



*The official handshake between Pastor Dennis Singini and the Village Chief during the commissioning of OB 2 Village Well in Mambongo Village, August 28, 2023. Over 900 villagers now benefit from clean water.*

Dear Friend,

We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support of WorldHope Corps during the third quarter of 2023. Through your deep commitment, consistent financial gifts, invaluable guidance, and volunteer services, you have positively impacted numerous lives.

In this issue, we document the third quarter of 2023 to share insights from our leadership, showcase program successes, and highlight future activities. From projects providing clean water to initiatives focused on education and the well-being of communities, your backing remains instrumental in the success of WHC's endeavors.

We are delighted that you are with us on this journey as we *mobilize assets and connect resources with needs* for sustainable change in our communities.

Sincerely,

The WorldHope Corps Leadership Team:

Ivan, Dennis, Baamu, Anna, Gale, Caroline, and Michael



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### Message from Founder and Director, Michael Christensen, WorldHope Corps (WHC) USA



*Michael J. Christensen, Ph.D.*

Hope is rising, even in this critical time on the world stage.

In this third quarter 2023 newsletter, compiled and edited by Ivan Nsereko in Uganda and our international leadership team, we want to document and highlight four aspects of our work: 1) WorldHope Corps Malawi project updates, including a new village well; 2) WorldHope Corps Uganda updates, including women's empowerment through micro-financing and a vocational tailoring school; 3) WorldHope Corps USA Hope Scholarship recipients; and 4) a special feature on mission engagement by board member Dr. Caroline Njuiki.

Also, be sure to check out our updated website [www.worldhopecorps.org](http://www.worldhopecorps.org) and our Giving Catalogue for 2024.

As always, we are so thankful for your project sponsorships and general donations. Truly, together,

*we are mobilizing assets and connecting resources with needs for the common good.*

**Michael J. Christensen, Ph.D.**  
Founder and Director  
San Diego, California

### Message from the Directors, WHC Malawi and WHC Uganda



*Pastor Dennis Singini*



*Pastor Moses Baamu*

As we reflect on the period from July to September 2023, we are filled with gratitude for the progress made both in Malawi and Uganda.

Despite the challenges and adversities facing Malawi, WHC

Malawi is dedicated to fostering sustainable development, with a focus on water, sanitation, and education. We've successfully drilled the OB 2 Village Well in Mambongo Village, benefiting over 900 residents with clean water. Our Hope Scholarship program proudly supports Nester Changala at the University of Livingstonia. Moreover, our ongoing proposal efforts for rural education enhancement and the recent interactions with Save the Children hint at promising future partnerships.

In Uganda, WHC has also seen significant advancements. The expansion of our micro-lending program for women, fueled by an additional \$1500 donation from WHC USA, has allowed the disbursement of 7,700,000 UGX, boosting various income-generating projects. The skill empowerment initiative in tailoring has enrolled 15 girls, providing them with an alternate path in life. Our women's empowerment meetings have paved the way for new projects like soap-making. The Shalom Coffee Cooperative is flourishing with educational sessions on coffee care and marketing. Despite some hurdles, our scholarship program has continued to support three students in their education.

The support from individual donors and WHC USA is invaluable, enabling us to make a tangible difference in our communities.

**Pastor Dennis Singini**  
Mzuzu, Malawi

**Pastor Moses Baamu**  
Ssese, Jinja, Uganda



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**Message from Dr. Caroline Njuki, Board Member, Program and Project Coordinator, WorldHope Corps**



*Dr. Caroline Njuki*

## THE ORIGIN OF WORLDHOPE CORPS (WHC) MISSION AND ENGAGEMENT

Every individual and organization are on a unique mission journey, shaped by personal beliefs and experiences. For many of us, this journey is intertwined with Christian faith and manifests through mission service and a deep commitment to positive change, as with WHC. Others find their path in various forms of service outside institutional Christianity, contributing their skills, time, and resources. This journey, as Watchman Nee describes, is a faith-driven experience from beginning to end.

