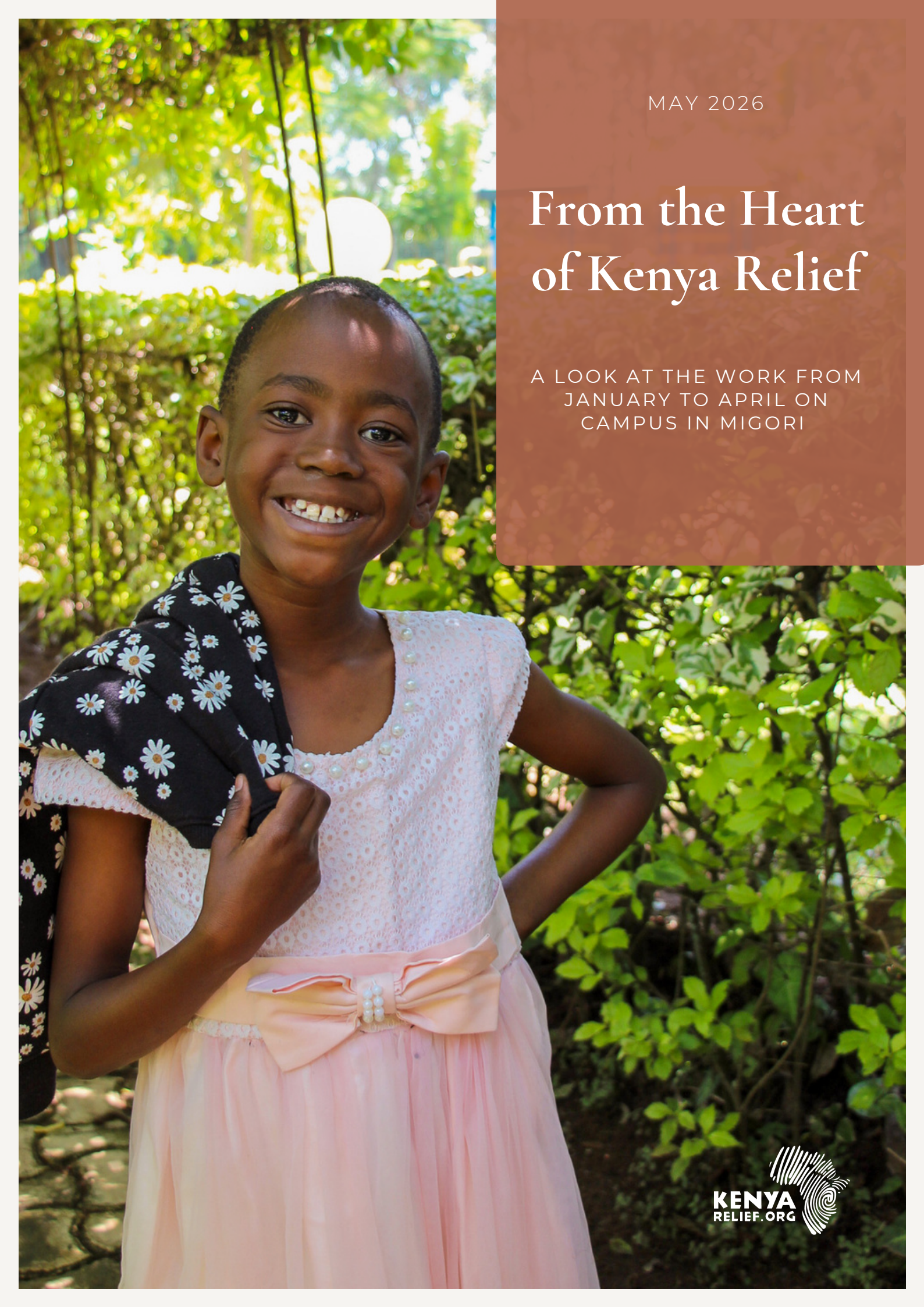


A young girl with a joyful expression is the central figure, standing in a lush garden. She is wearing a light pink lace dress with a large matching bow at the waist and a black shawl with white daisy prints draped over her shoulders. The background is a dense wall of green foliage, with sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a warm and natural atmosphere.

