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The new year is always exciting for us. We not only welcome new kids to the project but we also celebrate, as children who have completed their one year in the School Transition Programme, graduate into formal primary education.

This year 27 kids out of the 30 children have successfully transitioned and Maria is among them. When you meet Maria along the corridors of her new school, Fountains of Hope Primary School, she exudes a gentle confidence. She's calm yet has blended well with the rest of her class despite being the new kid in Class 5.

She joined us in Transition Class last year after dropping out of her previous school because her mother couldn't pay the school fees. Her single mother gets casual cleaning jobs in Kibera and therefore has an unstable income and struggles to support her family. These struggles don't show on Maria's face. She's determined to do her best especially now that they don't have to worry about school fees or meals while she's at school. She is a keen learner and sometimes returns to class at break time to work on her assignments before the day ends.

Romans 15:13 says: "may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

We are excited that children like Maria get a chance to join school and we work hard to restore a sense of hope in each child. Hope that they can have a different future. Hope that God loves them and is on their side. We pray that each of the children we serve would put their trust in God and would experience His joy and peace. We pray that they would even be so filled with hope that it would overflow into the surrounding community and become a force for change in Kibera.