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# Daring to Dream



These are the stories.

These are the souls.

These are the portraits of  
the lives we're changing.

Despite the many challenges in her life, 15-year-old Alice remains hopeful. She resides in a small, rural community in the heart of Taveta, Kenya. Come and see how your partnership is brightening her future.

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## A GLIMPSE INTO ALICE'S WORLD

Alice's story unfolds against a backdrop of adversity. With a nearly nonexistent job market, the struggle to meet basic needs loomed over her parents and four siblings. Her mom and dad were constantly plagued with worry while trying to keep their children fed. Most parents work as subsistence farmers or part-time day laborers when jobs are available. The harsh reality of multi-dimensional poverty makes it difficult to even keep food on the table. That's why education and job opportunities for their oldest daughter, Alice, seemed like a far-off dream.

***According to UNICEF, “half of all Kenyans (23.4 million of which 11.7 million are children) are multi-dimensionally poor lacking access to basic services such as healthcare, safe drinking water, sanitation, nutrition and housing.”<sup>1</sup>***

Alice's experience of growing up in an unstable environment instilled fear-based questions in her mind, such as: When will we eat again? Is there enough water for us to survive? Will we make it?

For many families, marrying off their teenage daughters is the usual course of action because parents cannot afford to take care of them. Education is also completely out of the question, as tuition and school supplies are an insurmountable financial hurdle. In Kenya, 23 percent of girls are married by the time they turn 18 and 4 percent are married by the age of 15.<sup>2</sup>

Alice's parents wanted a better future for their daughter. And Alice was determined to go to school to help her family—because education is key to finding a consistent job and breaking the cycle of poverty. Alice would also have the freedom to choose from different career options and the power to determine her future.

## NOURISHING HEARTS AND MINDS

Orphan's Promise operates a small after-school program close to where Alice and her family live. Generous friends like you helped cover Alice's tuition and school supplies so she could attend classes and receive a good education. She also enjoys nutritious meals at school. Instead of wondering where her next meal will come from or being distracted in class because of hunger, she can now concentrate on her studies in a stable environment.

Alice embarked on her educational journey with determination and pride. She now sees new possibilities for the future while learning about different career opportunities. Seeing the example of her teachers also shows Alice and other kids that they can build a future beyond subsistence farming.

When we asked Alice what she'd like to tell you, she said, "Thank you for keeping me in school and buying my school supplies. May God bless you all."



Alice wants to become a doctor one day so she can provide for her family and younger siblings. Her dream is to help other people in rural communities have access to quality medical care. While she has big dreams, she's also enjoying life as a teenager. She loves spending time with her friends. Her favorite foods are french fries and fried chicken. In school, her favorite subject is history. Her parents are very proud of her progress and love to see their daughter succeed in school.

Not only did you open the doors of education to Alice, but you also offered hope to her family. They attend church where they receive spiritual nourishment and support from their local faith community. And through Orphan's Promise, they've been able to get emergency food assistance.

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***Many children in Kenya do not have access to educational opportunities or are forced to drop out of school due to a variety of factors like "insufficient sanitation in schools, limited access to school meals, inability to pay school fees and children needing to care for livestock."***<sup>3</sup>



## INCREASE YOUR *generosity*

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-  Call 1-800-818-4016
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Orphan's Promise  
977 Centerville Turnpike  
Virginia Beach, VA 23463

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We look forward to making a difference together. **orphan'spromise**

## BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

Alice's eyes gleam with a new vision for the future. Driven by her unwavering ambition to become a doctor, she embodies the hope of breaking free from the shackles of poverty. Now it's not just a dream, but something tangible she's working toward. Her dream is becoming a reality one day, one meal, one class at a time.

Thanks to you, Alice's future will be different from her parents. Her entire family will change because of her access to education. Your partnership and long-term support have empowered Alice and built a bridge of hope for countless other young people like her.

By investing in education, you are shaping the future of entire communities and generations. The ripple effect is profound. Thank you for being the catalysts of change, for believing in the power of education, and for journeying alongside Alice as she paves her way toward a future filled with promise and possibility.

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