

You gave me HOPE...Thank YOU!

“Since the death of my parents, a lot of new words have found their way into my personal dictionary: Stigma. Poverty. Uncertainty. Fear.

“And they are all so real. I sometimes had to go for three days without food. I have to take care of my four siblings, the last born being 5 years old. I had to ensure they had some food on the table every day, even if it meant using unconventional means to acquire the money.

“In December, I joined a twilight group as one of their members. That was the only way I could get money to feed the family. Almost all of my relatives seem to have done the disappearing act. None is available to us. They say they have burdens of their own.



“When GEMINI held an outreach campaign in Kapkoi village, I was not sure if they had any project addressing my needs. I just wanted to be sure about tomorrow. I wanted to assure my little sisters that all was not lost. That tomorrow was yet another day.

“It’s now two months after I joined the group and I can confidently tell you that we can afford to smile. All my siblings have new school uniform, they have some text books and we have food supply for at least two weeks.

“I hope to complete my tailoring course and be among a group of girls who will be equipped to start a fashion design business that GEMINI hopes to launch.

“The only uncertainty that remains is if GEMINI will raise enough money to reach out to all the girls that I used to hang with. To stop them from tumbling down into an abyss. Stella assures me that all will be alright. That all our friends at GlobalGiving have big hearts.

“I just hope so, I just hope so.”

-Carolynne

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