



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARRIVE AT HOPE VILLAGE



Curriculum and resources arrived to Hope Village on September 13th! After traveling about three months across the Atlantic Ocean, we rejoice that the shipment arrived safely and intact. Pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, curriculum, classroom books, and big books were some of the items that shipped. Teachers are excited to have more resources as they continue engaging in our mission of quality, Christ-centered education in Liberia.

## MS. LORAINE JOINS THE HOPE TEAM



Last November, the team observed almost 50 K-1 and K-2 students sharing the same classroom and having the same teacher, Aunt Sonnie. Recent construction divided the classroom into two and Aunt Loraine, a brand new K-1 teacher, was hired.

## FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL AT HOPE



New pencils. New crayons. New curriculum. First days of school hold many new things and new adventures. Hope is moving from rote learning to curriculum in the classroom. Teachers and students are actively engaging in all the new activities of the school year. We are continuing to work towards having more Paces (work books in each subject) for the 1-12 grades.

## TEACHERS KICK-OFF THE YEAR WITH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Hope staff engaged in three days of professional development to begin the school year. Sessions included: A "Heart" Check-Up, Discussing the revised Code of Conduct and Teacher Contract, Introduction of Read Aloud strategy, Navigators Hand Strategy for studying Scripture, Parts of a Lesson Plan, and Organizing Your Classroom – Using but not abusing resources. Teachers also did mock lessons with each other to strengthen their skills presenting lessons using the Pace curriculum.



## AG COMMITTEE UPDATE

This past quarter we had a webinar with Elijah, Hope School administrator, Wesley, agriculture teacher and Rev. Padmore to establish faces with names and how agriculture may tie into the school curriculum. These responses will help guide what actions we will take with our Liberian brothers and sisters in the future. While still gathering information, none of the agriculture committee members were able to go on the November trip but several are considering a visit sometime next year. Please be praying for leadership with vision who can be our hands and feet on the ground in Liberia to make agriculture a lasting endeavor on the campus. Several teachers were interviewed in November in the hope of finding that person or team of people to serve in that capacity.

## UPDATE ON 10 ACRES FOR CHURCH AND CLINIC/HOSPITAL

We are engaged in finding someone to do the master plan and conceptual design for the church and clinic/hospital. We have met with one retired architect and one architect currently in practice. We pray that God will open doors. In the meantime, clearing the land and building a road to the land is the next step and we are seeking an estimate to do this job.



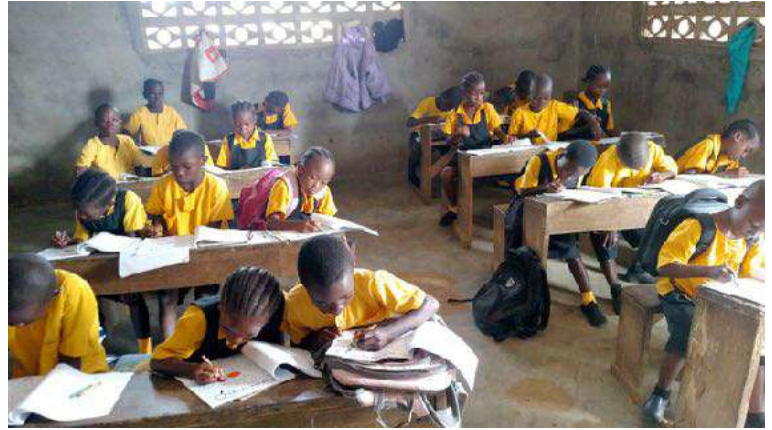
## HOPE VILLAGE FIRST-AID STATION



Russ Salamun traveled to Liberia this past November with others from Bridges of Hope to bring first-aid training to the students of Hope Village. Students were instructed in how they might splint broken

bones or treat wounds they may encounter in the sometimes-primitive environment in which they work and play. CPR was a hit with the students utilizing the Bee Gees “Staying Alive” as the rhythm for administering chest compressions. Russ arrived with suitcases full of equipment including cots where an ill child might rest. Local medications, which included tetanus serum, were secured by Marie Padmore, RN.

## STUDENT TESTING



Testing was carried out by the teachers at Hope in late November. Stephanie Digler was on ground to oversee the testing. Kari and Paul Smith arrived and helped score, record, and share results with teachers. Nursery-1st grade students were assessed in number and letter awareness. Testing was completed to provide the teachers and education committee with a baseline to measure the progress of the children attending Hope School. There will be more information to come from the education committee regarding the November trip.

## STUDENT PHOTOS UPDATED

Joel Schwiesow was also in Liberia updating student profiles and photos. He also delivered letters to students that scholarship sponsors had forwarded to Bridges of Hope prior to the trip. These letters created a bit of excitement and while not every student received a letter, nearly all of them wanted to write a letter to scholarship sponsors. We will be sorting out your letter and forwarding it soon.

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