

Join us in welcoming 11 new Starfish!!

Starfish Africa is proud to welcome 11 outstanding new students. Joining us is a diverse group from across the nation, including S.A.'s first student from Turkana, a very remote and largely nomadic district in northern Kenya.

Please [click here](#) to see photos and profiles of our newest Starfish. Meet one of them, Catherine, at right.

Starfish become computer whizzes



Over five days in April, Starfish students participated in a computer training course hosted by Wang Point Technologies. This was a terrific opportunity for the students to learn basic computer skills. In the past, many of them have shied away from computer courses offered at their new schools, because they had little to no experience with PCs. We hope that these new skills will serve them well in their studies and, further down the road, their jobs.



Organizational updates

Many thanks to **Lisa Yates**, who has volunteered her time to help **establish a mentorship program for S.A.** This program will match S.A. students with Kenyan professionals in the Nairobi area. These mentors will provide support and direction for Starfish throughout their secondary education,

as they consider career paths and make plans for university.

S.A. recently established a relationship with **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield, OH.** After board member Rob Currey presented on March 16th, many members committed to

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Meet Catherine Class of 2011 Moi Girls Eldoret

Catherine is from the town of Eldoret, where her single mother



runs a small grocery store. Sadly, this store was burned in the violence that spread across Kenya after the 2007 presidential election. Catherine earned excellent marks on her secondary school entrance exam. She is now attending Moi Girls Eldoret and is very thankful for the opportunity to attend the prestigious school. She enjoys swimming, singing in the choir and is a member of the Young Christian Society.

"To me, of course, God is the most important person in my life. I just can't thank Him enough for all He's done unto me."

providing financial support for S.A. This generous support will fund the education of two Starfish. We would like to give special thanks to **Pastor Dan Powell, Mark Grimes, Pastor Beverly Debord and Hannah Powell** for their leadership of this effort.

The **mission** of Starfish Africa, as an organization motivated by **Christian** faith and desiring to answer the Biblical call to care for the less fortunate, is to **transform the lives** of talented African students by sponsoring their continued **academic excellence** at elite educational institutions, thereby equipping them with the skills required to **transform their home communities, their countries, and their continent.**