Mission engagement offers spiritual growth and a deeper cultural understanding, fostering meaningful relationships across different faiths and backgrounds. It develops resilience and discipline, essential in today's distraction-filled world. This

unique journey is a blend of study, belief, action, and hope, much like a mission trip with its own challenges and triumphs.

One exemplary figure of faith-driven missionary is Enid Fourie, whom I met in Durban, South Africa. Enid Fourie, a devout member of the Methodist Church in Durban, South Africa, alongside her clergy husband, rallied support to aid a destitute local community. Struck by the extreme poverty and dismal living conditions, especially for children, Enid dedicated herself to alleviating inequality. Working in one of the poorest areas, she witnessed dire housing conditions and children in neglect. Driven by her deep faith and a determination likened to the biblical Ruth, Enid's mission was fueled by love, leading to significant, transformative work for which her husband admired her unwavering resolve. Her selfless service not only changed lives but also enriched her own.

In summary, mission engagement is a choice to align with God's will, contributing positively to the world. Whether viewed as a irresistible calling or a conscious decision, it requires community collaboration, trust, and belief. I invite you to join us at WHC Inc. on this rewarding mission engagement journey.

**Dr. Caroline Njuki,**  
Board Member, Program and  
Project Coordinator, WorldHope  
Corps

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM Q3 (JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2023)

### WORLDHOPE CORPS MALAWI AND UGANDA

#### 1. OB 2 Village Well, Mambongo Village, Malawi



*Grace and her Daughter access clean water at the OB 2 Well commissioning ceremony, August 28, 2023*

In a major community initiative during the third quarter of this year, WHC Malawi conducted a hydrological survey and drilled the OB 2 Village Well in Mambongo Village. The borehole, drilled on August 21<sup>st</sup> and commissioned on August 28<sup>th</sup>, is now serving over 900 residents, offering a sustainable solution to the severe water scarcity the community has long endured. The borehole is 46 meters deep and was specifically positioned to provide water even during the dry season, which spans from August to December.

The successful commissioning event featured jubilant villagers, including women who prepared songs and dances to express their gratitude. The community chief gave a heartfelt testimony, emphasizing the transformative impact of the borehole in combating water-borne diseases

like cholera, which have plagued the community for years.



*Women Prepare for a Celebratory Dance to Express Gratitude for the New Borehole*

The village chief also underscored the sociocultural benefits of the borehole. For years, women have had to walk long distances to fetch water, sometimes resulting in family strife and misunderstandings that often lead to marital discord. The chief noted that the borehole not only provides clean water but also contributes to family and social harmony within the community.



*The Chief addresses the community at the borehole commissioning ceremony*

The chief made a solemn plea for further assistance. He called for the drilling of two additional boreholes in neighboring communities, which are similarly afflicted by water scarcity and health issues related to unsafe

water. The project has thus highlighted the need for sustained investment in water infrastructure in the region.

Deep gratitude is expressed to the American sponsored of the OB 2 Village Well: The Men's Bible Study group who meet in Ocean Beach, San Diego, and the Water's Edge Faith Community who worship in OB.

## 2. Progress in the Women's Microlending Initiative: Phase Three Successfully Launched

Our women's micro-lending group has successfully advanced to its third phase. On September 19, 2023, a total of 7,700,000 UGX (\$2,040) was disbursed to the women in the group, enabling them to scale their various income-generating projects. This substantial disbursement was made possible through an additional donation of \$1,500, which was added to the previously collected sum of 4,500,000 UGX (\$1,190).

Due to this enhanced funding, each woman in the group received a larger loan compared to previous disbursements, the amount of which was determined based on individual eligibility criteria. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our USA donors for their third generous donation to this transformative project.

We are confident that your ongoing support will have a transformative impact. Your contributions do more than meet financial needs; they change lives by providing essential necessities for struggling families. Thank you for making a meaningful difference.



