



Olalo = Bridge "Bridge" of Hope

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### **NEIGHBORHOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS**

# Meet Linder....

I would like you to meet Linder. She is an orphan, living with her 65-year-old grandmother in a village in the Migori District of Kenya since she became an orphan at three-years of age. They say she is about 10 years old although she looks years younger.

Her grandmother gave Linder, along with her two other siblings, a place to live and it's been a constant struggle to survive since day one.

There is a growing deformity on Linder's leg and it is getting worse. She is in desperate need of medical attention, but they don't have the financial capacity to get medical help.

Just today we learned she needs surgery and YOU can help!

Linder isn't the only one suffering. A few young men needing medical treatment and several other unusual urgent medical situations were brought to our attention last week.

A wheelchair-bound grandma was traveling to her home to vote in the presidential election with her grandson when he slipped and fell into a ditch, only to have a rock crash down on his chest. Though his chest felt crushed they had no money for help. In the distant past Olalo had assisted her grandson with education funds and with nowhere else to turn, they contacted Olalo to see if we could help. We did. That's because of you...our generous donors!

Your support allowed another woman whose body was covered with festering sores to get medical attention. Pictures were sent to us, but they were too graphic to post here.

There are so many situations like these and so many other children, who just like Linder, are in lifesituations that prevent them from getting relief from these urgent medical needs.

We are always blessed when we have the funds to step-in when asked for help.

But it is only with your generous donations to Olalo's medical fund that we can get them to the medical help they need and continue to do so. As we come near to the end of the year, we need your help to rebuild our medical fund. Please consider giving now or read on to learn about doubling your donation by the Gates Foundation!



#### Student Appreciations!

A few months ago, Olalo's sponsored students met at the Olalo of Hope-Kenya office/computer lab to write letters to their sponsors here in the US who pay for their education. Sponsorship allows them to complete Secondary School (Kenya's High School).

After letter writing, they gathered together for a group photo to express their gratitude to their sponsors who are giving them a second chance at a life with the gift of an education.

We are so proud of all our students!

By the time you receive this newsletter, another school year will have ended. Some of our students have completed their four years of Secondary School and will move on to further their education, or take some time off to help their families. Most of our students will return to begin a new school year in January.

It's also the time when students who complete their Primary School years wait to see if they are fortunate enough to have a sponsor step up to support their education...an education they would not receive without your help.

Are YOU that sponsor? Now is the time to change a life!! We can hook you up with a girl or boy who desperately wants to go to school!

We haven't received the tuition and fee schedules for 2018 yet, but we are hoping to continue with the \$37 a month payment to cover all their costs.



## Just A Few Primary School Students Moving into Form 1 (grade 9) If They Get Sponsors....









# CHARLES UPDATE....SO WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH CHARLES?

Surgery #2 is complete and there is a marked improvement to Charles's face. His left eye is now completely uncovered, and he says he can finally see out of that eye.

Originally, we were told only two surgeries were needed, but during surgery #1 they discovered the complexity of his condition was so much more than the scans initially revealed. A third and final surgery is needed, however the funds raised for Charles are depleted.

Until we can raise the money to cover the surgery, the hospital costs, his transportation to and from Nairobi, as well as the cost of food for his family while he is gone, surgery #3 is now on hold.

The final hospital charges are always the unknown as they depend on the length of time he is hospitalized as well as the cost of medications and his care. Our goal is to raise \$1,700 to be sure all the expenses are covered. Any excess donations, if any, filters into our medical program to help others with urgent medical needs.









### **OLALO'S COMMUNITY COMPUTER LAB**

Our AMAZING and very creative computer lab instructor, Bianca, is designing new programs and reaching out to the community Primary Schools to begin reaching and teaching the younger children in Oyugis basic computer skills. The children will also have access to multiple educational and fun programs using our incredible server RACHEL.

Olalo of Hope-Kenya is both blessed and thankful for Bianca

who is always looking for new ways to bring opportunities to the people of Oyugis...both young and old...to expand their knowledge and bring new skills to their lives.





# Your <u>tax-deductible</u> end-of-year donation could be DOUBLED for Olalo on GIVING TUESDAY!



### So, what does this really mean?

A donation of:

\$20 turns into \$40

\$50 turns into \$100

\$100 turns into \$200

\$250 turns into \$500

(you get the point)

Which basically means double the people can receive urgent medical care, double the kids get an education, double the food for the hungry and double the people who access our free community-based computer lab and learn new skills that can **CHANGE LIVES!** 

Other ways to donate to Olalo of Hope-Kenya is through the following:

Our Website at www.olalo.org

Mail to: Olalo of Hope-Kenya PO Box 1476 Clackamas, OR 97015

Email: Olalo.of.hope@gmail.com

(these are not valid for doubling donations on Giving Tuesday – only through FB)

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please let us know through any of the contact information listed above.

On #GivingTuesday, Facebook and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will be matching up to \$2 million of funds raised for US nonprofits through Facebook's charitable giving tools.

Donations can be matched up to \$50,000 per nonprofit, with a max of \$1,000 per fundraiser or donate button, until the \$2 million in matching funds run out.

The match will begin November 28<sup>th</sup> at 8AM EST (5AM PST). (timing is important-donate early)

Additionally, Facebook is **waiving all fees** for donations to nonprofits on #GivingTuesday.

Don't miss out on this incredible fundraising opportunity to double your donation!

You can also start your own fund raiser for Olalo with your FB friends. Just follow the link to the Olalo of Hope-Kenya FB page and click on the "Fundraisers" link to start raising funds for Olalo. Tell your friends about GivingTuesday and DOUBLE the giving!

Olalo's Facebook page is at: https://www.facebook.com/olalo.kenya/

THANK YOU to **The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** for this amazing opportunity.
And THANK YOU to **FaceBook** for their generous gesture of waiving their fees for Giving Tuesday!

Olalo of Hope-Kenya is a faith-based 501c3 nonprofit working in the East Africa Country of Kenya.

Our resources are used to help all people in need.

We are so very grateful to all our supporters who allow us to carry out our programs and give hope & healing to so many!

Our Mission is to help break the cycle of poverty by building strong communities by working with partners to empower others with opportunities for education urgent healthcare and skills needed to affect life change.

To exchange the cycle of poverty for a new life cycle of Hope!