



Our feeding program began out of necessity. Kids were struggling to stay alert, their hair was falling out, and eyes were yellow. Now, malnutrition is a thing of the past in their village!

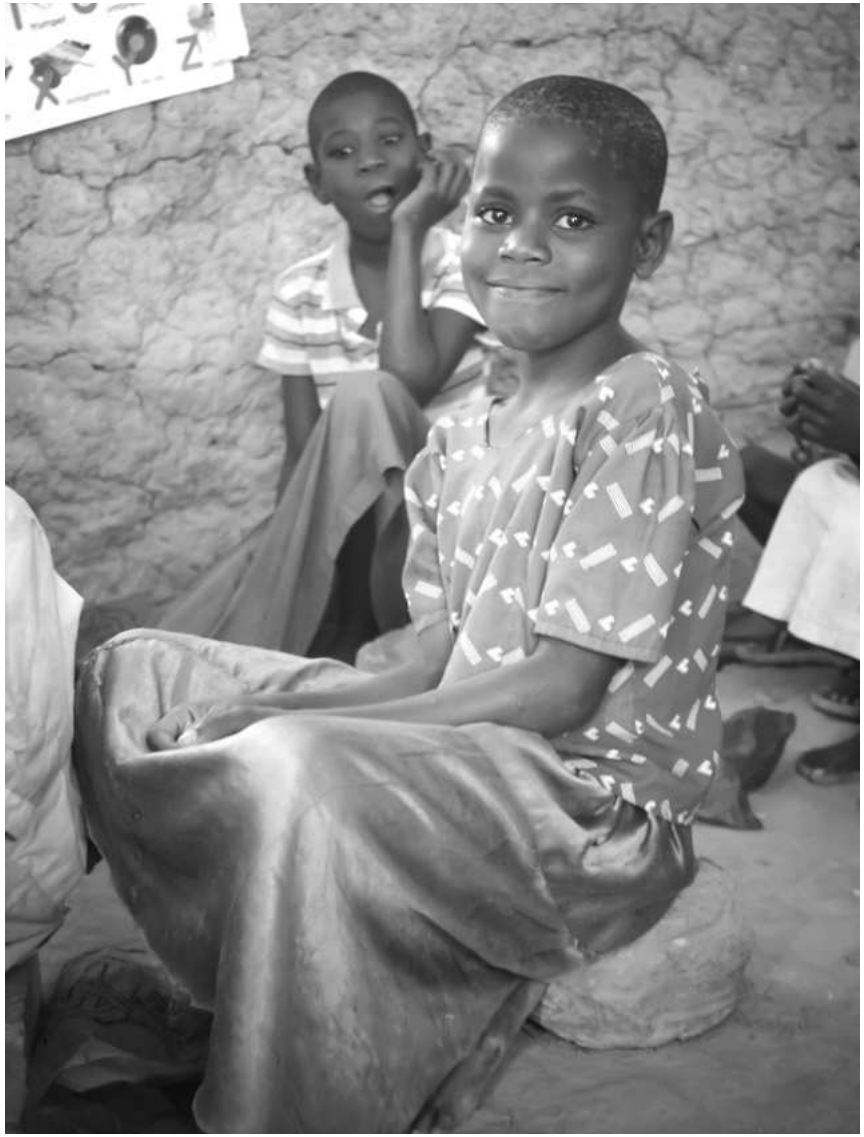
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We began with 30 students crammed in a mud-hut. Dust & darkness made studying very difficult. Now almost 400 kids are studying daily in brand new block classrooms, complete with big windows & fresh air!

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The kids were so desperate for school they used rocks for desks & wrote in the dirt. Now, they are overjoyed to sit at proper desks and study; often making the top grades in the county.

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"We aren't leaving until you promise us a church". These 10 new converts were so excited about the Gospel they were desperate for a place to worship together. When we were building the church, God told us, "as big as you build it, is as much as I will fill it." We see His faithfulness every week, as the room is filled with Jesus-lovers.

