

# GPF



# AFRICA

Garments of Praise  
September 2014 Update

*Challenged by Isaiah 61:1-3 (NKJV) it became our desire to provide **HOPE** by bringing **Help** to the helpless, giving the **Oil** of joy to those who mourn, **Preaching** the gospel to the poor, and **Exchanging** the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, with the ultimate goal that God may be glorified.*

## Praises, Prayers and Update:

**“Pray for the African Mission Team as they minister in Kenya from September 15-30”**

God bless you for giving “**HOPE**” to “*the least of these our brethren*” through your sponsorship.

**Shalom Learning Center:** Through this program you bless over 150 children with an education, food, love and teaching from God’s Word. **“Without an education they have little hope in this life and without salvation they have no hope of eternal life.”**



children visiting one injured by a motorbike as he left school

It is hard to describe the actual lives of these children. Before Garments of Praise partnered with Shalom to start a “*feeding program*” (\$10 feeds a child), many children didn’t go to school for fear the little food at home would be gone when they returned. Many students have no place they can consistently call home. They are orphaned or abandoned, and they are often neglected by those caring for them as they are passed from relative to relative. There is little love or real caring shown to them EXCEPT at Shalom. Janet is an eight year old orphan who went to live with her old grandmother. When her grandmother couldn’t care for her anymore, she was sent to a distant relative. Here she was treated harshly, made to do many hard chores and not allowed to go to school. She ran away, showed up at her old classroom, and with tears begged them to let her stay. To her this was a place of refuge and safety.

**Thank you for your prayers and sponsorship for Shalom**, so we may continue to impact lives spiritually, physically and emotionally as we seek to be Jesus’ hands and heart to these little ones and fulfill Isaiah 61:1-3, to “... bring help to the helpless..” All this so that God will be glorified.

**PRAYER:** For receptive hearts as the Mission Team shares food, fun, the gospel and love of Jesus through fun evangelistic tools like: Bobby the clown’s magic, making of bracelets where Janet, Linda, Jim and Tony will share one-on-one and give simple gospel tracts so that the students can share the gospel with family.



Veronica receives board and room as she had no food at home and walked 1 hour each way to Tailoring School

**Jesus Cares Fund:** Through this program you bless many who live in extreme poverty with a “hand up”, and when illness or unforeseen circumstances happen, you are there to help. Many lives have been saved with just a few dollars for medicines and medical treatment. You have provided funds for families like Sammy’s, a new Christian, who had no means of support after he contracted Tuberculosis and was unable to work. Without treatment he faced certain death; but with \$50 a month of medicine and food for the next 6 months, his outlook is bright. His wife and children are grateful for this help; they had already been two days without food when he came to us. You have provided medicine for a young student that is HIV positive, food for poor in the area and shelter for those in need.

**Thank you for your prayers and sponsorship** for “The Jesus Cares Fund”. Pray with us that we may continue to impact lives spiritually and physically as we seek to fulfill Isaiah 61:1-3 to give the Oil of Joy to “*heal the brokenhearted and comfort those who mourn.*” So that God will be Glorified.

**PRAYER:** Opportunities for the team to share the greatest need—the simple plan of Salvation and Jesus love. Pray we will be an encouragement and blessing to them as the team interacts with many in need in this area.

**Equipping the Saints:** Through this program you bless pastors and leaders as you help train and encourage them in both the Kenyan community and the Ethiopian Refugee Church in Nairobi. Three of the students attending Bible College (because of this program) will be returning to Ethiopia to share the “Good News” with their own people. This brave church is able to meet 24/7 because of your support for the rent.

**Thank you for your prayers and Sponsorship** of “Equipping the Saints”. Pray with us that we may continue to impact lives spiritually as we seek to fulfill Isaiah 61:1-3 to “*preach the gospel to the poor...*” That God will be Glorified.

**PRAYER:** That the team may supply greatly needed study Bibles to pastors; that pastors and leaders will be encouraged and blessed as the team holds Biblical Seminars to empower pastors in soul winning and in strengthening their churches; and that doors will open for the Village crusades and an “Evangelism Soccer Tournament” where the gospel will be preached and 1,000’s of tracts will be given out.



Encouraging the church



**Tailoring Training Institute** Through this program you bless many destitute teens, single moms and refugee women. Some teens are forced from their homes because there is not enough food for them and their younger siblings. Young men cannot find jobs because they have no job skills, resulting in a high suicide rate in Kangundo. Teen girls have little choice. They can work as “house help” where they care for children, collect wood, carry water, cook and clean, and make just enough to survive; or they can marry. Men will often abandoned their wives for “another wife” and leave them a “single mom” with one or more children to support and no way to lift themselves from poverty.

Sponsorships for the Tailoring Institute now provides another option. It gives them tuition, food and if needed, shelter so they can learn a skill.

**Thank you for your prayers and Sponsorship** of the “Tailoring Institute”. In four years you have touched the lives of over 50 “at risk” teens, single moms and refugees who before had no hope, but now are seeing their lives changed.

Pray with us that we may continue to impact lives spiritually, physically and economically as we seek to fulfill Isaiah 61:1-3 “*Exchanging the ‘Garment(s) of Praise’ for the spirit of heaviness,*” and bring glory to God

**PRAYER:** For the six young men and women who graduated in August, for the team as we deal one-on-one to assure that each of the remaining 23 students know the love and Salvation God has for them and as we meet and share with their families and guardians.

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