

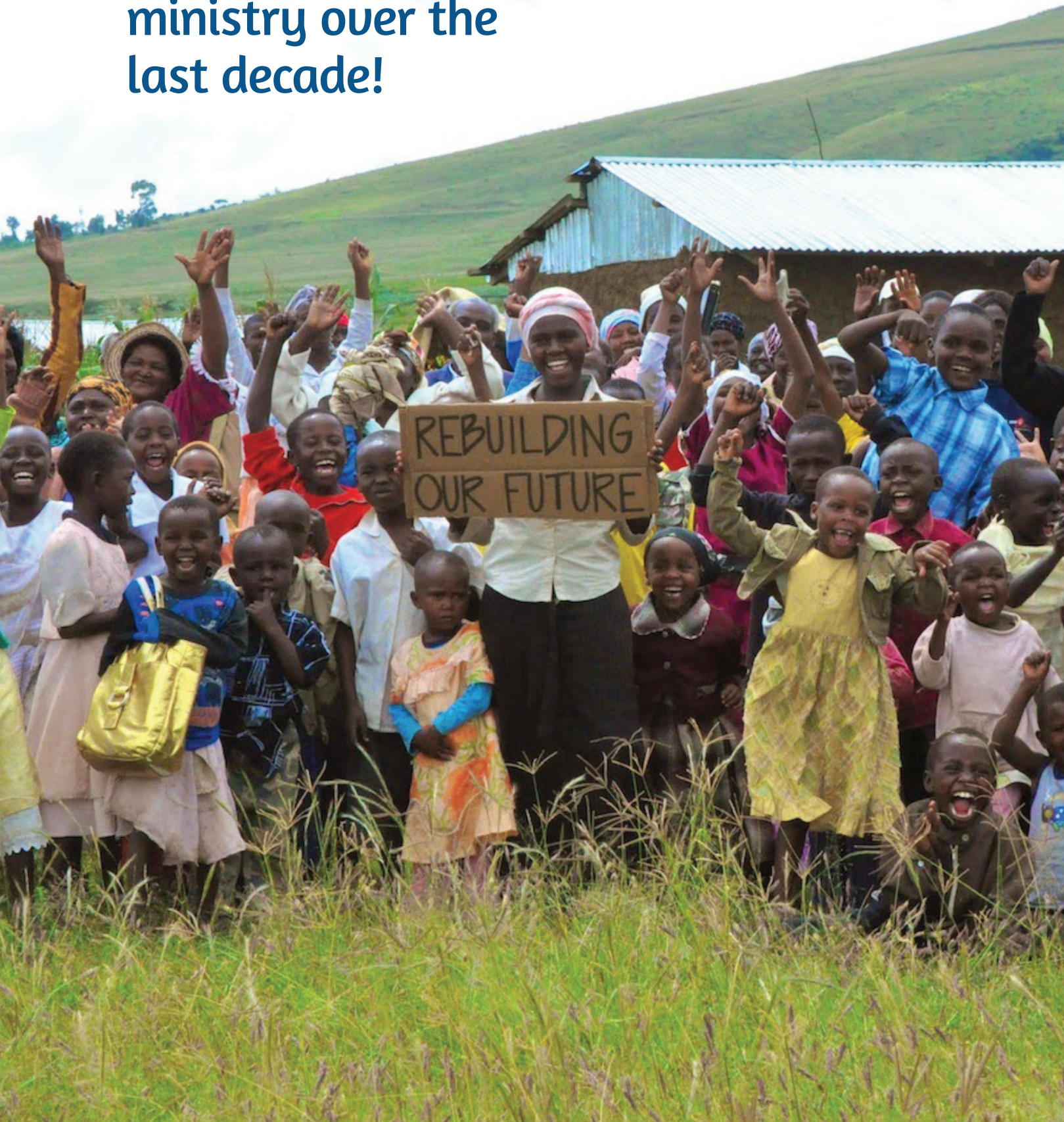
10 YEARS OF FREEDOM

*Breaking generational cycles of poverty
through education for girls in Kenya.*



Uhuru Girls Academy
Impact Report

Join us in praising Him and take in the eternal impact of this ministry over the last decade!



FROM FORBIDDEN TO FREEDOM

Celebrating a decade of impact

Freedom Global is equipping Kenyans with the tools to obtain self-sufficiency through employment, education and Christian discipleship. We opened Uhuru Girls Academy in 2013 because God called us to equip young girls to rise up out of extreme poverty. This school has served as a healthy environment for Kenyans to learn how to think critically about the world around them while also being introduced to an authentic relationship with Jesus. We have witnessed eternal impact in the lives of the 300+ students who have put on an Uhuru uniform in the past decade because of your generosity. **And we believe the Lord is just getting started.**

Uhuru girls are from impoverished families from all across the country who otherwise would not be able to afford school. The Lord has called us to pour into these young women because of a long, tragic history of women missing educational opportunities. Instead of going to school, women were married off for money, encouraged to use sex to put food on the table, forced to work in unhealthy environments, and forgotten.

Our graduates have been empowered to go on and become world-changers after graduation with the lessons they learn at Uhuru Girls Academy. Pursuing higher education, becoming teachers themselves, excelling in hospitality, persevering in medical school, becoming entrepreneurs or giving back to Freedom Global are just a few of the avenues our girls choose as

their journey. All because of their hard work and the investment of our supporters! Our students and graduates are embracing the freedom of the Gospel, advocating for the least of these in their country, and becoming the light of Jesus to the world.





