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Friends,

I assure you that you'll be blessed by reading the following stories. Every one of them reflects the power of God's love to transform lives. Please begin by helping us pray about the matters listed on the next page, then join our celebration of all that God is accomplishing through the many supporters whose gifts and prayers are touching people throughout Africa and Asia.

You can be certain that everyone who has embraced the Gospel, has had a need met or has otherwise been blessed through your generosity is very thankful. Everyone at Harvesters is as well.

As always, never hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Blessings!
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****On the cover is Annet, a very happy participant in our Special Needs Children's Initiative****



Harvesters International Ministries



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Pray For Our Partners

India

Some of our school children are experiencing skin diseases, eyesight issues, and malnutrition. We are helping provide the required medical treatment but need additional support.

Pakistan

Please pray for the pastors as they work in difficult circumstances. Please pray for their many needs to be met.

Uganda

We are experiencing a dry spell with very high temperatures. It is not only affecting food production but also school students. Learning is difficult due to the heat and dust. Please pray for rain.

D.R. Congo

Pray for stability and peace in the Eastern part of DRC. Pray for protection of young people and, particularly, the children of our orphanages. The rebels have been forcing young people into the army. Please also pray for food supplies to stabilize and prices to decrease.

China

Please pray for safe travels, discovery, and fruitful ministry during our upcoming trip to China.

India

We have land but need funds to build a home for widows. We are currently serve 55 women with more seeking help daily. Please pray God opens the door for construction.

Kenya & S. Sudan

We praise God for the successful renovations of our three children's homes.

Please pray for the upcoming water projects that will be surveyed and drilled over the next few months. May God use them to open doors for us to share His love.

Russia

Please pray for the protection of our orphanage graduates. They receive some money and a place to live through the government but often face evil people who take it from them.

Rwanda

Please pray for the believers who are impacted by the closing of their churches due to many construction regulations that were put into place. Also pray for God's provision to make the changes the government requires.

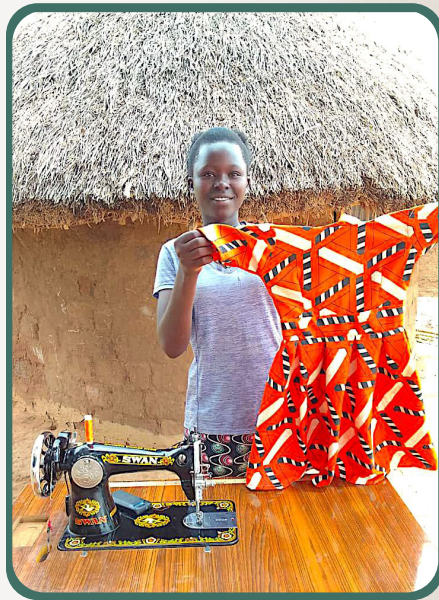
Empowered By Education

Tailoring Colositika's Future

Colositika's life was marked by hardship from a young age. She grew up in a polygamous family (as is common in Uganda) with two families living in the same compound. Her father abandoned the family, leaving them to struggle. Colositika worked tirelessly to help support her family and had to drop out of school in grade 7 due to the lack of school fees.

She took on odd jobs like washing clothes and working on farms to provide food for her younger siblings. Colositika's turning point came when she approached a local church to ask for work. While assisting the pastor with chores, she learned about the Kerith Skills Centre. With the financial support of the pastor, she enrolled in the tailoring program. Despite being younger than most at 18, she showed exceptional determination and discipline. She embraced all of the components of the training, mastering complex techniques and building her confidence.

Upon graduation, Colositika received a sewing machine through the micro-finance program funded by Harvesters' supports. It has become a lifeline, allowing her to earn an income and help her family. She now tailors clothes for clients within her community while still working part time for the pastors who supported her. Recently, she rented a shop in the trade center to expand her business. We wish her continued success!



Harvesters Education Initiative

Why Education Matters

Harvesters' ministry in Africa and Asia provides education opportunities for both children and young adults. Our students understand that they can break the cycle of poverty by continuing their education. Harvesters has established an Education Initiative to help provide funds for students to reach their goals through secondary education, trade schools, and university and college programs.

One Life Transformed: Meet Elijah

Like most firstborn sons in Kenya, Elijah was expected to uphold the traditional role of tending the family animals. That meant not attending school. His mother recognized how bright he was and fought for many years for him to be able to get an education. This, combined with other family difficulties, caused his parents to separate. Elijah ended up living in one of our children's homes where he was able to attend school.

After several years of seeing his son at the top of his classes, his father began to realize the need to nurture this God-given intelligence and gave his blessing for Elijah to continue his studies. He even began talking to the other men in the village about going against the centuries long tradition of firstborn sons tending animals. His message was to send both sons and daughters to school. Through all of this, God restored the family, and his father became an elder in the church.

Elijah continued to excel in his studies through secondary school and qualified to attend a university. Through gifted educational funds, he was able to attend Rongo University. He graduated in December 2024 with a Bachelor's degree in Biology and is qualified to teach at the high school level. He has already begun teaching at Lopet Boys School near his home village and the children's home where he thrived. He also makes regular visits to the children's home to encourage the children living there.