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Tabitha Mwende

Age: 22

Gender: Female

Major:
Supply Chain Management

Career Path:
Import/Export Manager

Bio::

Tabitha is a vibrant young woman, so full of passion and joy. She is an orphan and lives with her elderly grandmother. Tabitha got saved at church in seventh grade, and has loved the Lord ever since. She was head girl in Primary school, and very involved in discipleship in her High School, often leading groups of girls in the Word.

Why did you pick this major?

"Education is the key to success. Knowledge is power. In my society, the voice of an illiterate woman is not heard. But when a lady gets educated, she can speak anywhere and what she wants can be done. That is why I must continue to University to better my life and get respect. I cannot change my society positively if I do not have higher education. I must so that I can get the power to stand and change my community. I want to work in the industry that supplies sanitary towels for girls. This course empowers me, telling me all things are possible and everyone can be a boss of her own."

If you could make one positive change in your community, what would it be?

"I would first start to eradicate illiteracy. Most young girls in my society tent not to finish school. I would also encourage them on the importance of education. I would come up with a program to motivate the less fortunate. Talking to them and giving them some basic necessitates."

We knew putting kids in school wasn't enough, we needed an exit plan, & career goals. However, we struggled with how to help the students after High School. That's when a very generous donor helped create the Girls Empowerment Program. Focused on higher education, this program allows our scholars to continue learning & growing while developing a career path of their choosing.

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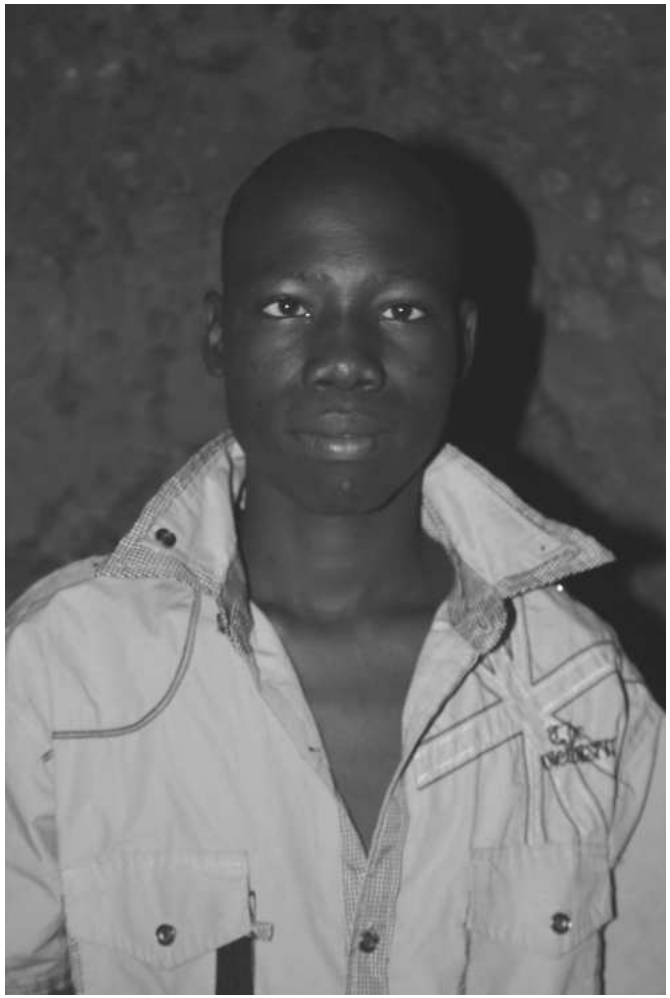






Play is such an important part of childhood. Many African children grow up with no access to toys or entertainment. When Relate Church suggested building a playground, we knew it was from the Lord. It is so wonderful to hear the laughter fill the schoolyard and watch them enjoy being kids.

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Most young men in our area fall prey to local drugs or palm wine in their youth. With little access to education or jobs, they feel life doesn't have much to offer them. That is why programs like our Youth Soccer Team make such a difference. The young men spend time in a community of Christians learning things like teamwork and sportsmanship in a Christian environment.

