



OLALO of ...
(Luo)

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DARAJA of ...
(Swahili)

BRIDGE of...
(English ☺)

HOPE

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

Nang'o! Hello from Olalo of Hope – Kenya!
(Bridge of Hope)

In early August, Sonko and his friend Travis traveled to Kenya for 3 weeks to do some important work for Olalo (meeting the students currently sponsored through Olalo and those kids who are finishing primary school and need sponsors in order to begin Secondary School in January), to coach at the Oyugis Soccer Academy and do some work to improve the soccer field.

Sonko arranged meetings with all the parents/guardians of Olalo's students to talk about the responsibilities the students have as recipients of school funding. He encouraged them to monitor their kid's school work to be sure they were following through with what was expected for continued support. We place a very high value on our donors' support of a child's education, and it's important that the student also put value into it by good attendance and grades, and the desire to achieve the best they can to lead to a better life.



Since Sonko and Travis both coach at the **Portland City United Soccer Club**, they wanted to spend a lot of time coaching at the Oyugis Soccer Academy, and they did!

They brought with them eight huge suitcases filled with donations of soccer balls, shirts, jackets and cleats. Our own **Portland Timbers** donated over two hundred shirts which the kids were thrilled to get as you can see....They replaced Kenyan soccer balls made of plastic bags and string with donated ones from Portland, and passed out cleats to the kids still playing soccer in bare feet.

Bringing the donations cost an additional \$200 for each suitcase, so it's difficult to take donations over

with this added expense. However, this time around the kids Sonko and Travis coach at **Portland City United Soccer Club** raised much of the money for the



added cost. We're talking kids 8-14 years old who wanted to help the poor kids of Kenya. What a blessing!

Sonko and Travis also met with the parents/guardians of the kids of the Oyugis Soccer Academy and had the opportunity to share the Gospel with them.

It was a fast 3 week trip but so much was accomplished in those short weeks. While there, Sonko was able to lay some of the groundwork for his and Corinne's return to Kenya in December, get help for the sick, check in with the kids Olalo sponsors and kids who are hoping for sponsors, get some coaching in and to share the Good News of Jesus!
Nyasaye Ogwedhi!
Merry & Pete



He's just 8 years old. Recently he lost his little brother to disease when they could no longer afford the medication, and now he was sick...and for some reason, no longer able to walk. His parents took him to a local doctor who advised them to see a specialist over 100 miles away.

Basically he told them to do the impossible!

While Sonko was in Kenya he heard about "Ken," the eight year old who was ill and now lost his ability to walk. He visited with the family and then called Olalo to see if we had the funds for Ken to see the specialist. We did.

It's been a few weeks and the report is Ken is walking again!

We are waiting to hear exactly what happened with this little guy, but unfortunately we didn't hear before newsletter time...but we will keep you posted.

Early in Sonko's trip to Oyugis in August, he called about a young boy who was injured with possible internal bleeding and needed funds to take him to the hospital for x-rays and evaluation.

Olalo's Change for Change Medical Fund was able to cover the \$22 it cost and he was taken to the hospital and treated.

We posted the situation on Olalo of Hope-Kenya's Facebook page and since then many have asked about him.

Here he is, home and doing well!



I cannot tell you how gratifying and impacting it is that Olalo was there to help – it blesses my heart to no end to know just one more life was changed...saved...impacted...

*THANK YOU, THANK YOU to every donor and contributor to Olalo's **Change for Change Medical Fund**...*

You are making a difference in the world... one person at a time!

And THANK YOU, THANK YOU to our great God who not only enables us to give, but puts it on the hearts of His people to care for the orphans, widows and poor of this world.



Olalo's **Change for Change Medical Fund** is funded through the pocket change of others to pay for medical treatment and life-saving medicine for the poor of Oyugis, Kenya.

We are grateful for every baggie, jar, coffee can, envelope and cup we receive filled with someone's pocket change!



Education

The new school year is approaching and we still have lots of kids who need sponsors to start Secondary School in January. Here's just a few of who's waiting.....

Wycliffe (Wiki) Ochieng – DOB 12/25/98 Wycliffe lives with his parents. He says *“I’m thankful for your support you gave me in my studies, may God award you more for that. My parents can’t believe your good doing for me....”* Wycliffe want to study to become a lawyer or counter. (accountant?) He attends WIRE Secondary School and will begin his 4th year in Secondary School in January. Olalo has supported Wycliffe since 2013.



Calvin Ochieng – 15 years old. Calvin lives with both parents. He is the youngest of 5 children and the very first able to attend Secondary School with Olalo of Hope's support. Calvin says of his parents, *“They were very courages (encouraged) about the future gain.”* He says he will work hard for B+ grades and A's to become a lawyer” Calvin attends WIRE Secondary School and will begin his second year of Secondary School in January. Olalo has supported Calvin through the 2014 school year.

Pamela Oketch – 14 years old. Pamela lives with both of her parent and she is one of 8 children. Pamela says *“I’m working smart and hard to achieve the goals I have set to myself. I am praying to God to give me wisdom as He did to Solomon.”* As you can see, she is very serious about her education. Pamela attends St Anne's Secondary School. (No picture yet) Olalo supported Pamela in 2014.

Evan (Oluti) Otieno DOB 9/17/94 Evan a.k.a Oluti says *“I must inform you that the entire community is happy about the support you people are offering to needy students cross the community.”* Oluti was forced to leave school when he was no longer able to pay the school fees. Olalo of Hope's support got him back in school. Oluti says he wants to work hard to obtain a B+ and better in school and wants to be a doctor. He likes to play soccer and he attends Omboga Secondary School. Olalo of Hope supported Oluti for the 2014 school year.



First Year Secondary School Students

These are the Students who are ready to enter their first year of Secondary School in January 2015. They will attend WIRE Secondary School if Sponsors are found.

Brian Otieno – DOB 8/22/2000 Brian lives with his grandmother. He wants to get into high school and get grades of B+ and work to be an engineer. Brian takes part in the Oyugis Soccer Academy.



Felix - We are still waiting to gather more information about Felix. Sonko has known him since he was a small child. He is a very responsible person and a true leader.



Lynet Akinyu Ouma – DOB 1-03-1998

Lynet lives with her mother who is very ill and cannot provide for her family. Lynet wants to be a lecturer after completing her education.



Japheth (Jeff) Otieno – DOB 1/3/2000

Jeff lives his mother. He wants to achieve a good grade in his examinations to enable him to become a doctor in the future. He is a very nice young man, responsible, and a leader.



Thank You for considering to partner with Olalo and help make a child's dream of a better life become a reality!

**The dates are set...the tickets bought....
Corinne and Sonko are heading home to
Oyugis, Kenya....**

In early December Corinne and Sonko are returning to Kenya to continue their ministry to the people of Oyugis.

In case you're new to Olalo....Oyugis is where Sonko was born, grew up, and where much of his family still lives. Corinne has been working with the widows and orphans in Oyugis since 2008 on numerous trips to Kenya.

The letter they have written which outlines their plans is attached.

Your prayers would be appreciated for their ministry, safe travels, their health and an effective ministry. Also pray that the current situation with Ebola would be contained and eradicated and not spread throughout Africa. Kenya is located in east Africa, Ebola is in West Africa.



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