MAY 2026

From the Heart of Kenya Relief

A LOOK AT THE WORK FROM
JANUARY TO APRIL ON
CAMPUS IN MIGORI

MONTHLY SPONSORS:

We've moved to a new giving system!

Please take a moment to switch your recurring gift from REACH to Raiser's Edge, so your support continues without interruption.



Staff Updates

We said goodbye to Beth Garner & Jessica Brown during this season, and they are both so missed! We're so excited that Jessica & Kennedy were able to move to the U.S., even as we feel their absence every day. Beth G. has been such a wonderful and thoughtful presence, and we're grateful for her time with us and all that she poured in to Kenya Relief these last 18 months!

Lauren Eich is stepping into a new role after three years serving as the children's missionary, now focusing on sponsor and donor engagement, helping to tell the stories across Kenya Relief. She'll be working closely with **Daniel Waliaula**, our social media specialist, to continue building meaningful connection & consistency in how we share this work. We're also excited to welcome **Anthony Rojas** as our new Volunteer and Missions Coordinator, stepping into a key role supporting teams and helping coordinate all things between the U.S. and Migori!

Note from Melissa Cook, President and CEO

Greetings friends:

I just returned from a quick trip to Kenya and am inspired from what I saw on the ground. After we closed the first quarter of 2026, we are excited to share the incredible momentum your generosity has helped spark at Kenya Relief. The first few months were filled with renewed purpose and meaningful progress across our programs. From January through March, we welcomed six mission teams whose medical, surgical, and general skills strengthened our campus and reminded us of the power of people coming together for a shared mission.

In April, campus shifted into a quieter but purposeful season as our children enjoyed a three-week break between terms. This pause gave our staff the chance to refresh, strengthen systems, and prepare for a strong start of Term 2, which is now underway. As we look ahead to the remainder of the year, we're stepping into the next chapter with confidence and gratitude. Beginning with this newsletter, we are returning to monthly updates so you can stay closely connected to the impact you make possible.

Thank you for believing in this mission, for standing with us, and for helping build a stronger, more resilient Kenya Relief — one filled with hope, growth, and possibility.

Highlights From Migori



BRASE CLINIC

1,787 patients were seen across January through March, with 223 surgeries completed. We ended the quarter with 648 patients and 91 surgeries in March alone. It's a speaks volumes to the care changing lives in this community.



CHILDRENS' PROGRAM

The children at BHOG started Term 2 for the academic year on April 28th!

In late March, they found a puppy near the playground, so now Bingo has joined Mollie & Tucker's family!



KENYA RELIEF ACADEMY

KRA continues to stand out as one of the top-performing schools in Migori County, following exceptional results on last year's national exams. As the new term begins, that same focus carries forward, creating opportunities for students to grow, succeed, and pursue what comes next with confidence.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We loved having leaders Sara Jipson and Bethany Story with us for two teams this year for teams 5 and 6! Sara & Bethany stayed on campus between teams, and were able to help at the clinic and pour into the children at BHOG during their month on campus!

Keeping a Promise: Education for Every Child

\$70,000 Needed by August 15

At Brittney's Home of Grace, we care for between 170–180 children and young adults each year. Some live on campus in primary school; others are in kinship care while attending secondary schools. And some of the children who have grown up in our program are now stepping into college or vocational programs.

At every stage, we are committed to them. We provide everything they need to succeed: safe housing, meals, school tuition, clothing, medical care, counseling, and consistent support.

Several education-related payments are due this summer, and we need to raise \$70,000 by August 15 to ensure that every child—no matter their age or stage—can stay in school, continue growing, and step into the future God has for them.

We have promised these children that we will walk with them all the way into an independent future.

Will you join us in keeping this promise?

