



## TESTIMONY FROM MS. ESTHER HARRIS

My name is Esther Harris. I am very glad, and grateful to almighty God for my life and where I find myself. My two years of teaching in previous schools were very different than my time at Hope International Christian Academy. From October 24, 2018 until this time, I have seen a great difference in this school. I am grateful to God that leading like Jesus has given me some directions on how to live, treat my students, family, and the community at large. I am also glad and grateful to our partners who have left their homes and their busy schedule to come educate us on so many things about God's Word. I highly appreciate the education committee for your great effort and so many things to come. Thank you so much! May the almighty God be with you all. Amen.

*Ms. Esther Harris, HICA, 1st Grade Teacher*

## UPDATE FROM HICA PRINCIPAL MR. ELIJAH KOBBIJA ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONDUCTED IN NOVEMBER

Hello everyone! Many thanks and appreciation to Almighty God, the education committee and the entire Bridges of Hope family for their



*Picture for Update from HICA Principal, Mr. Elijah Kobbija, on Professional Development Conducted November 10-13*

support and tireless prayers during the teacher's professional development at Hope.

We are grateful to all the members of the education committee for their time and effort in getting the training materials to us. This Professional Development session was one of the biggest and most successful. The training was conducted for four days. It was highly informative; it spoke to the conscience of everyone and reminded staff of some of their weaknesses. It was highly interactive, and discussions were based on how every session could be applied to our lives and the classroom as well. The PD was completed today (November 13, 2020) with a prayer walk to all the classrooms and a group prayer on the student's devotional grounds. We are so thankful to God for adding His disciples to this vision. Blessings!



*Professional development ended with a prayer walk*

## BATHROOM PROJECT SOUTH DAKOTA MINES ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS ABROAD (ESA) COLLABORATION

Engineers and Scientists Abroad has collaborated with Bridges of Hope to create a functional and sustainable design for the bathroom needed at Hope International Christian Academy. Morgan Wetz, a member of ESA, chose to use the bathroom project for Capstone Design under the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Through the class, Morgan and her project team members were introduced to AnnaMarie Reynaud, the founder of Global Panel Solutions Inc (GPSI). They reached out to her and inquired about her building system and if she would be willing to work with the team. After a meeting in Los Angeles and a couple of phone calls AnnaMarie agreed to take on the project. The senior design project will be modified to fit the growing attendance at HICA while providing locals with vocational opportunities through the process of building her projects. Her paneling system is resistant against tropical climates and proves to have long lasting strength. AnnaMarie hopes to not only bring access

to a basic human right, but also wants to restore the integrity of the school's walls to ensure the structure will remain sound for years to come.

## BRIDGES OF HOPE QUARTERLY POTLUCK/ PRAYER MEETING

On October 6 we had a wonderful time breaking bread together, studying Acts 4, and praying for our HICA staff and students. Our next potluck/prayer meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6 PM at ARC International, 5808 Sheridan Lake Rd. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling or texting Stephanie at 605-786-4111.



Teachers  
Received  
Instructional  
Materials for  
School Year



December 1,  
students will  
begin the  
2020-2021  
school year.



## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Currently we have 243 out of 383 students sponsored 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; please renew your sponsorship for 2020 if you have not already done so. 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.



Ebenezer Cooper Age 8 Grade 1



Doris Kaine Age 12 Grade 4

## A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

As Christmas approaches, Bridges of Hope has launched an effort to send a special gift for additional rice. If possible, we will also send small financial gifts to reward our teachers. You can participate in this Christmas blessing by sending your donation in the enclosed envelope or you may go to our website [www.bridgesofhopewestafrika.com](http://www.bridgesofhopewestafrika.com) to make your gift. As always, the board of directors and the children of Hope Village appreciate your generosity. It is our sincere hope that you will remember Bridges of Hope with year-end gifts in support the good things happening in Liberia.

**DECEMBER 5, 13**

**MEDICAL MISSION TRIP**

**Where:** Bridges of Hope School & Phebe Hospital, Liberia  
**When:** October 8 to October 22, 2021  
**Who:** Now recruiting Physicians, Advanced Practice Providers, and Nurses  
**Why:** To bring physical and spiritual healing and hope to the people of Liberia  
**Informational Meetings:** December 5th at 10 AM or December 13th at 2 PM, @ Rimrock Exchange, 514 St. Joseph St. Rapid City, SD

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