



Dr. Neilson, who is a Gideon, donated 100 used Bibles which arrived at HICA in February.

THREE MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION TEAM TRAVELED TO HICA IN NOVEMBER



This past November Paul and Kari Smith spent one week at Hope International Christian Academy and Stephanie Digler spent two weeks on the campus. They provided professional development sessions, assessment training, classroom coaching, and administrative support to the principal and staff members of the school.

TEACHERS RECEIVE LEATHER STUDY BIBLES DONATED BY LIVING BY DESIGN MINISTRY



Reading God's Word is key to transforming our lives, spiritually, intellectually, and educationally. Bibles donated by Living by Design Ministry were received during professional development with grateful hearts by each of our teachers. The Lord's Word is powerful, and as the teachers read and study, they will strive to become more and more like Him! There is not a lot of reading material available for our teachers to

read in Liberia. As they begin to read and understand the Bible, they will be challenged in their thinking and lifestyle. The Lord will do His work!

FLUENCY ASSESSMENTS



The Education team has been busy synthesizing the fluency assessments that were taken by the students last November. Fluency goals (the ability to read with speed, accuracy & expression) have been created and teachers and students at HICA are engaged with working toward creating and implementing a plan for literacy growth that will keep moving the vision of quality, Christ-centered education forward. It has been good to conduct assessments, in order to make appropriate goals for improvement. To be a model school, we need data to back-up our progress at the school. We are engaged.

MISSION AND VALUES



Mission and values drive an organization. Bridges of Hope's Mission Statement and Values we are hung up displayed in every classroom. Quality education is important but empowering Liberians to live Christ-centered lives is the main goal at Hope International Christian Academy.

A Hope Village staff person works to frame the new Bridges of Hope Mission Statement and Values posters.

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES



Last fall, pencil sharpeners, pencils, crayons, and calculators arrived at HICA. In November, we distributed supplies to the classrooms and went over the importance of conserving supplies. Resources help move the vision of quality, Christ-centered education forward. Ms. Sonnie, our K.2 teacher, shared a story of passing out 7 crayons to each of her students. A student wanted to keep two of the crayons to take home to color and only gave 5 back to Ms. Sonnie. The student insisted that she received only 5 crayons. After sitting in the classroom approximately 30 minutes, the other two crayons appeared. This was an example of how our teachers are engaged with managing the supplies, but also teaching life lessons of honesty and integrity.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

Currently we have 227 sponsors out of for the 385 students at HICA. We are thankful for God's provision and grateful for your partnership. If you are interested in providing a scholarship for a student please contact Arlen and Gwen Pequette at 605-430-2545 or gwenarlen@gmail.com. You can also visit:

bridgesofhopewestafrika.com/ways-to-give/sponsor-a-student

OBSERVATIONS AND FEEDBACK



During our time at Hope Village in November, Paul, Kari, and Stephanie evaluated how the professional development was impacting the teaching and learning process in the classroom. They also met with the teachers after the observation and gave feedback on what they were doing well and possible next steps to continue improving. This information will be used to guide future professional development. Each school visit trip that team members are able to make provides important information related to ongoing needs and continues the process of building relationships between Bridges of Hope supporters, committee members, and school personnel.



COVID-19 UPDATE FROM HOPE VILLAGE

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting HICA. It is a fluid situation changing just as in America. School has not been in session since March 17th and the country has been in lockdown meaning citizens are not allowed to travel and they are supposed to be off the street and at home after 3 PM. Elijah, the principal, is not allowing visitors on HICA campus and has educated the village on proper sanitation. We are working to have a checklist for teachers to continue working to move the vision of quality education forward and are continuing to pay the teachers their monthly salary. We have also sent money for each teacher to receive 50 kg of rice and a couple bars of soap. You can follow the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths at www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries. Please keep our friends at Hope Village in your prayers.

TRIPS POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19

The following trips have been postponed until COVID-19 is controlled both in the United States and Liberia:

1. The mission team from Covenant Church in Spokane Washington
2. The School of Mines students to begin construction on sanitary toilets they designed
3. Martin and Stephanie Digler trip

