

# Staff of Hope

"Empowering people  
to help themselves"

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## New Secondary School Opened

It is with great excitement that we announce the opening of the first secondary school built by Staff of Hope. Oloile Secondary School, named by the elders of the community after a local tree, is located in Kimana, Kenya. Kimana is located near the Kenya/Tanzania border north of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Oloile Secondary School now provides a quality education to 206 students, with girls making up a large percentage of the student body. In Kenya primary school is paid for by the government, but secondary school is not. Schooling can change a child's life for the better in so many different ways. Many of our students are still in need of sponsors, for just \$35/month.



The facility, consisting of four classrooms, one laboratory, an office building, a bathroom, a kitchen and a soccer field, was built at record speed. Local officials have marveled at how quickly the buildings went up. We are grateful to all who have helped make this project a reality. You have supported us with your prayers, encouragement and financial support. The project would not have been possible without your generous assistance. The community is very excited that this new school has opened although construction continues.

Two of our Directors, Moses Pulei and Bruce Silver traveled to Kenya this past December in order to interview and hire teachers, cooks and guards to watch over the property at night. We have also hired an American to be a consultant at the school for the first 2 months.

We are excited about James Nardella, who comes with a long resume of teaching positions. In addition to teaching, James is helping to put school policies together and has set up team teaching and seminars for the teachers, empowering them to be the best they can be. James is also shooting a new video for our ministry.



Oloile has been a light in this community where struggling is part of everyday life. We are thankful to so many of you who partner with us, having such a huge impact in this small community in Kenya.

Coming soon -  
our new website!

Please visit us  
online at

[www.staffofhope.org](http://www.staffofhope.org)

## Hope in Action (the following is a letter from Alex Muneri about children we are sponsoring)

Hallo Jeff!

I hope all is well. Here is an account of two students that Staff of Hope is now sponsoring to attend school in Kenya.

The first kid, "N" is an orphan who was born to "Mary." She is second born of the late Mary, who was not married. "Mary" was a commercial sex worker and in the process of her job contracted HIV and died of AIDS. Before she died she had been suffering from AIDS related illnesses and was being nursed by her first born child, who also contracted the disease due to the contacts she had with the

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mother's wounds. She later died at the age of 11 years. "N" was taken by her auntie who was living in the slums of Namanga. This

particular auntie had no formal income and was struggling to feed her own children, let alone taking on the burden of her sister's child. Other relatives to this girl also had died. The grandfather died in the 1998 American Embassy Bomb blast, the grandmother died later of HIV related ailments. This leaves the girl vulnerable to a lot of hardships and abuse. She has tried to overcome the odds by trying to work hard in the primary

education and was lucky because the free primary education was introduced in Kenya. Because she is sponsored now by Staff of Hope, she has secured a vacancy in a district secondary school at Olooseos.

The second kid, "R", has both parents who are living in the Nairobi slums of Dandora. The parents have no employment and live on casual labor. Given the conditions they live in, they deserve help because "R" was pulling out of school had it not been for the fact that we came to her rescue. She will be able to complete her education with Staff of Hope's help.

I wish you God's blessings,

Alex

## Staff of Hope Mission

One of the most important ongoing missions of Staff of Hope is the drilling of water wells. To date, we have drilled 8 separate water wells all over southern Kenya, from wells near the coast to far inland. Each well serves an average of 300 families and their cows, goats and sheep. The water drill Staff of Hope uses is called a "percussion drill", which works by pounding a shaft through the ground to the water. The average well drilling employs a small Kenya crew and takes several weeks to drill because they are in dry and remote areas where the water is often 200 ft. or deeper. Staff of Hope is in the process of evaluating better drills that would work more quickly and get water to people faster. We are hoping to be able to

purchase a rotary drill, which spins as it drills. The average time for a rotary drill is just a few days. We hope to have this new drill in 2007, which would quadruple the numbers of wells we could drill in a year.



