

NEWSLETTER



Bright Spark Academy Begins Its Second Year

On January 6, 2025, Bright Spark Academy (BSA) began its second year, expanding beyond the preschool and elementary grades to include grades 7, 8, and 9. More than 500 students registered for school, including those girls living at the Girls Hope Rescue Mission who can now attend school without having to make the long and often dangerous walk to school.

BSA has expanded its facilities and programs to accommodate the junior high school grades, including dividing the computer lab to create a science lab for grades 7, 8, and 9.



Judy Gives Back to Girls Hope Rescue Mission

Judy is pictured above with some junior high girls on the first day of school at BSA. Judy first came to GHRM as an 11-year-old when Gladwell Wachira rescued her from being sold as a child bride. Judy is now a college student studying social work and arranged to do her attachment (internship) at GHRM. She has taken on multiple responsibilities, including learning the school management system, and loves giving back to GHRM.

UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

WELLNESS CENTER CONSTRUCTION MOVES AHEAD



Construction on the wellness center at GHRM began in December 2024, and progress has been amazing. The center will provide prenatal, maternity, and delivery care, as well as include a children's ward and emergency health care services and consulting for over 10,000 villagers and the girls living at GHRM. The 35-km journey to the nearest medical facility takes an hour in good weather, and roads are almost impassable in rainy conditions.

GLADWELL WACHIRA'S VISION BECOMES REALITY

Gladwell Wachira's vision, hard work, and genius to change a generation have become a reality with the **opening of a school** to educate the children, the **building of a wellness center** to provide for the community's health care needs, and the **ongoing sustainability projects** to make GHRM self-sufficient.

Educational opportunities, building projects, and permaculture are changing lives for so many in so many ways. The workers enjoy increased income, the women who provide lunch for the workers have money to feed their children, and the increased awareness of cash agricultural products and permaculture methods produces food security. GHRM appreciates the ongoing support of so many generous donors.

SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS CONTINUE

Harvesting maize has become easier and more efficient with a newly acquired threshing machine pictured below. GHRM continues to find ways to increase its productivity and efficiency.

