



HOPE SCHOOL RANKED #1 IN DISTRICT

In January, Mr. Freeman, who is the District Educational Officer, made an unannounced visit to Hope High School. He was impressed by the level of organization and the uniqueness of the teachers and students as compared to other schools he had visited. He noticed the teachers were using active learning strategies that had been introduced in last Fall's professional development sessions and extended his appreciation to the staff and administration. We are grateful for this accomplishment, yet, we are not complacent. We have much work to be done in resources and training of the teachers. By God's grace, we will get there one step at a time.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING



Teachers received a 25 kg. bag of rice for their Christmas/New Year's blessing. We are so thankful for the hard work and dedication of the teachers at Hope. Please remember them in your prayers as they are on the ground carrying out the mission of empowering Liberians to live Christ-centered lives.

Pictured here is Mr. Shelton, the Math and Physics teacher at Hope School.

DREAMS & VISIONS OF THE FUTURE

How great is our God? In May 2018, we began taking steps of faith to purchase 10 acres about 20 minutes outside of Monrovia for \$48,000. In ten short months the money was raised and the purchase was completed in February. Next steps include construction plans and raising support to pursue the dream of building & furnishing a clinic and hospital as well as planting a Bible-teaching church to help meet the health and spiritual needs. We praise God for HIS provision and pray that all will see how great is our God.



IMPROVEMENTS AT HOPE

Stephanie and Kari's visit to Hope Village last November occasioned many observations of the facilities, resources, and teaching practices. Our Education Committee made recommendations to the board for improvements to the school. Wooden doors have been badly damaged by termites, teachers do not have desks, and another classroom was needed to divide the K-1 and K-2 class. The board approved funding in February for metal doors to secure classrooms and resources, a partition to divide a classroom, and desks for teachers. These projects improved morale for both staff and students. Thank you for your financial gifts which make sustaining the school possible.



WHAT IS A STUDENT PROFILE?

It is our method of presenting a student for a scholarship to a potential donor. The student profile is a brightly colored page that has a photo of the child along with basic information; name, date of birth, year in school, favorite subject & hobby.



Nanah Borbor

Birth Date: 6/6/2005
Current Grade: 5
Hobby: Playing
Favorite Subject: French

Won't you lend a hand?

Contact us to learn how you can sponsor a child like Nanah.

DESSERT LOVERS, 2019

We invite you to join us for Dessert Lovers on April 14 from 2:00PM - 3:30PM at Parkview Church in Rapid City. Light refreshments will be served as you enjoy live music and browse all the amazing silent auction items. All the proceeds will go to benefit the people of Hope Village.



Bridges of Hope, Inc. Presents

Dessert Lovers

Beautiful, Yummy Desserts for Sale!

2:00PM - 3:30PM
This is the time we'll be starting.

04.14.2019
This is the date.

PARKVIEW CHURCH
This is the place that will be hosting.

Light refreshments will be served.

Live music by Tom Haggerty
African music by Martin and Yanga

Come bid on the Silent Auction.

All proceeds go to the men, women and children of Hope Village in Liberia, West Africa.

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ENGINEERING STUDENTS RETURNING TO LIBERIA



SDSM&T students will return to Hope Village in May to construct a sanitary toilet that will serve the school and those living at Hope Village. They will also install a submersible pump in the new well and a new tank on the water tower. Gravity fed water will be a boon to all living at Hope Village as a clean source of water prevents diseases common to Africa. Last year they constructed a building to house a generator and built a simple system to collect rain water from the school's new roof.



WAYS TO HELP BRING HOPE TO HOPE VILLAGE

The school students and teachers alike call Hope Village "HOPE" because that is what the school brings to their lives. Hope. Here are a few ways you can help bring Hope to the men, women and children of Hope.

Student Scholarships

There is an opportunity for you to bring HOPE to a student at HICA (Hope International Christian Academy). Donating \$20 per month helps cover teacher salaries, school supplies, administrative fees, and resources to improve the quality of each student's education. Thanks to generous donors, we currently have 25/319 students with scholarships.

A second opportunity to help is to become a Student Scholarship Advocates (SSA) to help enlist Scholarship donors and distribute Student Profiles. We are grateful for our current SSAs: Dalaina Salamun, Hazel Anston, Nicole Sowards, Stephanie Little, Chris Little, Anthony Anston, and Tom and Sherry Casey.

For more information, please contact Arlen and Gwen Pequette. Phone #: 605-430-2544, email: gwenarlen@gmail.com. We will be happy to help you find a child that needs your help.

Financial Gifts

Make financial gifts that will be used to maintain the school, start or support agricultural projects, buy rice for those living at Hope Village or purchase fuel for the much-used transportation provided by the community truck.

Tax Free Retirement Withdrawals

Retirees at age 70 1/2 are required to make annual withdrawals (Required Minimum Distributions or RMD's) from retirement accounts. Those withdrawals can be directed to Bridges of Hope without incurring a tax obligation on the withdrawal.

To learn more about how you can make an impact at Hope, reach out to us on facebook, our website or email us at info@bridgesofhopewestafrika.com.

Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

Thank you so much for your gifts and support of Bridges of Hope; what a blessing! We are so grateful to God for donors and friends like you. Without you and God's provision, this ministry could not continue. What a joy it will be to see what God has in store for future generations of Liberians and Western Africa. Please continue to pray with us as we pursue a vision for the future and thank you for joining us on this journey that blesses so many. We are so humbled by your partnership. Your involvement allows Bridges of Hope to provide a Christ-Centered education and pursue our vision to bring quality health care and a bible teaching church. Thank you, thank you and thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for your gifts and remaining with us on this journey!

May God richly continue to bless you!

In His service!

S. Martin Digler

Chairman, Bridges of Hope