

Hope for the Destitute

*And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the less of my brethren, you did it to me".
Matthew 25:40*

March 1, 2025

Dearest Friends of Hope,

Pastor Omolo is filled with excitement! "We managed to complete the fixing of the steel doors and windows, plastering, fixing steel bars to secure verandas and stairs, and painting the first court of the second floor. Although not completely done according to building regulations, the 2nd floor is ready to be used for classroom." The 3rd and final floor of this section of the school building has walls and finally the ring beam was tied. Now, hopefully in April during the first trimester break, the roof can be added.

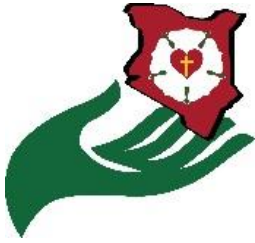


Pastor Eckert visited them in January and said, "The classrooms are brighter and nicer than the old ones. The first floor has a large meeting room, the manager's office, secretary's office, head teacher's office, Archbishop Omolo's office, a staff room for the teachers, a bathroom and three classrooms. The bathroom fixtures were being installed while I was there. The second floor has six classrooms."

This year the school goes up to grade 9. All nine classrooms are accommodated in the new building. Last year the student population was close to 180. This year – so far – it is 238! So many more children with which to share the Gospel!!

There are more students boarding, which requires more dorm space. The boys' dorm was especially crowded and was expanded by 50%. Here they are working on the project. Their construction technique is certainly different from ours. They put up the roof first, then the walls, and pour the concrete floor last. Future plans include a new brick and mortar building.





Hope for the Destitute

*And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the less of my brethren, you did it to me".
Matthew 25:40*



The Chapel

Pastor Eckert visited the chapel also. He said, "I didn't have the opportunity to learn about their instruction in the classroom, but I was able to join them for evening prayer twice and preached both times. They have evening prayer every day at 5:00 p.m. It is student led and follows the service in their hymnal. The leaders, all ninth-grade boys, I believe, did an excellent job and the students all have the service memorized very well and participate fully and respectfully.



An upper grade classroom



The inside of the chapel



Water tower and pump

**Pastor Omolo has clear priorities
because of growing school population.**

- 1. BUS - about \$12,600 USD needed yet.**
- 2. SOLAR POWER/BATTERIES/INVERTER** especially for the well pump and administrative building – about \$6,400.
- 3. PHOTO COPIER/SCANNER - from \$1000-\$5000 (used-new).**
- 4. FINISH SCHOOL BUILDING'S THIRD FLOOR - \$70,000.**

To donate, **EITHER** send a **check** to Aboite Lutheran Church, 10312 Aboite Center Rd. Fort Wayne, IN 46804, **and** also write Hope for the Destitute in the memo line,

OR you may **donate electronically:**

- Visit the Hope for the Destitute website (you can use this link)
- <https://www.hftdestitute.org/>
- Click the "**HELP**" tab on the top of the page, and it should take you to a "How to be involved" section. Scroll all the way down to "Donate to a project." Choose a project to which you would like to donate and click the donate button.
- It will redirect you to the Aboite Lutheran church Vanco, online donation page.
- Choose "**OTHER**" and click donate. Complete the donation form and WRITE **HOPE FOR THE DESTITUTE** IN THE NOTES BOX. Follow the prompts to continue and complete payment. You should receive an email from Aboite Lutheran Church as a confirmation of your donation.