

# HOPE!

THE NEWSLETTER OF HOPECO



## DREAMS COME TRUE FOR SELINA

***“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD... to give you a future and a hope.” – Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)***

HopeCo exists to help vulnerable children in East Africa reach their full potential and become leaders and change-makers in their own nations or wherever God places them. Education is key to making that a reality. City of Hope’s Destiny Primary School and Dr. John Chacha Secondary School provide quality education (US grades 1-12) to the children living at City of Hope and hundreds more from surrounding communities. This is the foundation they need to pursue advanced education or vocational skills.

Like so many other children at City of Hope, Selina\* came to our residential home out of dire circumstances. The **love, protection, and nurturing HopeCo provides every child in our care** was lacking in her life.



Selina thrived in her new home and loved sneaking out and eating pineapples and bananas when no one was looking. She was known by all as a kind, sensitive young girl who looked after younger children needing help. Selina valued her education from a young age. If Selina couldn’t be found on campus, all one needed to do was look in a classroom. When asked what she liked most about school, the list was long, “reading, math, geography, civics, and science.” It’s no wonder she was often at the top of her class!

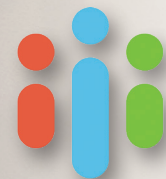
This year, Selina’s dream is coming true! She will graduate with a degree in Culinary Arts and Management. *“I’ve always wanted to open my own restaurant, but I didn’t have the skills or know-how to begin.”* Every year, more students like Selina will have the privilege to enroll in college or university to pursue their dreams for a hope-filled future!

**We have 36 students enrolled in college with three graduating this year.** They are pursuing majors in accounting, graphic design, computer science, nursing, culinary arts, management, and more.

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*\*Name changed to protect child privacy.*



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# Dreams Come True

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College education is costly, but we believe our students are worth the investment! Advanced education will give them a competitive edge in the working world today to support a family of their own. As they serve their communities and beyond – godly, productive young men and women – they are *living proof of the impact we can make together!*

To help launch these young adults into fulfilling careers, and help their communities flourish, visit [JoinHopeCo.com/College](https://JoinHopeCo.com/College) or scan the QR code.



## A Thank-You Message From the CEO

I am deeply grateful for your unwavering support and generosity to HopeCo's missions in Tanzania and Kenya. Your contributions have touched countless lives, enabling us to provide shelter, education, and care to those in need.

With your continued support, prayers, and the power of Jesus guiding us, we can continue to make a lasting impact. Your kindness and compassion drive our efforts, and we are blessed to have you in our HopeCo family.

Please keep us in your prayers, give generously, and share our mission freely with others. Together, we can create a brighter future for these sweet kids.

Thank you for being a source of hope and inspiration.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Al Lackey  
CEO, HopeCo



# Transformed Lives...Flo

## New Location to Empower More Women



SEW (Sewing Empowers Women) of our Women's Empowerment Program has helped dozens of women in Kenya and Tanzania develop marketable skills to better provide for their young families. Often due to forced early marriages and child labor, many East African women are unable to finish their secondary or even primary education, limiting their opportunities to earn a living.

Josie\* came to our program after escaping an abusive marriage. With no skills to adequately provide for her young children other than manual farm labor, she excitedly enrolled in the SEW program. During her two-year training, she learned sewing skills, bookkeeping, and how best to serve her customers. Josie graduated top of her class, and today she manages her own dressmaking business!

More women like Josie are waiting to be given this same opportunity. Our goal is to expand to a second Tanzanian location in Sirari, a hub for many surrounding villages. Unfortunately, prostitution is rampant in this border town. Giving more women marketable business skills will provide other income opportunities. We look forward to partnering with a local church to open this new facility as soon as funding becomes available.

To help open the new SEW Program in Sirari, visit [JoinHopeCo.com/Sew](https://JoinHopeCo.com/Sew) or scan the QR code.



# urishing Communities

## Helping More Children in Mitaboni, Kenya



Widespread poverty often leads to hopelessness, affecting everyone. Kids are hungry, malnourished, and sick so they drop out of school. Struggling parents sometimes abandon their children.

Children left to fend for themselves suffer the risks of being abused and laboring long hours trying to fend off hunger. And, with no one to provide for or protect them, going to school is no longer an option – or a desire. Child-headed households, where children fill the absent-parent role of providing for and protecting their younger siblings, are all too common in Mitaboni, Kenya.

