



PLANT A SEED, GROW A DOC

STORIES OF SUCCESS

Four years ago we had a dream of building capacity in Kenya by providing medical scholarships to young Kenyans who had no resources for higher education. In return they would agree to perform service projects, mentor incoming students, & work in medically underserved areas after graduation. This year has seen fulfillment, with 5 new docs dedicated to service in Kenya. That's 100% success, five for five, with six more in our program & others, particularly young women, on the way. They all thank HARAMBEE & me, but it is YOU who've made the dream possible. THANK YOU! You will be in their prayers forever. **They know God understands Swahili...because you are an answer to their prayers!**

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Above left: New doctor Faith Juma, Mount Kenya University, Class of 2014, practicing with her new stethoscope, a gift from HARAMBEE.

Right: Yallah Collins, MKU Class of 2014. All our students have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS.

from Faith Juma : "I want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your commitment to making this journey a success, Your generous HARAMBEE contributions helped making my dream a reality by helping with all my fees.

I really do not know what I would be looking like if compassion had not touched my life, when I was at the age of 14 starved, almost naked and frustrated with no hope. I cried in my neighborhood, but no one listened to me. but not far from God's hands a sponsor, a parent, came to me from the far country that is beyond the sea where my eyes could not imagine through what a blessing and love.

*Presently I am a mature adult and above all it's through **St. Aloysius** secondary school and **Harambee** that I grew up to become an adult with a mission to change my family, my community, my country and world at large. What can I give you and what can I say if it had not been your incomparable love you extended to me, I believe in the next day that I always count as a day of grace and new hope. By God's love I am whom I am today because of what you have done to my life, where my parents were unable to support me in all the aspects of life.*

Life has meaning when someone touches it at a tender age. someone stood out and shaped my life. I now believe in life of fullness. I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed through this journey, and ask for God's blessings in their lives.

Regards, Faith "

from Stephen Gachoke July 29, 2014

"Hi, Hope you had a safe journey back to the States since we left each other back in Nairobi

Let me take this opportunity to thank you personally for all the efforts you took to see me go through campus until I finally graduated. I understand it involved sweat to look for funds through out the year given that I was not the only one you were supporting. Thank you Keen, thank John your 'other half', on my behalf, members of your faith and all the Project Harambee friends that I might not know. My case I know might have been different as challenges came along the way but your support and encouragement pushed me forward until all was well and finally through! It was a period like no other for the three years in college and I learnt a lot and I feel well equipped to serve the society in a better way which has long been my desire. Asante sana for that.

I am going on well at Upendo dispensary and the experience am getting is just awesome. am liking it as am getting the 'real' challenge in the practical world which is provoking me to peruse books ones again in the evening. its fantastic! Am also not forgetting the mails you told us to write to remind you where we went to school, our families...I will do that in my next mail as this I only meant to appreciate. That's my mail for July. yours, Stephen"



Stephen Gachoka,
Kenya Methodist University
Class of 2014



Samuel Mwangi, Kenya
Methodist University
Class of 2014



Antony Otieno
Mount Kenya University
Class of December, 2013



Grow A Doc students performing service puppet show,
educating for good health care practices

from Samuel Mwangi July 2014 "We were so glad to have you in Kenya and for the time we spent with you during our graduation & also the wonderful time we had at St. ALOYSIUS on celebration of Faith & Collins graduation. It is a moment that will remain unforgettable in our lives. Your encouragement, inspiring words and great love gave us strength to continue with our careers in the endeavor to meet our dreams. We are so humble and always pray for God to bless you and all the friends in the U.S."

From Esnas Oonda, third year student: "I would like to thank you for everything and most of all seeing us as your own children of whom you wish the very best for. I have to admit that every time you come and we interact you always spark rays of hope and determination to achieve the very best especially when you tell us of the stories of those who donate whole heartedly to this project. Thank you so much for the presents for they are going to be of great use in our communities in helping us to make a positive difference to those we will serve."