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Mentorship: Practically loving, Least, Last, Lost Community



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Our values wall — Mombasa, Kenya



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Our work in:

KENYA

Mombasa;

A Home for Street
Children & A
volunteers House



UGANDA

Soroti;

Home for Street Children

Year of Regrounding, Renewal, & Re-direction

Dear friends, partners, and community,

As we close the month of January, it is clear that 2026 has begun differently from many previous years. Rather than launching into drastic or overly ambitious plans, this year has invited us to slow down, refocus, and return to the core of our work.

Over the past year, I have personally navigated a period of nervous system breakdown. While challenging, this season became a place of deep learning. It forced me to listen more carefully — to my body, to the people around me, and to God. In doing so, it reshaped how I lead, how we structure our work, and how we move forward sustainably.

Presence on the Ground & Strategic Refocus

Since July last year, I have been based mostly in Mombasa, with only two months spent in the Netherlands. I sensed a strong need to have my feet firmly on the ground in Mombasa, Soroti, and Kampala — strengthening teams, stabilising daily care, and rethinking how our activities abroad, particularly in the Netherlands, can continue without drawing energy away from the core mission in Africa.



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About us

Beats of Hope focuses on "Activating heartbeats of hope, we create a loving community for marginalized groups like street children and orphans. We foster self-reliance and dignity while

This day marks the completion of 21 days of fasting and prayer. It feels deeply meaningful to write this newsletter on the final day of that fast. I trusted God for instruction, and He has been faithful in providing clarity, peace, and renewed direction.



Wana Wa Mola – Stability Through Structure

At Wana Wa Mola, we are seeing steady progress. Major renovation work has been completed, and the compound now feels strong and welcoming. There is still work to be done inside the house, particularly as we continue learning what it means to raise growing boys with both freedom and responsibility.

Boys are naturally curious — experimenting with mechanics, wires, and tools. While creativity is encouraged, maintaining order and ownership remains important. We are grateful for Nienke, a returning Dutch volunteer who has served with us three times, who is supporting the team with soft discipline and structure-based approaches alongside our existing methods.

Mombasa and the Akogo House Sustainability Model

In Mombasa, our work continues through the children's home and Akogo House, which hosts volunteers and guests. The volunteers are meant to be sent to us by our Dutch foundation and the Africa Safari activities in Europe.

Across Mombasa, Kampala, and Soroti, we are developing land-based models inspired by Akogo House. These spaces aim to support programme activities, host volunteers, and generate modest income streams that contribute to both founder and mission sustainability.

showcasing Africa's potential and resilience through the success stories of those we serve."

Mission

To empower communities and youth through targeted mentorship programs that integrate Christian principles with social entrepreneurship in African products and services. We aim to create a viable space of connection where everyone feels at home, utilizing music, art, crafts, food, internships, cultural exchange, and media to foster personal and community development.

Our Goals:

To create an organization that does not depend on sponsors alone by providing entrepreneurial apprenticeship and talent development projects involving our mentees.

Our Strategy & tools

Performing arts, cultural exchange, knowledge production and character development for positive change.

Our Projects

- A home for 22 street boys in Mombasa Kenya

- A home with capacity of 30 children in Soroti Uganda (13 currently in the home)
- A volunteer's house for our missionaries, interns, volunteers, and travellers
- Talent development A- Traditional

music archival studio and band: dance, acrobatics, and cultural tours

- Talent development B- Vocational and farming centre; carpentry, welding, jewellery making, coconut oil, shear butter, vegetable garden,

This organizational design aims to reduce long-term dependency on donations while safeguarding the mission of Beats of Hope Africa Foundation. As the organisation continues to mature, governance structures will keep evolving to ensure clarity, transparency, and shared stewardship of purpose.



This is Akogo House Mombasa with some members of the Okiror band during last year's trip. Here we host guests from all over the world. We would like to maintain annual trips from the Netherlands and beyond by both missionaries and regular volunteers, interns, and gap year students at a small fee. A new trip is planned in October this year

Mentorship and Spiritual Rhythm,

This year, I have intentionally reduced activity to focus on what is essential. Every Monday at 10:00 a.m., our senior mentors gather at Akogo House. We worship, pray, reflect on the teachings of Jesus Christ, review the work, identify gaps, and think through solutions together.

This weekly rhythm has become a strong anchor. Several members of our team, including myself, have faced health challenges recently. We are recovering step by step — more grounded, more intentional, and more aware of the importance of shared responsibility.

Financial Structure & Administration

To reduce daily pressure caused by unpredictable cash flow, we have reintroduced a weekly financial rhythm, with all requisitions submitted and settled on Mondays after the mentors' meeting.

From January onward, Alice, our former accountant, is again supporting the organisation. She will consolidate financial records into clear monthly reports, significantly reducing my daily financial intervention and making communication with boards and partners easier and more transparent.

chicken farm

The constants

- Living together as a family across cultural backgrounds
- Developing the whole person
- Commitment to talent development; Education, Vocational skills, performing arts, character development
- A living hope in the principles of Jesus
- Commitment to the least, last and lost community around us
- Reconnecting to African identity, language and progressive knowledge
- Justice for all special Africa

Our motivation

1st John 3:16

"This is how we know what true love is; Jesus Christ laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters"

Our Work in The Netherlands-

Community building and youth cultural exchange

We are also a coaching platform for youths from Europe who are coming to do internships and volunteer work.

