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PAAVING THE WAY IN KENYA ...



Hope Gitombo's Mission Statement:

Bringing the hope of the Gospel to the village of Gitombo, Kenya, through Christ-centered education and transformational ministries.



Visitors From the USA

In January, we were blessed to receive two teams of visitors from the USA. The first visitors, Jacob, Lily, and Harrison, spent time playing with the children. They donated board games, books, and Bibles – such worthy gifts for our children! Next, the Adami family (Randy, Deanna, and their children, Samantha and James) came prepared to bless each child at our school with an unprecedented gift: A pair of school shoes. What a riot that was for the school! We organized with the local Bata Shoe factory to deliver the shoes according to the sizes



established by the class teachers. Also, the Adami family spent several days in Kenya, visiting with the children and living with Wanji, and then they enjoyed visiting the renowned Masai Mara lodge and game park, seeing Kenya's incredible wildlife. Our children have come to enjoy visitors from America. It is not unusual for a child to come to me with a question: "When are the *wazungus*, meaning white visitors, coming to us...?" We love you and welcome you to our school and to Kenya to enjoy the magnificent beauty of our wildlife.



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PAAV Gitombo Community School:

The school now serves between 230 and 240 students from Kindergarten to Junior School. The census turnover is based on family relocations. For this new year, God has truly blessed us with good teachers, young and vibrant, with a passion for engaging our learners at many levels. As happens with graduate teachers, the Teachers' Service Commission (the main government employer for teachers) does attract them due to better pay and benefits. We have sufficient teachers to cover all subjects.



Celebrations at School:

Every month, our students look forward to birthday celebrations where they enjoy biscuits, watermelons, and joyful songs. Our Music Department is also making a huge impact, with many children showing talent in piano and keyboard. We need additional musical instruments such as trumpets, guitars, and violins. The dance club



is also tapping into the children's love for dance, needing special dancing costumes and other apparel.



Staff Events:

In February, over the mid-term break, we held two events. One was an all-staff team-building event designed to boost staff morale and enhance collaboration and communication among the team. The



other was a financial management training session, which was facilitated by our local



bank. That training focused on personal financial literacy, budgeting, and cultivating a savings culture. The staff did appreciate both trainings. We continue to register change in the staff from these impactful events.

Water Crisis:

Kenya has had a long dry season since the last quarter of 2025, leading to severe water shortages everywhere in the nation. In our case at Gitombo, the water crisis affected both the community and the school. The wells dried up. The rain-harvested water stored in the 50,000 liters concrete storage tank was exhausted. We prayed and trusted God for solutions: The



children were requested to take care of their own drinking water. For cooking, we were blessed to have water supplied for free by a well-wisher in the village. But to combat this serious water crisis, we had to deepen and encase the well at our Tumaini 1 land/property. And we did. We had sufficient water pumped from Tumaini 1 to the school, a distance of about 400 yards. Pumping water using electricity has been quite expensive. God is faithful! We received heavy rains in mid-February. Our concrete storage tank was soon full.

Unfortunately, it started leaking. That became an emergency. The tank needed to be repaired. We quickly purchased two 5,000-liter storage tanks to save the collected rainwater before repairs could begin.

Construction:

Sifa House is a three-level building with a capacity to hold nine classrooms. The house was originally built to house primary classrooms. Towards the end of 2025, we were grappling with the challenge of the 2026 Senior School (Grades 10-12) due to a lack of separate classrooms. We then decided to use the building temporarily as our PAAV Senior School. Our proposal was turned down by the Government, because according to the rules, primary and Senior Schools cannot be on the same plot/compound. After many deliberations with teachers, we agreed that Sifa House is now best placed to house our lower primary classrooms and the school library.



Spiritual Life:

The spiritual growth of our students remains central to our mission. Sunday School students recently completed a study on the miracles of Jesus and then moved into lessons on Holy Week and Easter. Our staff and "Sunday Pillars" groups were also studying the Gospel of John, making the PAAV-Gitombo community grow spiritually together. Our girls and boys are growing, demanding answers to many personal and adolescent life questions! Subsequently, we have launched the guidance and counseling initiatives. Male and female teachers are leading mentorship groups to help students navigate adolescent challenges and learn essential life skills.





**“All Our Kids” Zoom Call
With the Adami Family — May 6, 2026, 7 PM**
You are invited to this virtual connection to Hope Gitombo!

Join us as The Adami Family shares about their 2026 visit to Gitombo, Kenya. Deanna and Randy are long-time Hope Gitombo supporters. Samantha (12) and James (9) made an exciting connection with new friends. PLUS... Wanji will wake up early (Kenya time) to join us! If you have friends you would like to learn more about Hope Gitombo, or are interested in ministry in Africa, please share this invitation with them...and invite them to join you.



Time: May 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Place: Zoom in the comfort of your own home

Register: Use this QR code, email info@hopegitombo.org, or call 303-898-4991.



**Check out the changes to our website.
Go to: HopeGitombo.org**

- ◆ New Updates Section with info about the PAAV-Gitombo Community School, messages from Wanji and the Board, and exciting news about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.
- ◆ On the Home page, click on the button to read the 2025 Annual Report for PAAV Gitombo Community School.

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