



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)

It's all about the antibiotics....

Olalo of Hope-Kenya, through its Change for Change program - YOUR donations- has provided the funds that enabled many children and adults afflicted and suffering from malaria or typhoid to seek medical help and receive life-saving antibiotics.

Malaria

According to the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), malaria is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in Kenya. It is transmitted through infected mosquitoes. The most vulnerable groups are pregnant women and children under 5 years of age. It is estimated that 20% of all deaths in children under the age of 5 is due to malaria. It is attributable to 30-50% of all outpatient medical visits and 20% of all admissions to health facilities. A child dies every 30 seconds in Kenya due to malaria.

The treatment for malaria is antibiotics.

Typhoid

Typhoid is also common in Kenya. Bacteria which causes typhoid is found in untreated water and food. Raw fruits and vegetables and shellfish are the types of foods most often associated with the illness. Flies may transfer the bacteria to food. Left untreated, typhoid fever is a grueling illness that may progress through various stages and lead to death within one month. Children are the most vulnerable to contracting typhoid, though many adults contract it also.

The treatment for typhoid is antibiotics.

More than half of all the children and adults Olalo has been able to help through Change for Change were treated for malaria or typhoid...some with just the medication, others through hospitalizations.

It's your pocket change that is making a difference!

Next time you empty a food container or fruit jar or

coffee can, don't throw it away! Leave it on your kitchen counter as a reminder to toss your pocket change in it and you just may help save a life.

THANK YOU to those who have faithfully donated your plastic baggies, jars, coffee cans, boxes and envelopes filled with your change. You have provided medical relief and healing to many.

Nyasaye Ogwedhi! (God Bless)
Merry & Pete



More Change for Change

A life was saved....

She was found unconscious, lying in the garden, 6 hours after anyone had last seen her. They determined she had an ectopic pregnancy, and all that was needed was \$172.62 to proceed with the surgery...but there was no money, therefore no surgery – no help.

But then a call came asking if we could help. Olalo of Hope-Kenya was able to help, the funds were sent and a life was saved.

Today the young woman is home and doing well...thanks to the doctors, our donors and Change for Change.

Thank you for supporting Olalo so we can do this... You are an Olalo – a Bridge of Hope to life and life change.

God Bless!



Education

The emails arrive in the middle of the night....filled with dreams of a better life. They are the applications of children who have goals and dreams of breaking out of the cycle of poverty by getting an education

The new school year has begun in Kenya and early mornings emails arrive with new applications for tuition assistance to begin or continue their education into Secondary School.

***Fifteen year old Victor wants to become an optician when he finishes school

***Fourteen year old Geoffrey, who lives with his mother, wants to become a doctor

***Jared, age 16, wants to focus on good grades to someday attend University to become an engineer

***Rodgers, 13, desires to help educate others and become a lawyer after school

***Sixteen year old Florence wants good grades to fulfill her dream to become a doctor

These are just some of the goals and desires of kids whose dreams will never be realized without an education beyond primary school. Olalo of Hope - Kenya now holds the dreams of over 20 kids waiting for tuition/education assistance.

Olalo's desire is to match these kids up with sponsors that will encourage them, pray for them, and provide the financial assistance they need for an education to help break the cycle of poverty where over 80% of the population in Oyugis lives on less than \$1 a day.

For just \$1 a day, you could be the Olalo of Hope, the "Bridge of Hope" they need to fulfill those dreams and goals. Just \$30 a month provides a student with a Secondary School education that includes tuition, school fees, books, school supplies, uniforms, shoes, health care while in school AND 2 meals a day.

Won't you please consider sponsoring a child's education today?

Our donate page on the Olalo of Hope-Kenya website has several options available for you to help a student achieve their dream of a better life.

Thank you for your consideration of investing in a child's life through the gift of education!

www.olalo.org

Payment Options

Our webpage allows you to conveniently use your PayPal account or a credit card.

You will be able to choose a one-time donation, or set up an automatic monthly payment.

Our webpage can be found at:

WWW.Olalo.org

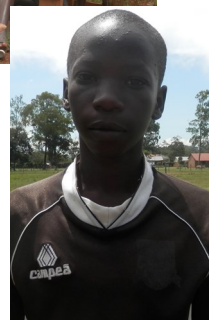
Checks can be mailed to:

**Olalo of Hope-Kenya
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To make a monthly donation through the mail to support a child's education, email us at

Olalo.of.hope@gmail.com

We will supply you with pre-addressed stamped envelopes for your convenience.



Olalo Team Member Feature

Introducing Pastor Jerrell Waddell Olalo Board Member



Tell us about yourself, where did you grow up?

Originally from Compton California (Los Angeles County Southern California), I moved to Fontana (60 miles North East of Los Angeles), California at the age of 10 and lived on a horse ranch. My dad owned Standardbred race horses (horses that race with the small buggy attached to them.)

