

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

What Have You Been Doing???
In case you didn't know...
**YOU have been saving lives...changing the course of lives...
and impacting a whole community!!!**
And for all that, Olalo of Hope-Kenya
THANKS YOU!

SAVING LIVES...



One evening while at the hospital for an injured child, we were approached by hospital staff about a 4-year-old boy in desperate need of a blood transfusion.

His mother had no money to pay for it and all she could do was sit by his side and watch

her child's condition deteriorate before her eyes. She was told that without it there was little hope he would survive the night.

Your support of our Urgent Medical Fund paid for the blood transfusion, medication and food, and now this child not only survived the night, he is recovering at home.

Thank You!

You Helped Save a Life!



Tragedy struck just last week when a propane gas tank used for cooking exploded.

The father was cooking when a small gas leak in the tank connectors caused an explosion. This family of 5 had their home and their lives destroyed. (cont. pg 2)

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The father and teenage daughter were rushed to a hospital in critical condition; the mother and two younger children were killed in the explosion.

Because of your generous support to our Urgent Medical Fund, Olalo was able to contribute to the cost of their daily medication at the hospital.



(We are saddened to learn the father has since died, but there is strong hope that the daughter will survive.)

Thank YOU for supporting

our efforts to provide relief and life to those in need.

Olalo received a message from a previous patient alerting us to her elderly neighbor who had fallen and was in serious condition with possible multiple broken bones.

We trekked up into the hills bringing her ugali flour and sugar, barely making it over the deeply furrowed roads to see her.

We found a nearly eighty-year old woman propped up in her bed, sheets and cloths wrapped around her arm and legs.

A few days earlier her cane slipped on the damp floor at church and she fell hard. Without money to seek medical attention, they carried her home and tried to stabilize her injuries with the sheets and cloths.

Due to the nature of her injuries, it was decided to take her into the next town for evaluation and treatment.

It was already too late to take her down the hills, so we decided to take her for evaluation in the morning. We gave her son shillings to buy pain medication for the evening and in advance of transporting her down the bumpy, rutted roads.

Ten x-rays revealed a broken arm, broken hip and broken leg. The hospital casted what they could, provided her with strong pain medication, and Olalo transported her home where she is resting and recovering.

Your support for our Urgent Medical Fund got her the help she needed. Thank You!

Just an update- This dear woman is healing well at home. Due to her incapacitated condition, and your generous support to our Community Fund, we have been able to purchase her several months of food.



Changing the Course of Lives....

One of the highlights of our journeys to Oyugis, Kenya is always having time to visit with the students sponsored by YOU and Olalo. This trip was no different.

Just prior to our arrival, the students were busy writing letters to their sponsors, so we could bring them back to the U.S.

Two more students were added to the Olalo of Hope-Kenya student roster when some of our Vision Clinic Volunteers chose to sponsor a student's dream of getting an education!



What a blessing it was to be there when the girls were told they could return to school because someone was

sponsoring their education costs. The **bonus** was they got to meet their sponsors right then and there! Two more lives impacted by the generosity of their new sponsors!



Brian's Story...

Brian is 14 years old and he wants to go to school. His story is just like many other children, he can't attend school because there is no money.

Brian's neighbor was sitting with me when his application for a sponsor came in to the Olalo office.

"I know this boy," she said. "He is my neighbor. Each evening I hear him crying outside his house."

You see, though Brian is just 14, he works three days a week at a local carpentry shop to earn enough money to pay for him to attend school 2 days a week.

The boy wants an education badly, but this current life style and schedule is getting to be too much. He is tired, overworked and worn out, and yet he continues because he wants an education.

Brian's story is the story of many others...kids who realize the value of an education and do whatever it takes to pursue that goal. **Not every one of them is successful and many fail. Life then becomes whatever it takes to survive in their poverty and hopelessness.**

We at Olalo are so very grateful for the support you offer these kids through education.

Thank you for your efforts and the hope you give to the kids of Oyugis.

Thirty students are now sponsored through the 2018 school year. We have twenty plus more waiting....and that many more who will be ending 8th grade this year and need a sponsor to continue their education.

Might that sponsor be you????

And Now, A Word From One of Our Sponsors....

Sponsoring a needy student through **Olalo of Hope** is an experience that I am convinced you will greatly relish; it will give you amazing satisfaction and fulfillment.

As an interested sponsor, you can be assured that **Olalo of Hope** has personally and thoroughly vetted each student through a student application form, personal interviews, school records and family background.

Students accepted into this program have been found to be serious about furthering their education and extremely motivated to succeed since they have known great poverty and are striving to improve their opportunities and lives. Each dollar contributed is used for the student, is recorded and can be reviewed and accounted for.

We were blessed to be able to personally meet “our student”, Cynthia, while on a mission trip to Oyugis, Kenya.

We formerly had co-sponsored a child through our church group but saw the dire poverty in Oyugis and desired to do it again. Being parents and previously a part of the Oregon school system, we definitely know how important a good education is; providing a much better opportunity for a young person to obtain a worthwhile job and succeed in life.

We learned that in Kenya, once a student begins high school, they must pay specific school-fees to attend (tuition, books, supplies, uniforms, and other essentials) and many poor families can't afford these additional costs. It's under \$40 per month for us to vastly improve these young people's lives.

We have found that sponsoring Cynthia, has been extremely rewarding; we and she, are both extraordinarily blessed! The Lord has given us the means to provide the tuition and we are privileged to be able to contribute and 'speak' into her physical and spiritual life. We definitely also appreciate that we can personally communicate with her through letters, etc.

