



The students at Hope International Christian Academy gather as school re-opens.

## SCHOOL RE-OPENS

On March 17 with two six period sessions left of the 2019-2020 school year, HICA joined the many schools globally shutting down due to health concerns of COVID-19. During the shut-down, students did not attend school. Teachers continued to work towards increasing their knowledge of the new Pace curriculum, work on lesson plans, and allow God's Living Word to encourage their minds, hearts, and souls, socially distancing and wearing masks. We were able to provide cleaning supplies and 50 kg of rice for our staff during these unprecedented times.

After Elijah, Hope's principal, attended sessions offered by the Liberian Ministry of Education and consulted with Stephanie, Education Committee Chair, a re-opening plan was developed including social distancing and hand-washing. Hope was able to re-open to the Senior class on June 29th when our teachers and students went on a whirlwind journey of covering two six period school sessions in one six period session. They completed the school year August 7.

Our other students started back to school in August to finish up the 2019-2020 school year. Classes will be completed in October and the 2019-2020 school year will come to an end. It has not been the perfect educational scenario, yet we are thankful for God's guidance and provision as we end the school year.



## SENIORS TAKE THE WASSCE EXAM

In August, our senior students took the WASSCE (West African Senior School Certification Examination) and finished up their secondary school journey. We commend them for their diligence in following the new protocols in their educational setting.

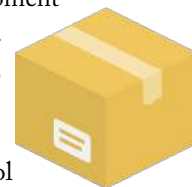
## BRING YOUR OWN FROG FOR SCIENCE LAB



Each seventh-grade student brought their own frog to dissect for Mr. Digler's 7th grade science class to learn about the circulatory system. Students used frogs, thumbtacks, and cardboard during a hands-on learning activity.

## SHIPMENT TO ARRIVE IN LIBERIA AROUND OCT 11

Our team was busy in June preparing another shipment for HICA. This shipment includes materials and supplies to move the vision of Christ-centered, quality education forward. Some of the supplies and resources included more Pace curriculum, lesson plan and attendance binders, recess games, school supplies, Curriculum for Nursery – K.2, a first-aid station canopy and supplies.



## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

Currently we have 236 students with sponsors at HICA. We are thankful for God's provision and grateful for your partnership. A reminder to those who sponsored students annually (\$240) in 2019; if you have not already done so, please renew your sponsorship for 2020. Also, keep us updated with new credit card information. Any questions contact Arlen and Gwen Pequette at 605-430-2545, email [gwenarlen@gmail.com](mailto:gwenarlen@gmail.com) or see our website.

## HEART & VASCULAR UNIT AT MONUMENT HEALTH DONATE CALCULATORS

The caregivers of the Heart & Vascular Unit at Monument Health focused their fundraising efforts in raising money for the Bridges of Hope. Through bake sales and raffle baskets they were able to raise enough money to support the purchase of 27 scientific calculators and 2 graphing calculators. We are grateful for their donation.



## A SECOND GENERATOR!



At the time of our board member visit to the school last November it was noted how the presence of a three-year-old generator improved conditions at the school. From powering a submersible pump filling the water tower, to bringing light and computing/printing power to the school office and the guest house where the team lived and worked, the generator made it all possible. It seemed a second generator that could be used alternately with the first

would keep both generators serviceable for years to come. It was determined that the business that had donated the first 8 KW generator had the materials to build another. Funds were donated for the purchase and the new generator will arrive with the next container of supplies for the school in October.



## PRAYER FOR HOPE STUDENTS

We pray that Hope students will have a deep respect for You and Your ways. May they hide Your Word in their hearts that they might not sin against You. Give them a clear mind, a teachable spirit, and an ability to learn. Instill in them a desire to have knowledge and skill so they may glorify You alone with their lives. Above all, I pray that they will be taught by You through prayer and reading Your Word. Your Word says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7). May they never be a fool and turn away from learning and wisdom, but rather turn to You for the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding they need.

Help them to excel in school and learn to apply knowledge and wisdom to everyday life. We pray they may have clarity of thought, organization, good memory, and a strong learning ability. "May the Lord give you (them) understanding in all things" (2 Timothy 2:7). Lord, enable them to experience the joy of learning more about You and Your world. May this bring them to a joyful worship of their Creator. Above all, may they glorify You in their learning and be a bright light shining for You in their families, school, community, and Liberia. We pray our students at Hope will be part of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and discipling others to worship and glorify God.



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