A DECADE OF ETERNAL IMPACT

Discipleship and prestigious education at Uhuru Girls Academy

More than anything at Uhuru Girls Academy, we seek to ensure each student who passes through our care is **SEEN, KNOWN** and **LOVED**. By us, and far more by her Heavenly Father.

Our students have done incredible work, and we're the ones lucky enough to witness the Lord open doors for them to opportunity. Our graduates have **received a prestigious education, excelled in their career, and been a light for Jesus in Africa**. We are blessed to see their grit, and they grace us with lessons in humility, challenge our faith, point us to Jesus, and light up this world every day. The greatest evidence? Their impact is reaching you, *on the other side of the world*.

Since 2013, we've witnessed:

160+

girls receive education

50+

people provided meaningful employment

3500+

one-on-one discipleship conversations

720+

hours of school-wide worship + study of Scripture

542,500+

meals served (and counting!)

100+

Bible study leaders disciplined and sent

18000+

teaching hours

80+

graduates receive higher education



MEET CATHERINE

Her story of obedience

Many people ask why I left everything behind and moved to Kenya in 2018. The only answer I can really come up with is Jesus. Ultimately, he called me to move and I *finally* said yes. Following Jesus where He calls is always worth it, no matter what. And it's a privilege to share some of my story with you.

The Lord has been incredibly faithful to me. From the moment I arrived in Kenya, He surrounded me with people who became my family and provided work that matters so deeply. I serve as the Kenyan Field Director for Freedom Global, working to oversee our team as we give employment, education and Christian discipleship. One of the first students I grew close to shared with me for hours on end how she fought against feelings of neglect from home, grief from losing her family member, and temptations to harm herself. God was so near in those conversations guiding my words and comforting her. She received Jesus in her third year of school and continues to seek to grow in her relationship with Him. Her life is one of true, unexplainable peace.

One of the greatest gifts of this ministry is my 'Tigoni family,' a group of four girls who graduated from Uhuru and through various circumstances came to stay with me. These four are not only some of the best and brightest to come through Uhuru Girls, but



they've also become incredible friends as we do life together. These women stood next to me on my wedding day.

Speaking of my wedding day, the Lord had even greater plans than I could have ever imagined in moving me across the world. God led me to the most incredible man, Will Kojwang, who has become my husband. When I moved, I asked the Lord to immerse me in the community. I desired to be all in, and that is exactly what He has given me with this marriage. My feet are firmly planted in Kenya.

We are called to make disciples who make disciples, and that is happening in our midst at Uhuru Girls Academy. Kenya has become my home. I have witnessed God raise up solid, sound believers within the Uhuru Girls community to be disciples, and I've seen our students become crucial leaders in our ministry and our community. It's been an incredible privilege to witness the inexpressible joy of discipleship and education at Uhuru Girls Academy for the last five years. **Lives have truly been transformed over the last decade. Mine certainly has.** 🌱



MEET FAITH

Her story of freedom

Faith is not just my name, it is my story. All my experiences as a child growing up in Kenya — both the good and the difficult — have shaped me into the woman I am today: a woman of faith. Growing up, we didn't have much, but it was enough. When I was 11, my mum lost her job. And my life has never been the same.

My parents couldn't afford my education anymore. Fortunately, I was a good student, and the school offered me a scholarship.

So I studied around the clock to prove my worth. But with my mom being unemployed, we were struggling like never before. At the end of class eight, I sat for my KCPE National Examination and did very well, but I didn't get into the high school of my choice. I felt robbed of what I deserved for working so hard. **I was angry at my parents, angry at the teachers who had told me to work hard, angry at God, and angry at myself.**

My dad learned about Uhuru from a relative. I was so curious what a school called Freedom would be like. I became a student at Uhuru very shortly after. **That is when my story actually began — February 6, 2015 — the day I became an Uhuru Girl.** Again, my life changed again for good. *But this time it was for the better.*

At first, I was not interested in making friends or building relationships, I had one goal and one goal only: **work hard to get into a good**

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University. Coming from a school where academic performance was motivated by fear and failing a test was followed by caning, I could not wrap my mind around this place. But then the Lord began to change my perspective through art. It was the first time learning was creative instead of intense. **I had never known learning to be fun.** So my walls began to come down. I began to see the beauty in life.

Before Uhuru, my life had just been one big to-do list. I finally felt seen, heard and valued. Just like my name, Faith, became my life, **Uhuru became my experience. I was finally free.**

And now I know that the freedom I experienced there comes from Jesus. As my walls came down, along with my agenda for prestige, I discovered His transforming love through my teachers. The biggest lesson I learned from that incredibly difficult but beautiful season when I came face to face with true freedom is that there is no way around the pain of our past. In order to heal, **we have to go through it.** And now, I have an Uhuru family to go through it with me.

By the grace of God, during University I also got to work for Freedom Global. When I go to Uhuru Girls Academy, it's like going back in time. I see myself in these girls, and I love being able to pour into them. My story is

far from over, and I know that, but thanks to Uhuru Girls Academy, I am equipped to handle whatever life throws at me. 🙏





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