Sponsoring a student is a testimony and opportunity to serve Him and others!

With Gratefulness & Joy,
Vern & Sheri Petersen



Impacting A Whole Community...

Computer Skills Are On The Rise!

Olalo's **Fantastic, Creative and most Wonderful computer lab instructor, Bianca, is at it again!**

Bianca is not satisfied with just teaching community members and students the basics of computing and the Microsoft Suite programs, **she is creating programs and curriculum for Primary School students and reaching out to the community primary schools to offer training to their students.**



She is also developing programs for community midwives to increase their knowledge and skills and encouraging women's group to utilize the computers.

An Olalo goal has always been to have community members (adults and kids) access our computers to

investigate the many programs available on hundreds of subjects to increase their knowledge and to take the classes.

At our recent Vision Clinic and VBS, Bianca got the opportunity to talk with a group of kids



that were interested in the computer lab.

They gathered under the trees on a hot afternoon outside the Vision Clinic and listened to Bianca talk about what the computer lab could offer them and answered their questions.

It's now one step closer to meeting our goal of getting every age into the computer lab to start exploring all the information available to them.

A Graduate Speaks.... During my extra time in Oyugis, I spoke with Helen, who I had the pleasure of meeting last year when I was privileged to hand her the Certificate of Completion for successfully completing the Microsoft Suite classes taught by Bianca.



She was excited to share with me how the skills she learned at the computer lab were saving her both time and money now that she is able to do a lot of work on the computer that previously she paid others to do for her.

Helen was especially proud that she had taken the computer classes when she was 43-years-old. **Everyone discouraged her from taking the classes saying she was too old to learn.** She was happy to prove them all wrong and is encouraging other "old" folks to take the classes! 😊

Thank you to all of you who have supported our Computer Lab through your generous donations!

You are impacting a whole community!

Several months back, 6 local thugs tried to break into our Computer Lab to steal our computers.

After they failed to break down the metal door in the back of the office, they came to the front door only to meet our Masai guard, who single handedly fought them off. They left with injuries and haven't tried again.

Since that time we have hired an additional guard to protect us every evening!

It's a tight community and we understand our guards regularly have several others from their tribe guarding with them through the night!

We are SO APPRECIATIVE!!!



VISION CLINIC IN OYUGIS....

In April, Olalo of Hope-Kenya partnered with CCSE (Calvary Chapel SE) and Global Eyeglass Ministry to bring a team of 11 people to Oyugis to conduct a 6-day vision clinic.

Hundreds of people came to the clinic to get their vision tested and many left with either readers or prescription eyeglasses.

Throughout those days many tears of joy were shed by the patients who came and by the team who conducted the eye tests and fitted so many people, young and old, with eyeglasses.

The people's stories touched our hearts and the miracles we saw left us in awe of seeing God's answers to prayer.




IMPACTING A WHOLE COMMUNITY – cont.

Here are just a few stories....

A young man, about 17 years old came to the clinic. Last November, just days before he was to take the national final exams in high school, which would determine his educational pursuits by how well he did, his glasses broke. He couldn't take the exams.



He came to the Vision Clinic hoping we could help him.

He left with the perfect pair of glasses. It was then we learned the government had given him only one date to take the national exams for his future.... turns out it was the very next day! What timing! Coincidence? We think not! 

An elderly woman came to the clinic. Her eyes were so bad she couldn't even see the eye charts to read them. She couldn't see close-up, she couldn't see far. She desperately wanted to be able to see, to see her grandchildren and her family.

The team worked tirelessly with her and tried everything they could, but nothing worked. The team stopped, giving up, and then decided to just pray! They prayed for a miracle. She was old and only God knew how much time she had left on this earth.



After praying, one of the team made a ridiculous suggestion. "Let's try a pair of

reading glasses...a +1" (the slightest correction of them all!)

They tried it...and she could see. **Not only could she see the eyechart and the team standing in front of her, but her eyes then tested out at 20/30.**

Unheard of! Impossible! To us, yes, impossible...but with God all things are possible. It was truly a miracle! 

Imagine this...you've just slipped about the 15th pair of prescription glasses onto the face of a 74-year-old woman with diseased eyes...none of the 14 prior




glasses helped and now you are down to the very last possible pair. You ask her, can you see anything?

Stoned face and non-responsive she sits there.

You sit back and cross your arms, disappointed and wondering. She crosses her arms. Is she angry at me you wonder to yourself?

You scratch your head. She scratches her head. You move your hands another way, so does she.

She's mimicking you! She can see, and this was how she was communicating! No longer able to contain herself she breaks into thanks and praise to God and to the team!

This was the experience Brandon, one of our teammates had. She was the very last patient on the very last day of the vision clinic. "God saved the best for last" he said! 

Six days of stories, six days of joy and sheer delight! Many exclaimed excitedly what they would now be able to do. Others just broke into wide grins as they shook our hands with great enthusiasm and thankfulness, while others wiped away tears of joy from their eyes.



I stayed another 3 weeks in Oyugis after the team left. People came and asked when were we doing this again? Many couldn't make it to the clinic this time around.

The word is out...and I'm sure sometime in 2019, the Vision Clinic will return to Oyugis, Kenya!

Many thanks are owed to our Kenya teammates... the 17 volunteers who helped with the testing, interpreting and working the VBS going on at the same time.

We couldn't have done it without them!!!



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