Lives Transformed

Uwase's Testimony

After church services, Pastor Habimana opens up a time of sharing for church members to testify of how God is working in their lives. At our recently planted church in Nyakagina, D.R. Congo, Uwase Mahoro was excited to share:

"I glorify God because to sleep and wake are in His power. It is an exceptional grace from Him that I woke up healthy this morning. I know what it is like to not want to wake up."

I am thankful to God who had mercy on me and brought this church fellowship into my life. One day, I was sitting alone feeding my little baby. I had nothing to eat as I was in the refugee camp. Food had been very scarce in the camp even with the support of different organizations. It was my second day without food, and my baby was crying because I couldn't produce milk. I gave up then, hopeless, waiting to die. I thought of taking my own life, even wrapping a cord around my neck, so that I wouldn't have to watch my baby starve."

I sat there thinking about my life and my other six children who were living with family or in foster homes because I couldn't care for them. How could I leave my children? How would I ever get back on my feet? At that moment, Pastor entered my shelter. He asked what was wrong. He immediately told me not to take my life, that God would take care of me. He gave me some bread and milk and sat with me."

Pastor began to share different verses with me from John and Romans. I was immediately convicted about the life that I had led, filled with sexual immorality. I prayed and repented and asked Jesus to take control of my life. Since then, my life has changed completely. The church helped support me and my baby until I was able to find work. And now I have been able to get back all of my children. I am so grateful for my church family who helped support and encourage me. Now, I am ready to help others who need it."



Fidel's Testimony

In February 2024, one of our pastors began ministering to the people of Nyabimata, Rwanda. In those initial gatherings, over 100 people responded with the desire to accept Christ! Construction of a permanent building was recently completed, and the church has become a beacon of hope and support for the community.

Fidel is a devoted member of the church. Before he came to know Christ, he struggled with alcoholism. His life was marred by conflict that deeply impacted his entire family. After a friend invited him to church, Fidel began to really listen to the words of the pastor. Through the support of the church family and discipleship, he found the strength to overcome his addiction. It is our prayer that this new church plant will continue to grow and that many will become followers of Christ.



Kinjal's Testimony

"My name is Kinjal Kewat, and I am in 2nd grade. My mother has changed my life. She is my hero because she trusts in God for everything. She has had two heart attacks, but she still works in the fields because my father doesn't work. Doctors warned her to stop or another attack could be fatal. Yet, my mother says she cannot stop caring for us, that God will keep her safe."

My mother's strength inspires me, and I dream of giving her a better life someday. I'm very thankful to God that I am at the GSSK school (in India) and getting a good education. And that I can learn more about God every day. I know that I will achieve my goals with His help!"



Rescued & Restored

A New Beginning for Gladwel & Jedidah

The rescue dorm at Kodich Children's Home in Kenya provides an immediate safe refuge for girls escaping forced early marriage and female genital mutilation. The girls attend school and receive counseling to help them process all they have been through. Below is the story of Gladwel Chesang and Jedidah Cheyech, sisters who found hope after their rescue.

"We are from a family of eight children. Our mother was the first of three wives to our father. We had a good childhood with our parents until our father started drinking. He would come home drunk and severely beat our mother. He would throw food and chase us away. We used to sleep outside in the cold in the bushes around our homestead. Sometimes, we would take refuge with our neighbors until they became tired of us and made us leave.

My father continued his bad habits and abusing our mother until one day he broke both of her hands. The following day, he ran away to his other wives. We were left alone with our sick mother. There was no one to provide for us. Life was very hard for us, and we had to drop out of school. We had nothing to eat and were very malnourished. We decided to go to the nearest posho mills (used to grind grains into flour) to collect scrapped grains, take them home and cook them. This was the only meal we had each day with our mother and siblings. Due to these hardships, two of our siblings died from hunger.

In 2019, we received the news that our father had died in a remote village. We didn't have a chance to tell him goodbye. His brothers tried to force our mother to marry one of the uncles, but she refused. Because of that, one morning, our uncles chased us away and demolished our house. They also sold the only piece of land we had and took the money. We were left homeless. Some neighbors took pity on us and let us stay with them for a while.

To try to find a better life, our mother decided to move to Keringet where we lived in one room of someone's farmhouse. Our family began to attend a Pokot Outreach Ministries church.

In our early teenage years, our uncles found us and said that since our mother refused to marry any of them that she must give us to them. And we must



undergo FGM and get married off. They were obsessed with the cows and goats that would be given to them as our dowries. We were living in fear because our uncles were threatening to take us by force. We were afraid to walk to school early in the morning, wondering if we would meet them along the road. Many times, our mother walked with us. We felt traumatized, full of stress, and sometimes depressed. We couldn't concentrate well in class since we knew that, at any time, we could be taken away by our uncles.

Luckily, the pastor of our church knew about POM's program that protects and rescues girls. Our situation was reported to POM's office, and the staff visited our family to see how they could help. The area chief wrote a letter to authorize us to be admitted to the rescue program. Now, we live at the Kodich home and are doing well.

