

GIRLS HOPE RESCUE MISSION

Year-in-Review 2025

Girls Hope Rescue Mission (GHRM) is a non-profit that develops community, offers refuge, provides education, and gives hope and the chance for freedom to the young girls of Kenya.

Rural Kenya has a culture that is extremely hostile to young girls. Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) causes horrible disfigurement, and kills many girls from blood loss. They are often sold as child brides at ages as young as ten years old. Girls Hope Rescue Mission is dedicated to ending child marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM), sex trafficking, and sexual abuse faced by girls and young women.

GHRM fights against these atrocities by addressing the healthcare, education, and survival needs of the girls and their community.

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Healthcare

Opening of the Joseph Smith Hospital

The Joseph Smith Hospital, located in Nyamasare Village, opened on April 3rd, 2025 and welcomed over 400 patients that day.

Nyamasare Village is the center of seventeen villages and over ten-thousand people, all of whom now have excellent healthcare nearby. The new hospital provides these people with emergency medical services, prenatal and postpartum care, pharmaceutical services, and ambulance services. The hospital features:

- twenty-one beds and two delivery beds
- a fully-stocked pharmacy
- lab equipment for analyzing diseases



Healthcare workers at the Joseph Smith Hospital.

Expanding with the Surgical Center

The hospital is growing with the addition of a surgical center! This will make C-section deliveries, emergency surgery, and many other high-stakes operations available to the local area.

As of October 29th, the surgical center was fully constructed and awaiting approval to begin operation. It will be open before the end of the year.



The newly-constructed surgical center.

Improving Healthcare in the Community

The Joseph Smith Hospital has already had a massive impact on the people of Nyamasare village and the surrounding area.

In just six months after opening, healthcare professionals at the hospital had...

- Saved the lives of many girls after female genital mutilation
- Performed hundreds of deliveries
- Saved the life of a GHRM staff member
- Healed the President of GHRM from a serious case of Malaria

Education

A Second Year of Bright Spark Academy

Bright Spark Academy is a school built by Girls Hope Rescue Mission to educate students living at the GHRM campus, in Nyamasare village, and in the surrounding area.

This year marks the second year of Bright Spark Academy. It opened this year with new curriculumn for the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades! Additionally, they are improving their courses **with** the help of American Heritage School. This will provide students with more education and career opportunities.



Over 500 students attend Bright Spark Academy.



Graduation!

Graduation took place on October 30th, with participation from over two-thousand members of the local community.

Graduating students planted trees at GHRM's campus. This symbolizes them adding new life to the mission.

Construction of the Vocational Training Center

Girls Hope Rescue Mission is in the process of building a Vocational Training Center to educate young men and women in industry-relevant technical skills, such as construction, welding, tailoring, and practical use of computers.

The vocational training center is especially vital for young men, who often fall victim to drug use. Teaching them technical skills will help them become well-rounded members of society.

The tailoring center, in the vocational training center, is close to completion. Students will use this to make uniforms for Bright Spark Academy and others! Computers are on the way for a computer lab, and other skill centers are in development. Once the center is finished, it will provide another excellent avenue for educating the children of Kenya.



Six industrial sewing machines are installed.

Soon, these uniforms will be made by students in the tailoring center!

Sustainability

Girls Hope Rescue Mission aims to provide food security and safe water to it's local area, so that the girls living at the mission are free to focus on education rather than fighting to survive. GHRM has made progress on many permaculture-inspired sustainability projects this year.

Livestock

GHRM is developing a livestock herd to provide animal products and to sell livestock for profit.

In 2025, GHRM

- Sold 25 young piglets
- Added sheep, goats, and rabbits to the livestock herd
- Birthed three calves!



Each of GHRM's six sows birth 8-15 piglets each!



Many fruits were harvested this year, both for eating and to be sold for profit.

Produce

GHRM had a large fruit and vegetable harvest this year. The harvest included bananas, mangoes, papayas, lemons, oranges, and many other fruits along with various nuts and seeds. These foods provide a balanced diet to the girls at the mission and at school.

Crops are also being invested in to generate long-term revenue, such as dragonfruit and wambugu apples.

Water

In 2025, GHRM drilled another borehole and expanded their water storage capacity to eleven tanks, making the total water storage capacity of the mission **72,500 liters.** These tanks store water for the mission, Bright Spark Academy, and the Joseph Smith Hospital.

Having this much water on-site makes it far safer for women, as they don't have to retrieve water from the river.



Drilling of the new borehole.

Looking Forward

Girls Hope Rescue Mission is looking forward to finishing these projects and starting new ones in 2026!

The progress of the Vocational Training Center and the curriculumn development of Bright Spark Academy are big milestones to watch next year.

Agricultural development is coming along quickly with the various produce and livestock projects from this year, and will keep making progress towards being a self-sustaining food and water source for the Bright Spark Academy and the Joseph Smith Hospital. As GHRM's permaculture projects continue to grow, the food can be sold to bring more funding to the mission.

The surgical center at the Joseph Smith Hospital will open soon, bringing extensive medical care to the area and removing the need to transport patients for life-saving surgery.

The developments from this year are great progress towards the goal of providing healthcare, education, vocational training, and safe food and water to the young men and women of Kenya.





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