## Medical Clinic to be Completed this Summer

The summer several churches from Southern California will be traveling to Namanga, Kenya, in order to complete the first and only medical clinic in the area. Namanga is on the far western side of Amboseli National Park when compared to Kimana, which is on the eastern side of Amboseli.

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## History of Staff of Hope

It all started in August 2000 when two Fuller Seminary students, Moses Pulei and Jeff Spainhour, sat down to eat lunch and catch up with each other. Jeff asked Moses to share about his recent trip to his native Kenya. Moses then said that he and his new wife, Brittany, went to Kenya expecting to find a party to celebrate their marriage. Instead, they found severe famine. As Moses told Jeff about the situation among his people in Kenya, Jeff quickly realized that "this is an opportunity for us to love our neighbors." They met a few times and decided to share the story of the drought with some other seminary friends. David Moore and others came together to meet and pray, looking for a way to help. While meeting, they felt God was telling them not to just put a temporary bandage over the situation, but to walk with the Kenyans over a long period of time.



This small group was able to raise enough money to purchase and ship a drill from Santa Barbara, California to Kenya with the aid of Lifewater International, Inc. This group asked others to join them in prayer and financial support as they continued to share the story. In August 2001, Staff of Hope was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Since the founding of Staff of Hope, a handful of people has grown to ignite a vision uniting scores of churches, corporations, government officials and many throughout the USA and east Africa. We have partnered together to bring fresh water to 1,000s, sponsored dozens of high school and college students each year for school, constructed a needed dam, and completed many projects to promote micro enterprises that bring sustainable jobs to many, including the purchase and distribution of 1,000s of goats to help some of the most poor in Kenya. Staff of Hope is pleased that doors are opening to expand into Tanzania where we are now sponsoring two girls to go to college.

More than just projects, Staff of Hope is different from older organizations, as our focus is truly on relationships. We work side by side, sweating together, not just to put up new buildings, but to cultivate neighbors, being people who really know each other and care for each other. We eat at the homes of our friends in east Africa, not as guests but truly as family. We regularly send emails back and forth and talk on the phone, not just to check off a task list, but because we share in each others lives. These people are not a project to us - we are neighbors - family.

Staff of Hope truly counts it a privilege when others hear the story of our friends in east Africa and are moved to join us. It is humbling for us to be joined by so many just like you. We are grateful that we have had such wonderful people to serve on our Board of Directors throughout the years. We say a special thank you to Rev. Sharon Bell (WV) who served for several years as our Secretary but recently resigned. In November 2006, we added three new Directors to our Board: Rich Edwards (NC), Joshua Grizzle (TX) and Bill Hughes (CA). In February 2007, another wonderful person, Heidi Frost Heard (NM), joined the Board. Along with Doug Whyte (CA), Dr. Stan Moore (CA), Rev. David Moore (NY), Moses Pulei (KE), Rev. Bruce Silver (OR) and Rev. Jeff Spainhour (NC), the number serving on the Board of Directors is now ten. Recently, Rev. Bruce Silver took the specific position as Director of Student Sponsorships.

We are excited about the future. As we continue to move forward with the school, medical clinic, student sponsorships and raising money for the new drill, together we are truly having a positive impact. Your generosity has quadrupled our ability to serve those in east Africa from just five years ago. What an exciting time to be in this community where people from the USA and east Africa are united in relationships to build communities of hope for today and tomorrow. Thank you and way to go!!!

## Medical Clinic (continued from page 2)

The clinic is being designed by Matthew Ridenour and David Aine, two graduating architectural students from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. The clinic will be able to handle emergencies and longer term care. It will have 8 beds, and will be able to give out needed medicines and vaccinations. The government is looking forward to the completion of the clinic, and will be staffing the clinic with qualified medical providers.







### *Our Vision*

*To share hope by demonstrating God's love through partnerships with communities of East Africa to empower them to meet their own spiritual, physical, educational and economic needs.*

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Staff of Hope has a new mailing address for donations. Please send all future donations to the following address. For more information on Staff of Hope, don't forget to visit our new website, [www. staffofhope.org](http://www.staffofhope.org)

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