The rescue dorm is more than a safe space. We have found a new home where girls rebuild their lives and rediscover their potential through singing, reading the Bible, attending school, and extracurricular activities. We are so happy to be among the girls and thank God that our hope for a brighter future, a desire for stability, and aspirations for personal growth and success in our academic journey will become a reality.

We want to complete our educations and then secure jobs as a doctor and teacher, buy our mother another piece of land, and help our siblings. We also want to reunite with our other family members and build a new support system. Above all, we want to become advocates for others who have faced similar challenges."

Children Thriving In Uganda

School is in Session!

Classes for special needs children in Uganda have officially begun, and the children are beyond excited to be attending! For many of them, being at school ensures access to consistent meals, which they often lack at home, where some only eat once a day. This has positively impacted their energy levels and overall happiness. Our teachers can also monitor their health and other needs.



A sensory room has proven to be highly beneficial, especially for children with cerebral palsy. It serves as a calming space, helping them regulate their senses and emotions during challenging times of the day when they need quiet and comfort. Another group of children with physical disabilities has joined inclusive classes with other students attending our primary school.

A third group of children we serve is unable to attend school due to more extreme physical and mental limitations. We are currently developing plans to provide additional therapeutic support for them in their homes.

Meeting Material Needs



The children in our program are also being cared for in practical ways. Many have been provided with necessities such as food, toiletries, and bedding.

Some are receiving needed medical attention, while others are being guided on various exercises and physical therapy techniques to help them with mobility and muscular health.

Family Engagement

The parents and caretakers of the children have shown remarkable enthusiasm for bringing their children to school. On the first day, parents accompanied them for registration, and our van has since been picking them up from their homes. After school, children are provided with food to take home, ensuring they have a meal for the evening.

Parents and caretakers are already noting improvements in their children's abilities, such as self-care skills (bathing, brushing teeth), basic academic skills (counting, recognizing colors, etc.), and physical stamina.

Center Days

Center Days are held once a month to foster community among parents and caretakers, giving them an opportunity to share experiences, encourage one another, and realize they are not alone in caring

for children with special needs. These gatherings help parents understand their children's disabilities, recognize their specific needs, and learn how to provide a supportive home and school environment. These sessions provide parents with assessments on their child's progress, guidance on how to better support their child's development, as well as counseling and prayer.



Your partnership provides education, emotional support, and a sense of belonging for these children and their families. To be part of this work, scan the QR code or visit ProjectHope127.org.



Lives Transformed Through Gifts That Matter

Because of your generosity, many lives have been touched and transformed through our annual Gifts That Matter campaign! Each gift—whether big or small—has made a lasting impact; providing hope, meeting critical needs, and sharing the love of Christ with those in need. From livestock and clean water to Bibles and educational support, your giving has changed lives and strengthened communities. As we reflect on the impact of this year's campaign, we celebrate what God has done through your kindness and compassion.

Chickens For Families

The students of our elementary school in Nyabimata, Rwanda, were excited about the new chicks for their families. As the chickens begin to reproduce, chicks will be shared with other families resulting in the entire community being blessed!



Fuel For A Pastor

"My name is Pastor John Baptiste, and I am a pastor at Seira Community Church in Rukumberi Parish, Rwanda. I would like to say thank you so much for the fuel sent to me. It helped me so much to visit Christians in their homes. I take time to visit with them and their families. Then we pray together. Thank you so much for the fuel. God bless you."



Bibles



Cases of Bibles have arrived at the Pokot Outreach Ministries office in Kenya. They will be distributed throughout Kenya and S. Sudan.

These believers at Kolowa Church in East Pokot received a new Bible. Having a hard copy of God's Word is a treasure!



Goats Help Feed A Family

"My name is Violette, and I live in Kirehe District, Nyamuga, Rwanda. I'm 43 years old and have three children. My husband passed away in 2017 after three years of sickness. After he died, life became more difficult. Being able to provide food for my children was not easy. Every day, I would go and work for others. I took any job that I could find – working in fields, washing clothes, helping those who are building, and more. I said yes to every job and tried my best to do all I could to feed my children.

For a while after my husband passed, I refused to go to church. I blamed God for leaving us all alone. One day, I heard about a new church that came to our community. I decided to visit one Sunday. I heard the pastor saying that we must trust in God because He is our only provider. He said that even if we are in a hard time and others don't care about us, Jesus is always on our side. He gave us many examples, and my heart started to think about how Jesus was with me this whole time.



I decided to repent and start following Jesus. He has changed my life! And so has my church family. They have started to help take care of me and my children. They have come to my home and helped me cultivate my garden in order to grow something to feed my children. They also gave me a goat which is helping me to get fertilizer for the garden and milk for our family. With the church's help, I am able to solve the needs of my children and empower the family even more. I thank God for that!"

Emergency Food Relief

In the city of Vijayawada, India, many are hungry and live on the streets or in shelters, including a family with two young daughters, Sarojini and Sravani. They often found themselves begging for food and money at traffic lights. The impact of our feeding program extends beyond just filling stomachs. It provides a sense of security and belonging to families like Sarojini and Sravani's, reminding them that they are not alone in their struggles.



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