



# **2014 Summer Mission Project: “Education for Esther”**





**In Turkana  
and Samburu,  
girls leave  
school and  
get married at  
puberty**

**Girls who  
marry early  
and bear  
children  
face  
devastating  
health  
consequenc  
es and life-  
long  
poverty**







**1 out of 5 girls in the developing world does not complete 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**What is the impact of a secondary education for a girl – on health, on poverty reduction, and on human rights?**

# Health Impact

- Girls under 15 are five times more likely to die in childbirth than women in their 20s.
- When a mother is under 18, her child is 60% more likely to die in its first year of life than a baby born to a mother over 18.
- Educated mothers are more likely to ensure their babies are vaccinated and receive proper nutrition and they tend to have smaller, healthier and better educated families.



- Every year of education delays a girl's marriage and reduces the number of children she has. Girls with secondary schooling are up to six times less likely to be married as children than girls with little or no education. Girls who receive secondary and higher education beyond grade 7 have, on average, 2.2 fewer children than girls with less or no education.

# Poverty Reduction

- A 63-country study found that expanded female education resulted in better farming practices, which contributed to about 40% of the decline in malnutrition from 1970 to 1995.
- Crop yields in Kenya could rise up to 22% if women farmers had the same education and inputs (such as fertilizer, credit, investment) as men farmers.
- World Bank studies find that, on the whole, one more year of *primary* education beyond the mean boosts a person's eventual wage rate on average by 5 to 15%, with generally higher returns for girls than for boys. One more year of *secondary* school beyond the mean boosts a person's eventual wage rate on average by 15 to 25%, again with a generally higher increase for girls than for boys.





# Human Rights

- Children of educated mothers are more likely to attend school themselves
- Educated girls are more likely to understand and advocate for their rights and they are more likely to raise healthy, educated children.



- Educated women are more likely to resist abuses such as domestic violence, traditions like female genital cutting, and discrimination at home, in society or the workplace.

**Friends keep girls in school by giving scholarships**





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2014 Summer Mission Project:

# Education for *Esther*

Goal:  
\$20,000

**This summer, help us keep girls in school. Look on the FUM website for project materials for your meeting/church.**

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