



Esther's Hope News Bulletin-Volume 1: Issue 1: July 2017

Dear Friend of Esther's Hope Ministries,

What's Been Happening...?

It has been almost three months since our official launch on April 27th, 2017. Thank you for your attendance and presence at that blessed event. Thank you also for your prayers and your financial support. A lot has changed since the launch and this issue of EHM News contains a summary of what has happened so far.



Nine of the young women from the Class of 2016 graduated from secondary school at the close of the year, and have joined local colleges and universities to pursue further education. We have replaced these graduates with nine additional students in Form 2 (second year of a four-year high school education).

This past June, the EHM Board approved the addition of another 27 young women to the program. I will be traveling to Kenya in a couple of months to recruit new students, and to visit with and encourage the current group of students and mentors in the program, as well as

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scout out additional EHM school sites where new programs can begin.

Transition News

Proverbs 3: 5-6 states: "Trust in the Lord with *all* your heart (*emphasis mine*) and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." After much prayer (three years) and waiting, I sensed the LORD leading me to take a step of faith and transition out of my former employment to lead Esther's Hope Ministries. If you haven't read the article already, here is the link:<https://encore.grfoundation.org/stories/esthers-hope-destined-to-change-lives-of-young-kenyan-women>.

I am currently leading this ministry as a volunteer executive director. Our priority is to assure that all EHM participants stay in school to achieve the future God has designed for them. Feel free to share the link with friends you would like to inform about this ministry. I covet your prayers and your support as I enter this new phase of ministry.

Volunteer Opportunities

EHM Ministries is looking for godly, prayerful partners with the following skills:

- Board Leadership experience
- Legal expertise
- HR expertise
- Social media/communication expertise
- Curriculum Development expertise
- Program design and execution expertise
- Liturgical dance/worship expertise

Ministry Opportunity

Position available for a part-time executive administrative assistant; 12-15 hours per week. Must be an individual of mature faith, excellent communication and technical skills, excellent organizational skills; problem solving skills; comfortable with cold-calling and setting up appointments; and with the ability to manage a small office. Competitive pay offered.

Speaking Engagements and Collaborations

I am currently looking for opportunities to speak (churches, schools, colleges, rotary clubs, professional business groups etc.) as well as searching for potential collaborators already involved in similar work in the USA and across the globe.

Praise Report



- 9 girls have graduated Form 4 and are in college
- 23 girls (Class of 2016) have improved academic scores
- 9 new girls (Form 2-2017) have entered the program
- We have found a certified accountant to run our books!
- God has provided sufficiently to meet current tuition needs

This is only the beginning. Take a moment to thank God with us as we rejoice in what he has done.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities herein or would like to learn more about EHM, contact Pastor Joan at 616.635.7993 or by email at info@estershopenministries.net

Our Mission: To demonstrate the love of God by providing hope to underprivileged young women in Africa. EHM changes the destinies of these young women by providing them with a Life-Enhancing and Life-Giving worldview for such a time as this.

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Future Communication

The EHM director's bulletin will come to your inbox monthly with our most current updates interspersed quarterly, with an EHM Newsletter that will feature some of the life stories of the girls in our program. If you do not wish to receive updates, please email us.