



Esther's Hope News Bulletin-Volume 2: Issue 8-August 2018

Dear Friend of Esther's Hope Ministries,

### **Just Because She's a Girl**

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 6:18:

*"And, I will be a Father to you, and you will be my (sons) and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."*

Imagine arriving at an important event, but as you make your way up the stairs, someone slams the door in your face, denying you entry onto the main stage. Their only reason for keeping you out is that, you are a girl. That would be ridiculous right? You wouldn't stand for it, would you?

What if I told you that this is happening to girls every day? What if I told you that the privilege of education is denied to millions of girls because of their gender? 130 million girls ages 6-17 will never enter a classroom. One third of the girls in developing countries are married before the age of 18; while 1 in 9 will be married before 15.

Every day, 39000 girls are forced into early marriages around the world. The world will never know their potential; the world will never know what they could have become or how brightly their star might have shined

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if their lives had not been interrupted in this way. The lack of education perpetuates the cycle of poverty, and the situation for these girls is dire, but we can do something about it. With God's help, we can change outcomes for young girls, one child at a time.

### **Did you know that:**

- Girls with eight years of education, are four times less likely to marry as children?
- A girl with an extra year of education can earn 20% more as an adult?
- A child born to a mother who can read and write is 50% more likely to survive past the age of 5?
- Educated mothers are more than twice as likely to send their children to school?



### **To learn more, join us for:**

#### **EHM's Second Annual Fundraising Dinner**

The Goei Center; **Oct 18**-6.00PM-9.00PM  
818 Butterworth St. SW-- Grand Rapids, MI  
**\$35.00** per ticket; **RSVP** online at:  
[estershopenministries.net](http://estershopenministries.net).

### Meet Purity Pere-Kenya

Purity is 15 years old and goes to school at Ole Tipis Girls' Secondary School. Purity is from a polygamous family. Her father married five wives and has a total of 32 children. Purity's parents are illiterate and they both suffer from severe health challenges.



**Girls Inferior:** Purity's father has rejected Purity's mother (his first wife), mainly because she gave birth to daughters. In Purity's community, girls are regarded as inferior to boys. A man's manhood and stature in the community is dependent on the number of sons born to him. Purity's mother tries to keep her in school by appealing for bursaries from local politicians. This source of income is uncertain.

**Great Potential:** Purity is an intelligent student who loves to sing and play football. She wants to become a lawyer, so that she can become an advocate for children in her community.

### Thank You!

Your kind and generous donations have given these girls the opportunity to dream big dreams. Since April of 2017, you have helped **132 girls** experience the miracle of uninterrupted education for the first time in their young lives. **Thank you** for reminding them that God is indeed their Father and that he is faithful.

**Thank you** for changing lives, one girl at a time. **Thank you** for transforming families, one mind at a time. **Thank you** for impacting communities, one village at a time. Esther's Hope Ministries invites you to join a great team of committed partners who are building a lasting legacy by educating and mentoring young underprivileged women so that they too can become all that they were meant to be. To quote Susan Cain: ***"Everyone shines, given the right lighting."***

### Service Opportunities

Esther's Hope Ministries is seeking volunteers who are passionate about our mission. If you have the following skills and have one hour a week to spare, contact Joan at **616-635-7993** or by email at: [info@estershopenministries.net](mailto:info@estershopenministries.net).

- \*Human Resources
- \*Information Technology
- \* Social Media
- \* Legal (non-profit)
- \*Volunteer recruitment and mgmt.
- \*Database management

**Thank you** again for your prayers, your gifts and your partnership in this important work. May the Lord bless you!

## Praise Report



**Now, take a moment to thank God with us as we rejoice in what he has done.**

- Thank God for his faithfulness as the girls prepare for 2018 final exams.
- Thank God for Esther's Hope Ministries advisory team members and board members.
- Pray for God's guidance as we continue to prepare for the Second Annual Fundraiser.

*If you wish to learn more about EHM, contact us at:*

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**OR**

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***Esther's Hope relies on your faithful giving. Donate online on our secure giving app or by check payable to: Esther's Hope Ministries***

**Our Mission:** To demonstrate the love of God by providing the hope of Jesus Christ 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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