

Herine's Story

Hope and a Future After Loss

Herine is the first born child in a family of four, living in Mt. Elgon. She lost her father to HIV/AIDS at the age of 10, and her family was subsequently abandoned by all those who could have offered some support—even relatives. Herine's mother struggled to raise her and her siblings without any reliable source of income.

In December 2018, Herine was privileged to join the VUKA camp, and, thanks to Empower Hope's educational advocacy, she able join one of the better high schools in her area the following year. Herine went through her high school education successfully and graduated at the end of 2022.

After graduation, Herine joined the six-month Ambassador Mentorship Program. During the training, Herine was an active student and quickly found that she loved and enjoyed soap-making—one of the practical skills taught in the program.

Today, Herine runs a soap-making business. From her business profits, she has been able to purchase the items needed as she prepared for college, and she has also been able to support her mother financially. Herine starts college this September to pursue a career in Food & Beverage.



Herine (right) with her mother



Soap-making is one of the many practical life skills that students in the Empower Hope Ambassador Mentorship Program can learn.

We thank God for Herine and pray that she will excel even in the next chapter of her life!

It is because of the generosity of our dedicated supporters and partners that Empower Hope is able to advocate to secondary and higher education for girls like Herine. Thank you for your passion for these efforts and your continued partnership!



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The Empower Hope Vision Trip this **December 4-15** is an opportunity to experience the work our team is doing in the communities we serve in Kenya. Anyone who is adventurous and interested in our work is invited to learn more about this opportunity to go deeper with our team—and catch the vision!

For more information, visit empowerhope.org/vision-trips/

We are grateful for you!

We rely on the generosity of our supporters and sponsors to grow and sustain our ministry to the people of Mt. Elgon and Nairobi, Kenya. Because of you, we can continue to pursue our mission!



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Jiana Wynde-Mead with girls from the Mt. Elgon Camp



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Working From the Inside Out

Update on Empower Hope's Githogoro Empowerment Center



Construction on the Empowerment Center is underway in Githogoro.

Over the past few years, Empower Hope Africa's offices in Nairobi have had to be relocated several times due to organizational growth. When a property inside the Githogoro slum where we do much of our work became available, we saw an amazing opportunity to work right in the midst of the people we serve.

The new facility—Empower Hope Empowerment Center—is currently under construction and will integrate our local programs into a single center. The center is the first of its kind in the area and is enthusiastically backed by community leaders.

At the center, the Empower Hope team will teach practical life skills along with workplace training designed to equip young adults to succeed at life outside of the slum, including services & programs like:

- Counseling services
- Life skills coaching
- Mentoring & discipleship groups
- Community events
- Social skills discussions
- Business leadership training
- Parent involvement forums
- Entrepreneurial training

It will also function as a safe space for our Ambassador Mentorship Program trainees who live in Githogoro and neighboring slum Huruma to come together to cultivate relationships and to train the next generation of leaders.

Because of your dedicated support, construction is nearing completion! By moving our offices and building the Empower Hope Empowerment Center inside the slum, we will be able to provide programs to reach local youth and young adults in their own community. **We are grateful for you!**

Dear Friends,

In Mark 16:15, Jesus tells us to “Go and spread the good news.” This is what we hope to accomplish as we share a bit of the good news that’s happening in Kenya.

In this issue, you’ll read an update on the Empowerment Center project in Githogoro, one of the slum communities where we work. It is well on its way to becoming the hub of the community, and excitement is in the air as the community watches and waits for the grand opening.

You will hear testimony from one of the young adults who has completed our Ambassador Training Program as he shares the impact of being part of this ‘transformative mentorship program’ that he attributes his spiritual growth to as well as necessary soft skills which will help him to navigate life in a more positive way.

We couldn’t accomplish any of this without your support, so *Asante sana kwa kutembea nasi* (Thank you for walking with us)!

Joyfully,

Jiana Wynde-Mead
Director of Corporate Communications

Benedict Owino
Empower Hope Ambassador
Mentorship Program Trainee



A Heart Full of Gratitude

Written By Benedict Owino, Ambassador Mentorship Program Trainee

My name is Benedict Owino. I am the second born in a family of four siblings, and I live just steps from the Empowerment Center property in Githogoro.

I stand before you with a heart full of gratitude and hope, as a mentee from a vulnerable community and a humble background. I want to share my journey through the transformative mentorship program

offered by Empower Hope. This platform has not only enriched our understanding of Bible lessons, but has also equipped us with invaluable life skills and practical knowledge that have changed the trajectory of my life.

Before I joined Empower Hope, I was living a life of darkness and I felt like I had lost everything in life, but, through this mentorship program, I

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Highlights & Happenings

Your generous financial support and prayers make these life-changing programs possible!



Ambassador Mentorship Program Graduations:

- 42 students graduated from the program in Nairobi.
- 56 VUKA students graduated from the program in Mt. Elgon—the very first graduation at this location!

Program and activity evaluation and reviews even as we come towards the end of the last quarter.

have delved into the timeless wisdom of the Bible.

The mentorship program has provided me with essential skills that empowered us to navigate through life challenges and opportunities. We have learned effective communication skills, conflict resolution strategies and time management principles. These skills have not only improved our personal relationships but also boosted our confidence in pursuing our dreams.

In addition to life skills, the program has equipped us with practical skills that transcend the classroom. We have gained proficiency in vocational skills such as beadmaking, cooking, and baking. These skills have opened doors to economic empowerment, enabling us to create a better future for ourselves and our families.

To our mentors, we are eternally grateful for your guidance and unwavering support to us. To my fellow mentees, now that we are being released out there, I urge us to remember and write in our hearts whatever we have been taught and put them into action. Let us remain vigilant with faith as our foundation, skills as our tools, and love as our guide. Together we can make a difference in our lives and our communities.

I believe that soon—when the Empowerment Center is completed in Githogoro slum—things will change, and many teenagers will be retrieved back on right path way of life. I believe that the teachings will be give to community abundantly, I know, also, that it will grant job opportunities to some of the community members which will greatly change Githogoro.

Thank you all for your unwavering belief in us. Together we can light up the world with knowledge, compassion and empowerment we have gained in Empower Hope.

You can support the work of Empower Hope in the Githogoro community by giving online at EmpowerHope.org.

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