*Disbursement Day Highlights: Photos of some of the women who received micro loans to start small businesses.*

## 3. Skill Empowerment Program for Girls: Hope Tailoring School

Our Hope Tailoring School, which launched at the end of July, has already registered 15 beneficiaries. These students are currently undergoing foundational training in the art of tailoring. This initiative has proven to be especially transformative for teenage girls who had previously dropped out of school

and believed their opportunities were limited. The skills they are acquiring promise not only to change their lives but also to provide them with the means for financial independence and self-sustainability. In turn, they will be empowered to support themselves and their families.

The students express immense gratitude for this newfound opportunity and are optimistic about their futures. They are currently under the guidance of a dedicated trainer, who has been with them since the program's inception in July.

The training sessions are held from Monday to Friday, thereby allowing for an expansive coverage of topics within a condensed timeframe.



*Beneficiaries Engaged in Tailoring Lessons at the Hope Training School*

#### **4. Women's Empowerment Meetings: Progress in Soap-Making Initiative**

The women's empowerment meetings have been highly effective in progressing our action plans. Most of the initiatives discussed have been successfully implemented, although some faced challenges that necessitated rescheduling. One focus of a recent meeting has been the organization of a soap-making project, aimed at diversifying and increasing household income.

#### **5. Source of the Nile Shalom Coffee Cooperative: Elevating Standards through Training and Support**

Members of our Shalom Coffee Cooperative have contributed a membership fee of UGX 10,000 (\$2.7) each, gaining access to valuable benefits such as advisory training sessions on coffee planting, care, and marketing. The cooperative convenes regularly to discuss critical topics like coffee quality and market price fluctuations. On two occasions, an agricultural officer has inspected members' coffee gardens to ensure optimal

growth and yields. Shalom community members reported that this initiative, facilitated through our ABCD strategy, is positively impacting our members by enhancing their financial well-being and living standards.



*Coffee Gardens owned and operated by members of the Shalom Coffee Cooperative, Ssese, Jinja, Uganda*





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## 6. Hope Scholarship Program Update: Sustaining Education Amid Challenges

We awarded limited Hope Scholarships this quarter to three college students so that could continue their higher education: **Nakamanya Shakirah**, **Baamu Purity**, and **Wolisigira Solomon**. This critical support enabled them to proceed with their second semester without interruption. We appreciate your support during this challenging period and are grateful for your ongoing commitment to brightening the educational futures of these smart and deserving students.



*Wolisigira Solomon: One of our three currently sponsored College Students*

## 7. Board and Staff Meeting Updates: Driving Efficiency and Strategic Decision-Making

Regular staff meetings have been instrumental in streamlining WHC Uganda's activities. These meetings focus on identifying challenges and crafting solutions, thereby enhancing our operational efficiency. Similarly, the WHC Uganda Board has convened multiple times to make

pivotal decisions that contribute to the betterment of the organization.

## 8. Monitoring and Assessment: Ensuring Responsible Loan Disbursement

Prior to the initiation of the third loan disbursement phase, we conducted rigorous monitoring and assessments of our women beneficiaries. This allowed us to determine their eligibility for loans and assess how much they would responsibly be able to borrow and repay. Through diligent fund monitoring and household impact assessment, we continually refine our services based on valuable feedback.

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### Closing remarks

Thank you for reading this issue of our team's collaborate newsletter. We hope you have found it informative and useful. Please check out the previous issue of our newsletter [here](#).

We value your feedback and suggestions, so please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any thoughts or questions [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to connecting with you through our Facebook page and blogposts found on our website: [www.worldhopecorps.org](http://www.worldhopecorps.org)



**WorldHope Corps Uganda, WorldHope Corps Malawi, and WorldHope Corps USA** work together across many cultures in a spirit of Shalom. We are committed to local and international partnerships to *connect resources with needs* and *mobilize assets for the common good*.

Please continue to partner with us during this Thanksgiving and Christmas season of sharing, and in the New Year.

You can support the work we've shared with you today by donating [here](#).

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