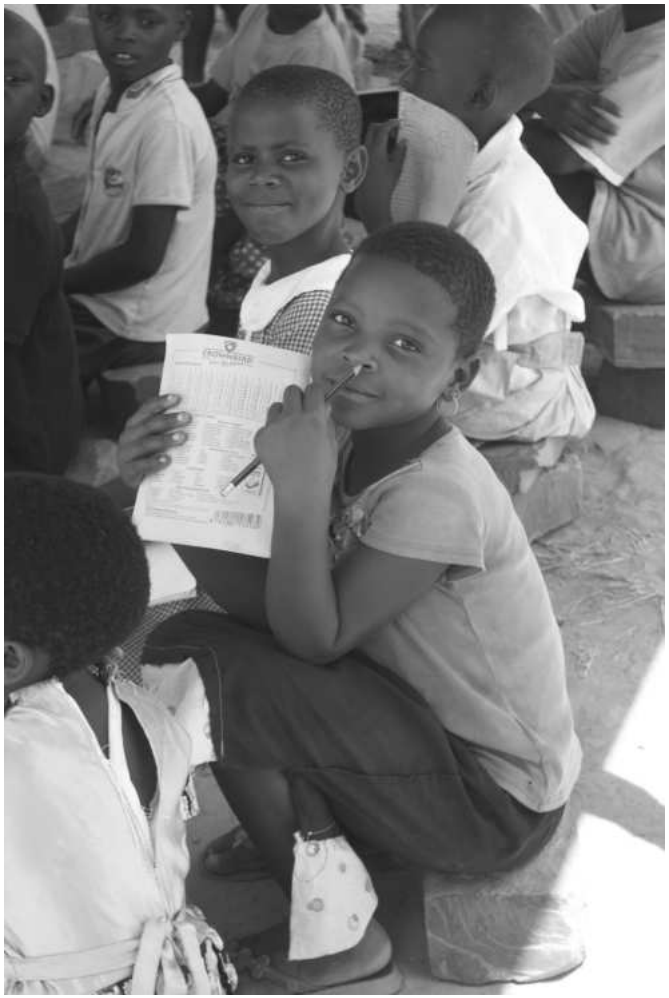
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Many of our students come from a background of another faith. When we first started the school, there were less than 10 Christians in the whole community. Nothing fills our heart more these days than to see and hear the children worshipping God and learning about him daily in our Christian School.

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We will never forget the only storybook the kids had - tattered & torn, it was a very graphic depiction of a lion eating a monkey, somehow made for children. Thankfully, the Retouch community wanted more for the kids, and 20,000 books were sent to the middle of our African bush. Even today, the kids are still discovering new favorite books and journeying to far-off lands.

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Dusty eyes, sandy feet and sunburns used to be a normal day at school for our kids. They were so desperate to learn they didn't care what conditions were like, even studying under a tree. Last year, we opened the Joiner Education Complex, which houses our High School, including a brand-new laboratory. Our Elementary students are also in permanent buildings, complete with electricity!

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Clothing is a luxury many families here cannot afford. Getting their first uniform is a highlight for many of our students. They love to pose and yell "style" as they show off their clean, custom-tailored new clothing. They also receive proper shoes which makes a significant impact on their health.

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We are so thankful for the last 10 years. We know the only way anything has changed has been through the faithfulness of the Lord, and the sacrifice of our Retouch community. We covet your prayers and your support. We have big dreams and believe this is just the beginning of what God wants to do in Kenya. There are more children to help, and more mouths to feed. We want to thank you so much for all you have done to help make these last 10 years what they are!

If you'd like to continue to support Retouch, our greatest need is the Feeding Program. This is one of the most impactful programs we have. In our village, there has been a measurable decline in malnutrition due to this program. The kids are noticeably happier and healthier. For the parents, knowing their children have constant food has also relieved a huge burden. We would love to continue to help over 400 students who have come to rely on these meals. The rising cost of food in Kenya has made it very difficult to make the budget every month. If you'd like you give, you can do so below and select "Feeding Program".



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