

OVERCOMING FAITH SCHOOLS - NEWSLETTER

A HEARTFELT THANKSGIVING: GRATITUDE AND UPDATES FROM KENYA

In this season of Thanksgiving, we want to express our deepest gratitude to you, our loyal supporters. Because of your generosity, the needy children in Kenya have food to eat, clothes to wear, a safe place to live, and access to world-class education.

This past September, Lynn and I had the privilege of visiting the Overcoming Faith Schools in Kenya. It was our first trip to the country, and we could tangibly feel the impact of your prayers and financial support throughout our journey. We are incredibly grateful for your partnership.

During our visit, we witnessed firsthand the daily lives of the children, teachers, and staff. The trip was not only successful but also profoundly eye-opening. We gained invaluable insights into the remarkable work being done by Pastor Alice, the dedicated teachers, and staff, as well as the vibrant Kenyan culture, food, and the various local tribes. Despite their limited possessions and basic living conditions, their hearts are full of love and joy. We were deeply moved by the warm welcome we received at each school campus (Bunyore, Nambale and Kakamega) and by the incredible stories of resilience we encountered—including the rescue of a young girl.

Lynn and I are incredibly proud of the talented and devoted children, the relentless teachers and staff, and the unwavering servant leadership of Pastor Alice. In the face of adversity, these children are achieving extraordinary academic milestones, including being ranked the Number 1 school out of over 3,000 in the county. They are also excelling in extracurricular activities, such as winning first place in a drama competition. Most importantly, they have hope and dreams for a brighter future.

Thanks to your generous support, these children are not just surviving—they are thriving. Together, we are making a lasting difference in their lives.

A short video of our trip is available on our website at, <https://tucklets.org/#media>

- *Hitendra and Lynn Zhangada*

2024 End of the Year Donation

As you consider 2024 year end giving we hope that you will consider Tucklets. Our emergency funds are being used to implement new safety measures across all 3 campuses which includes fire extinguishers, new doors and windows for easy escape. New classrooms at both Nambale and Bunyore campuses are also needed for the start of the 2025 school year.

We can accept Stocks and Mutual fund donation.

Your support and prayers continues to bless the lives of these children. Thank you!



Drama that one the first place in all of Kenya!



Lynn with children at Nambale

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SUCCESS STORY - ASTONE SHISIKANI

Astone Shisikani was enrolled at Overcoming Faith school for eight years, starting at the age of six years in grade one in year 2005.

As per his class teacher Aston was disciplined student, willing to learn and very flexible. He loved debating, playing soccer and above all he loved reading and mathematics. He was a top performer and always excelled in all learning areas. He came from a very needy family.

Astone had dream of becoming a doctor. When Dawn Welch, the treasurer of Tucklets who was visiting Kenya, asked for a reason he said, "Because I have mercy. Every day I see people in pain, I want to help them." He inspired many younger students with his positive attitude, his ambition to excel and his compassion.

He is now pursuing Biomedical science engineering at Kisii University taking his last semester in the five-year course.

Written by: Teacher Collins Kipngetich

UNITED NATIONS TEACHERS' DAY

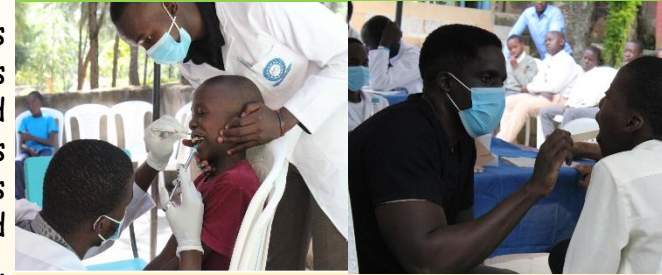
The United Nations teacher's day was held on 5th October 2024. The teachers adorned maroon shirts, white t-shirts and black trousers/skirts. The teachers welcomed learners with songs and dances accompanied by flowers and each child was given a note with messages of love. In the classrooms, teachers shared their personal experiences in life with emphasis of being a teacher at Overcoming Faith School. The teacher bordered a bus to Planet Garden where they received a word of encouragement from Pastor Manyengo. They were treated an slampouos lunch and were given a good stipend All the teachers were grateful and everyone supporting Overcoming Faith.

Written by: Teacher Eugine



Teachers greeting learners

DENTAL CLINIC



On 18th October 2024, dental medical camp was held at our school. The initiative aimed at promoting oral health awareness, providing essential dental screening and ensuring pupils and staff understand the importance of good dental hygiene practices. All learners and staff were screened and this screening analysis showed that 39 needed refills. 17 individuals needed extraction and 24 were referred for further treatment. This was done by professional dental doctors from Kakamega General Hospital. The dentist recommended that learners and teachers to be done twice yearly, with an aim to reduce the incidence of dental problems and promote culture of health and wellness in our school. The projected dates were set to early February and March for Nambale and Bunyore School.

Written by: Teacher. Moses

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PRAYER WARRIOR GROUP

The prayer group started as small initiative which was initially directed by Madam Alice. Later Mr. Sumba and Mr. Moses were appointed to be the team lead. This group has embraced learners from grade 1 to 8. The group has led to spiritual growth of learners, good peer relationship enhanced discipline and improved academic performance too. As the Prayer Warriors moves forward, we are excited to continue supporting our student spiritual journey and fostering a spirit of unity. We are immensely grateful with presence of Pastor Lynn and Hitendra during a prayer meeting during their visit to Kakamega School.

Written by: Teacher Haggai



Lynn, Hitendra and Pastor Alice doing shoes distribution at Bunyore School

SHOES!!! SHOES!!! SHOES!!!

The School has received donation children to get two pairs of shoes will be we already started the distribution which will be done in 5 phases as follows, September, October, January and May 2025. We will also give two pairs of socks, shoe brush and polish

A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT



Pastor Alice, Lynn and Hitendra

Un imaginable project which was started as tragic fire recovery has seen the light of success. Since 2022, it has been tales of stories, hard work, sacrifices and milestones everyday to see this project done. Our Junior Highschool learners now have a place they call school and home, as well as all the girls. What can we say! Flowers to all our supporters for the undying sacrifice towards the completion of this project. Hitendra the president of Tucklets visited during his tour to Kenya.

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KAKAMEGA & BUNYORE GRADE 6 GRADUATES THEY JOIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEXT YEAR

2025

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SCHOOL NEEDS

School facilities needs government
recommended improvements to prevent fire
outbreaks, we also need new Uniforms and
Christmas gifts for Teachers and Students.

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- Fire measures USD 2,800
- Improving boys' safety- USD 1,850
- Charge doors and one grilled door USD 840
- Classroom construction for two classrooms
USD 27,200
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all children backpacks, underpants and
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