The good news is that HopeCo has partnered with a church in the US, and today 60+ children and families in the Mitaboni community have renewed hope. Working with a social worker and team, these kids are given nutritious meals, assistance with education, counseling, the love of Jesus – and knowing they are not forgotten. Older children are supported with their high school and college education, enabling them to break out of the poverty they have known. Parents are assisted, strengthened, and encouraged as they can provide for their own family's needs.

Learn how you can help this new ministry outreach by visiting [JoinHopeCo.com/Mitaboni](https://JoinHopeCo.com/Mitaboni) or scanning the QR code.



MITABONI KENYA

## Growing our Care and Influence in 2024



**House of Faraja** is a refuge for the six girls currently living there. They receive trauma-informed counseling and loving care, while continuing with their schooling. Stacy\* (age nine), was rescued this past January and brought to our safe house. Her grandmother had sent her to a shop one evening and she was sexually assaulted by the village elder who owned the shop. Enduring the stigma and shame, this young child was forced to remain in school, where the incident was the latest gossip. Stacy is happy to be at House of Faraja and is making new friends!



**Destiny Primary and Dr. John Chacha Secondary Schools** anchor our students with a professional, Christ-centered education, preparing them for college or vocational training and a hope-filled future.



**Amani Medical Center's** care and impact are spreading throughout the surrounding communities as more children and families come for treatment. Amani also offers health education classes (helping parents prevent illness), vaccinations, and child health programs. Once a year, Duke University School of Nursing sends a team of students to observe rural healthcare and interact with our students. Opportunities abound daily to pray and share the love of Jesus!

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## 2023: Looking Back with Gratitude

- Served more than **500 children and young women, daily**
- Facilitated **10 mission teams/67 individuals to Tanzania (doubled from 2022)**
- Delivered **572 healthy babies (doubled from 2022)**
- Treated **13,838 patients (doubled from 2022)**
- Top illnesses treated: **Malaria – 1,192; UTI – 1,087**

## Serving Others Transforms...YOU

**“Serving on a team has changed me forever!”**  
(Mission Team member)



What is a Mission Team, and what do they do? You don't need special skills – just a servant's heart! Opportunities can include running vacation bible school programs, leading sports activities, providing training to our staff, carrying out practical projects, serving in our medical clinic and schools, or helping with our child sponsorship program. **There is something for everyone!** It's a win-win for you, your fellow team members, and especially the children and staff in Africa. **Experience HopeCo firsthand, and you'll never be the same!**



Teams of all sizes are welcome. If you or your church are interested in sending a team to East Africa, scan the QR code or contact [Kristi@JoinHopeCo.com](mailto:Kristi@JoinHopeCo.com).

## For Less Than a Cup of Coffee



Sara\* was brought to City of Hope last year, **even though she had no sponsors. That's what HopeCo does.** We bring orphans and children out of severe poverty and abusive situations because it's the right thing to do!

Child sponsorship is like inviting a child into your family – even though they live in another country. They get to know you,

and you get to know them. It takes time, but it's worth it. You contact your sponsored child as often as you like. Write letters, send pictures, hear what they have been learning the past year – and so much more. Sponsoring a child says to them, **“You are precious to me!”**

Sponsorship costs less than you might think. The average daily cost to sponsor ONE child is less than ONE small cup of coffee...about \$1.29. Imagine how much further \$39 a month goes to feed, educate, and clothe ONE child in East Africa! Most importantly, you can show ONE child how much Jesus loves them!



Simply scan the QR code or visit [JoinHopeCo.com/Donate-Sponsorship](http://JoinHopeCo.com/Donate-Sponsorship) to sponsor a precious child today.

## YOU CAN TRUST HOPECO TO USE YOUR GIFTS WITH INTEGRITY

At HopeCo, we recognize our responsibility to steward your financial gifts with integrity and accountability by...

- Using your gifts wisely and efficiently as designated
- Reporting with transparency how your gifts are used
- Being truthful in our communications
- Praying for you

This commitment is reflected in our accreditation with the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA), perfect 4-star rating with Charity Navigator (CN), memberships with Candid (formerly GuideStar) and Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO).

Your prayers, sponsoring children, giving financially, serving on a Mission Team all result in *transformed lives, flourishing communities!*

