

## Fall 2026 Newsletter

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*Tembea na sisi*  
*Walk with us*

**HOPE**  
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### Hope Gitombo's Mission Statement:

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



*Wanji with students.*

### Making a Difference Every Day

PAAV-Gitombo Community School is now educating 121 girls and 127 boys, a total of 248 learners, from Kindergarten to Junior School, plus more. The photo above shows all at assembly.

**Spiritual Life:** The school continues to focus on the holistic development of all the students. Sunday afternoon celebrates three groups of people; namely, children's Sunday School, Youth, and Pillars Bible Study. To this end, the school has started a discipleship program guided by Safari Books with a curriculum published and printed in Kenya by CITAM Ministries (photo shows youth). The books cost between \$2 and \$3. For accountability and ownership purposes, everyone is encouraged to pay that amount for a personal copy. For some staff members, translation and interpretation of the content is necessary. We are so thankful to God for this spiritual formation progress in our school.



**Want to pray for Hope Gitombo?** Join our prayer chain. Send your name and email to [info@hopegitombo.org](mailto:info@hopegitombo.org).

*The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.*  
—Psalm 126:3 (NIV)

**Hope Gitombo and PAAV-Gitombo Community School**  
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## New at PAAV-Gitombo Community School

**Daycare.** The new daycare (photo top right) gives staff members with infants peace of mind that their children are in a safe place. The staff is able to be focused at school without constantly seeking permission to go attend to their children at home. There are three children enrolled.



**Classes in Sifa House.** Children and teachers are enjoying using the new classrooms. It took two years of construction and juggling by administration, but Sifa House is now completed. It has three levels with a capacity for nine classrooms. The building had initially been constructed to add more classrooms for our primary school. Given the need to transition our junior learners to senior school, we thought we could use the same building for senior school. That did not happen! The government did not give us approval to do the senior school for lack of sufficient space, as per the Ministry of Education guidelines. We have since put the whole primary school in one building and junior school as demanded by the system. That has worked well. The move freed up space for the different libraries, a computer room, a larger uniform room, a larger community and activities room, and a dedicated chapel in the other buildings in the school.



Children and their teacher enjoy using completed classroom.



*Sifa House under construction.*



*Sifa House completed.*

## Infrastructure News

**Perimeter Wall and Field Development.** During the tarmacking of the major road on the southern side of the school, the school's fence was torn down, leaving the southern side of the school open to unauthorized entry. More than that, the area, being sloppy, was prone to erosion. We were con-



fronted with both the safety of the children and a serious environmental concern, the latter caused by heavy rains. We built a perimeter wall that had to be reinforced with horizontal beams and a buttress. To solve the sloppiness challenge, we bought 22 trucks of red soil that will now create a level, safe area for sports when the grass grows back.

## Sports

The children continued to enjoy indoor and outdoor games, including football, netball, chess, Scrabble, etc. Despite challenges with "sharp spikes" in the barbed wire fence bursting the footballs at the Tumaini Field students, remained resilient, even fashioning their own balls from recycled materials until new ones were purchased.

The department is thankful to our visitors in July 2026 who donated various sports equipment such as balls and card games.



Ball ruined by spikes (top), student-made ball.



Students taking part in sports on Tumaini Field.



## Journey to Gitombo, Kenya

### Walk with us "Tembea na sisi" — October 9th

*You are invited to this event for Hope Gitombo! See postcard below.*

**Journey to Gitombo**  
*Safari ya Kwenda Gitombo* ... *Tembea na sisi*  
**Walk with Us**

**Friday, October 9, 2026**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm**  
South Sub Church 7275 S. Broadway, Littleton

Come see, and celebrate, how the hope of the Gospel is transforming lives of students, staff, parents, and others in the community in Gitombo, Kenya through the PAAV-Gitombo Community School.

- Excellent Christ-centered education
- Smiles of well-loved children
- Our journey together

**HOPE GITOMBO**  
formerly known as PAAV International Ministries



**WALK WITH US...** and enjoy an evening of **fellowship** with old friends and new ones, **marketplace** discoveries, **appetizers** and **desserts**, and **stories** from supporters who have traveled to Gitombo.

Hope Gitombo founder **Wanji Mukunga** will bring greetings and inspirational updates from Kenya.

**Friday, October 9, 2026**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm** (doors open at 5:30)  
South Sub Church 7275 S. Broadway, Littleton

Reserve your seat or table by using the QR code or email **Kathryn Roy** at **kroy@hopegitombo.org** for questions or to RSVP by email



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*Journey to Gitombo ... Walk with Us* *Safari ya Kwenda Gitombo ... Tembea na sisi*

## Website Updates

We have added an **Updates Section** to the Hope Gitombo website where we post information about the PAAV-Gitombo Community School, messages from Wanji and the Board, and exciting news about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. **Go there to get more info and see more pictures.** [www.hopegitombo.org](http://www.hopegitombo.org).



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