

Happy New Year!

2024 is well on its way with amazing new adventures and challenges ahead! I look forward to seeing what God has in store for Beacon of Hope – Africa and each of you in this new year! Most of our youth went home in November with a few staying to complete end of year exams and to end their school year off with a bang as 5 of our youth had Chicken Pox accompanied by HOT weather of about 105°!

Christmas with our family was very nice. Family is so important and we prayed for you and your family as well. Peter and I really miss our family in Texas, and this is always a harder time of the year, as it is the month my dad passed away 5 years ago. It makes me appreciate my family in Texas and Africa even more and enjoy every minute we possibly can together.



All our staff had a whole month off last year, but Chico and I only seem to get a few days off which are amazing just because we can get away together. God blessed us with 3 days off at East Africa Safari in Xai Xai Mozambique, a cute little room, I call it my own private hut! Beautiful, but I caught a cold and it put me in bed, and I never left the room. Chico went for food and stretched his legs but only for 10 minutes at a time, he did not like leaving me alone! Yes, the sweetest man!

BOHA youth will be returning at the end of January to start their 2024 school year and for some of them this will be their last year! I would like to ask you to pray for each of these boys. They come to BOHA young, eager, and ready to learn and



they learn a lot, but it becomes comfortable. They are never alone, we set the work, school, and core schedules, and then years have passed and it's time to go into the real world, no longer as young boys but young men. Pray that God begins to prepare them, pray for our staff that God gives us the wisdom to teach and guide them as they start phase 2 of building their future.

Praise God! All our end of year needs we shared were met! We are starting the NEW year off with new bedding for our youth, pots, and pans for the kitchen. We had a great end of year party and were able to give our youth a new shirt, pair of jeans and new shoes so they had new clothes to wear home and for all Christmas/New Years celebrations with friends and family. All school has been paid for our youth, all school supplies, and uniforms! We were able to purchase extra food in December right before the holiday price increase, saving us so much money and starting off the NEW YEAR, knowing our youth would come back and have FOOD!

Thank You so much for all your gifts, love, and partnership! Because of you Beacon of Hope – Africa not only completed the year, we celebrated our 21st Birthday. Your commitment to BOHA and our youth year after year is such a blessing and is making an impact on so many lives. Your prayers and love fill our hearts with so much joy! Thank you for standing with me and for giving our youth a chance of a lifetime.

Jesus, thank you for last year and thank you for the new year ahead of us. Please, light our path in this new year and reveal to us the extraordinary plans you have for each of us. Ignite a passion, give us the courage to step out into something we don't understand, but will do it anyway because we love you! Everything we do is for you Jesus! I pray blessings, healing, and peace that passes all understanding over everyone who reads this newsletter! 2024 here we come!

Let's Continue to be a Beacon of Hope,

- Angie Wheeler Sibia