Not only do these youth contribute to our much needed workforce, our mentees and us team up to give these youth a valuable academic and socialcultural experience that has helped them to make radicle decisions in pursuing their life purpose.

When we started out in The Netherlands it was merely a music concert or workshop that we offered but we have grown into a fully-fledged community building organization that partners

This separation between daily bookkeeping and monthly reporting strengthens accountability while allowing leadership to focus on strategy, fundraising, and programme development.

Education Milestones – Progress Worth Celebrating

January marks important educational transitions within the family:

- Two children moved from primary school to secondary school
- Two children completed secondary school and are now awaiting college placement

These milestones represent years of consistency, care, and patience.

Adam's Story the 2026 Frosty Scholar:

One of these transitions is the story of Adam Munga Mwangale, whose journey reflects the heart of our mission:

"Hello, my name is Adam Munga Mwangale. I have been at Beats of Hope for seven and a half years. When I was living on the streets, I was not going to school. There was no shelter and no food.

A man came and brought me to Beats of Hope Wana Wa Mola. His name is Daniel Okiror. I thank him for giving us this opportunity.

I am now in junior secondary school. I performed very well in my primary exams, exceeding expectations. When I grow up, I want to be a doctor, to treat patients in the hospital.

My talents are acrobatic dancing, cultural dancing, and drawing."



with the professional organizations around and with the city of Utrecht, Netherlands. Our mandate to bring African communities here in tandem with the locals has helped us to build an inspiring platform where people get to know what we are doing in Africa as others actually take a trip with us to volunteer or simply visit , we are officially working in a triangle that impacts The Netherlands, Kenya and Uganda. We are optimistic what the future holds, we give all glory to God and thank you for your continued support.

Get involved financially Become a sponsor of a child per month: €25,- / \$30,- / KSH 2500,-

Volunteer to help our Foundation in your own location by fundraising and making the work known, organize/invite our cultural troop/band for performance in your location. In the Netherlands you can send through our partners God's Embassy Amsterdam, The Netherlands: EUR account number: NL32INGB0004978745 (ANBI) (T.a.v) Beats Of Hope) Or Send to our parent program account in Uganda: Beats Of Hope Africa Foundation Ltd: Swisftcode EQBLUGKA EUR Account number 1002203184259, Bank name: Equity bank Uganda ltd , Buganda road Branch In USA - send your donation online: www.fjcpeoria.com

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Adam's teachers and mentors are proud of him — and so are we.

Further Educational Progress & Gratitude

We are also thankful to share that Jumaane, one of our Frosty Scholars, is deeply encouraged this year as his full tuition for the entire academic year has been secured. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality and Management at Kenya Methodist University. We now hold in prayer the remaining one and a half years needed for him to complete his studies.

For the first time in a long while, all our children in Kenya have joined school on time, with school fees fully paid. This is a significant milestone, and we sincerely thank everyone who contributed — financially, prayerfully, and through encouragement — to make this possible.

Our educational focus now turns to the children in Uganda, where transitions are ongoing. If you feel inspired to support their education, you are most welcome to do so.

Beyond Formal Education – Mutethia's Journey

We are also reminded that success does not take only one shape. Mutethia, one of the boys we reported on previously, chose to step away from formal schooling to focus on developing his talent.

Recently, he secured a contract as a dance teacher at a local school nearby — a powerful affirmation of discipline, creativity, and growth.

At Beats of Hope, we believe that success is not measured only by a university degree. For some children, success means education. For others, it means being removed from a vulnerable place for a season, being nurtured and trained, and then being released strong enough to sustain themselves with dignity.

Uganda – Strategic Transitions

In Soroti, we are taking an important step toward sustainability. Instead of continuing to rent a large house, the children are being moved into a smaller home on land we own, significantly reducing costs and dependency.

Looking ahead:

- **Soroti** will focus on children up to Form Four
- **Kampala** will support Form Five, Form Six, vocational training, college, and university
- The Kampala home, currently under construction, will also focus on Karimojong children, among the most marginalised street children in Uganda

Africa Safari (The Netherlands) – Looking Toward 2026

In the Netherlands, many people are asking:

“Daniel, where are you — and what is the plan for Africa Safari in 2026?”

The honest answer is that this year calls for intentional alignment. As I complete these 21 days of fasting and prayer, I trust that clear direction will emerge — together with the Dutch board, volunteers, and participants who have already expressed a desire to co-create the next phase of Africa Safari.

Africa Safari remains a powerful space for cultural exchange, storytelling, and bridge-building. Moving forward, it will be shaped collaboratively, ensuring it supports — rather than competes with — the core mission in Africa.

Closing

This season is not about rushing forward, but about building what lasts — spiritually, structurally, and relationally. We are choosing renewal over exhaustion, clarity over noise, and faithfulness over speed.

Thank you for walking with us, praying with us, and believing in this journey.

With gratitude,

Daniel Benon Okiror

Founder & Director

Beats of Hope Africa Foundation

CLOSING REFLECTION

Beats of Hope Africa Foundation exists through shared responsibility—between communities, partners, donors, and teams across continents. We remain committed to stewarding this trust with integrity, humility, and transparency.

Together, we continue restoring dignity and building pathways of hope.

Prayer requests

The transitions of the moving the Soroti home from the rented home to our own smaller home

Total healing for Daniel and two other mentors

We pray for the 2026 October-Kenya trip

We pray for clear and grounded direction

We pray for successful 2026 plans

With unwavering hope, Daniel Benon Okiror

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