using your gifts wisely and effectively, and in the ways that you intend us to
- Being truthful in all of our communications with you
- Reporting back to you, with transparency, about how your gifts are used
- Praying for you

This promise to you is reflected in our accreditation from the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA). They have recognized our commitment to high standards of financial management, board governance, and how we steward the gifts we receive. We have also been awarded a Gold Seal of Transparency from Guidestar. *When you give to HopeCo, you can trust us to act responsibly, truthfully, and with integrity!*