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TO SUPPORT
THIS WORK.**



- **Education is one of the most direct paths out of poverty**, and in a country where much of the population lives near or below the poverty line, this means an income and the ability to support a family one day.
- **Education protects children**, and it especially protects girls from child labor, early marriage and exploitation.
- **Education creates opportunity**, opening doors to children that would otherwise remain closed. In Kenya, school is where children expand their minds; learn reading and communication; health, hygiene, and life skills.



Some of the common costs included in the \$70,000 needed:

- A semester of college or university: **\$936**
- A year of high school education: **\$585**
- A semester of vocational program: **\$390**
- School uniforms for 2 children: **\$198**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

CELEBRATING OUR 2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Eighteen students have just completed Form 4, and we're so grateful to take a moment to recognize their hard work and cheer them on as they continue their studies! This milestone reflects years of steady effort, perseverance, and growth — the kind that happens both in the classroom and in everyday life. It's been a privilege to watch them learn, mature, and continue moving forward, step by step.

This year, each of them will begin their next chapter — whether that's college, university, or a technical program. With the support of this community behind them, they're stepping into new opportunities to learn, build skills, and grow into greater things!



We're incredibly proud of this group and thankful for everyone who has helped make this moment possible! It's been a gift to walk alongside them, and we're looking forward to all that lies ahead for each of them.

Congratulations: Solomon Moreka, Richard Onyango, Christine Moraa, Velma Atieno, Emmanuel Mwikwabe, Vero Auma, Melvin Faraja, Dorothy Anyango, Mary Kadada, Faith Naserian, Mary Wankuru, Zadock Otieno, Austine Aunga, Julius Korona, Violet Adhiambo, Raphael Ochieng, Mariko Ochieng, and Everline Awour!



Stories of **Impact**: Patient Testimonies

“When I first came to Brase Clinic, the team took their time with me. They examined the keloid overgrowth carefully, asked how long I had been living with it, and ran all the necessary checkups. From the very beginning, **I felt well cared for**. When it was time for the operation, I honestly couldn’t believe how smooth it was. It felt like I had only gone in for a short sleep — and when I woke up, the overgrowth was gone. I wasn’t feeling any real pain, just a sense of relief.

Even during the healing period, everything went well. There was some discomfort from the incision, but nothing severe. The whole experience was very good, and I’m grateful for how well the team handled me. **My life feels normal again.**”

Patient Testimonial: Ken



Stories of **Impact**: KRA Chess Program

Kenya Relief Academy continues to be one of the top-performing schools in Migori County, with strong national exam results year after year and a growing waitlist of families hoping for a place. It's something we're really proud of—not just the grades, but the consistency, care, and environment behind them. **This year, that same commitment is showing up in a new way.**

Nine students from KRA's chess program have qualified to compete at the national level in Nairobi—an incredible milestone for a program that's still growing. For many of these students, it's their first time reaching this stage, and it reflects hours of practice, focus, and quiet determination.

It's easy to measure success in test scores, but moments like this tell a fuller story—students being given the opportunity to think critically, compete confidently, and step into spaces they may not have imagined before.



This spring, six teams came to campus and stepped straight into the work of pouring time into our kids and caring for patients in this community at Brase Clinic.

They showed up with a willingness to serve—long days in the clinic, steady hands in surgery, and a readiness to meet whatever each day held. We're grateful for the care they gave and the way they partnered with our Migori team to make that care possible!





More Ways to Get Involved!

On-Campus Team Host Missionary

We're currently looking for an on-campus **Team Host Missionary** to help welcome and support visiting teams throughout the year! This role is such a special part of what we do, the Host helps to create a smooth, meaningful experience for each and every volunteer that comes to campus!



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HERE!**

Team Leaders Needed!

We're also looking for **Team Leaders** to help bring medical and service teams to Kenya! This role is all about helping get teams here—connecting skilled volunteers with communities that need care, support, and practical resources. If you have a heart for organizing and guiding others, you'll play a key part in making sure teams arrive ready to serve well and make a real, tangible impact.

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