At age 5, I began running Track & Field. At age 9 I started playing Football (American) and Basketball. I continued competing in sports for most of my life. After High School and two years attending a California Community College, I earned a Football (American) Scholarship to Oregon State University.

After I graduated from Oregon State, I decided with the help of God to remain in the state of Oregon.

Can you tell us about your family?

I met my wife while attending Oregon State University. In June of 2014, we will celebrate nineteen years of marriage.

We have three children, one boy and two girls. My son Jae is my oldest (14), Whitney (13) and Cynthia (10).

Do you have hobbies and other interests?

I am always interested in seeing people become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Also I love Classic Jazz music. I'm a tenor saxophone player with hopes of one day recording a record that glorifies God and honors my late father Jim Waddell.

I enjoy watching and following College Football. Notre Dame and Oregon State are my favorite teams.

Tell us about how you came to be where you are now.

While at Oregon State University, I realized I was lost and living a self-centered life. After recognizing the emptiness in my life I was introduced to Jesus Christ by a couple of Christian athletes.

In 1989 I made the decision to become a disciple of Jesus Christ and since that time I've been living my life with a commitment to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

As for my profession, I am first and foremost a disciple and servant of Jesus Christ.

Secondly, after earning a Bachelors of Science degree in Health Care Administration from (OSU), I went to work for CareOregonHealth Plan in its administration department. I worked for CareOregon for seven years before resigning to start my own landscaping business.

I continued in landscaping for seven years before I became the Assistant Pastor of Life Change Christian Center in Portland, Oregon.

As an assistant pastor, I have the wonderful opportunity to disciple new Christians and Pastor small group leaders at Life Change Christian Center.

Are you affiliated with any professional associations?

I am a part of MFI (Ministers Fellowship International). A fellowship of Pastors and church leaders from all over the world equipping leaders with the tools to lead effectively in the 21st century.

I am also a part of 11:45 ministry. 11:45 stands for 1 year, 1 day per week and 45 minutes.

It's a commitment to serve in one of four areas: *There, Share, Care and Prayer*. *There* is a visible presence in the community consisting of walking teams who walk in portions of the city that are potentially dangerous for violence. *Share* is mentoring at risk youth. *Care* is providing needed supplies to families who cannot afford groceries as well as clothing and school supplies for children. *Prayer* is just that, prayer for our city, its officials and leaders as well as to see people come to Christ.

I serve on the "*There*" team sharing Jesus with people on the streets of Portland as well as praying for those who desire prayer.

How did you become involved with Olalo?

I am close friends with Corinne and my main man Sonko. I love them! They are wonderful and amazing people. They have a passion for Olalo and for discipling young people in Kenya.

What are your thoughts and goals for Olalo?

I am excited about the future of Olalo! I believe in its vision to see young people grow and have the opportunity to gain a great education and become committed to our Lord Jesus Christ. My hope is to see Olalo sponsor one hundred or more young boys and girls by 2016.

Anything you'd like to say to our readers?

Thank God for your commitment and potential commitment to supporting Olalo through prayer and financial contributions.

Olalo is an amazing opportunity to make a difference in the lives of potentially thousands of people in Kenya.

What a blessing!!

UPDATES....

Community Support

The Barber Shop/Charging Stations that Olalo funded are going strong and experiencing great success!

Their goals of being self-sustaining in regards to their supplies and utilities are being met, they continue to provide funds to the kids in the Oyugis Soccer Academy to enable participation in tournaments by paying fees and travel costs AND they are paying themselves a salary!

Two young men with a vision for a better future for themselves and their families are reaping the rewards of their dedication and hard work.

God is blessing their endeavors, and God is blessing Olalo by enabling us - through our committed donors who see the vision a better life for the orphans and poor – to fund avenues out of poverty and into life change in Oyugis, Kenya.

Education

We've Double In Size...but have a long way to go!

In 2013 when Olalo of Hope-Kenya became a reality, we were able to fund six students in Secondary School. In 2014, we have already doubled that number and are currently supporting 12 students.

Some of our students are sponsored by individuals or families, the others are funded through donations to Olalo of Hope-Kenya with the direction for the money to be used wherever it is most needed. These funds are usually divided between educational and medical needs.

Our students are attending the Wire Mixed Secondary School, Omboga Mixed Secondary School and Agoro Sare Mixed Secondary School.

There are still many children waiting to be able to attend Secondary School, and many more will be ready for the next school year.

We are blessed to be able to send these 12 to school...12 young people with hopes and dreams of a better life through education.

Thank You, Donors, for supporting the dreams
of the children of Kenya!



Olalo of Hope-Kenya is a faith-based nonprofit working in the east African country of Kenya.

Our Mission is to help break the cycle of poverty by building strong communities by working with various partners and communities to empower individuals and families with opportunities for the furtherance of education, healthcare and skills needed to affect life change within their communities.

Olalo Programs include:

**School Tuition, Uniforms, School Supplies
Change for Change Medical Fund
Community Support
Orphan Care
Missionary Team Support.**

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