

NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100: 4-5)

Yes, His faithfulness is to all generations. As we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, these verses remind us to be grateful to our creator, Yahweh God. We are so grateful for the many blessings He is bestowing on this ministry through you. We, the members of the board, extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your partnership throughout the year. God bless you! As you will read below, the Lord is doing wonderful things at the school, for the teachers, students, and the community of Bensonville, Liberia.

We are still in prayers for the land, the ten acre site, for the church and hospital, which unfortunately has resulted in an ownership dispute. To move the issue forward we have taken legal action against those who sold us the land and have filed an ethical grievance against the attorney hired to safeguard the transaction. We pray for God's will to be done.



Martin Digler Chairman, Bridges of Hope, Inc.

ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS



November 1st marked the first day of school for our 412 students. Here we must also recognize the faithfulness of our sponsors and of Gwen & Arlen Pequette as they have served so well in securing sponsorships for 300+ of these students.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Each Christmas, through your generous giving and always by God's grace, we bless the Hope International Christian Academy (HICA) staff with a 25 kg bag of rice. That gift of rice is repeated each Liberian Independence Day, July 26th.

"Empowering Liberians to live Christ-centered lives" is our mission. We have the desire for each family that attends HICA to have a study Bible in their home. Our students will be encouraged to study and memorize scriptures and depending on their efforts, they will receive a family Bible. A leather-bound study bible costs @\$25. If you would like to contribute to this initiative, please designate your gift as Christmas Blessing.



BRIDGES OF HOPE MINISTRY

is establishing a **pray team**. If you have a heart for intercessory pray and would like to join this team, or if you have questions, please go to **bridgesofhopewestafrica.com/prayer-team-signup**

Our next prayer meeting is Monday, January 10 at 6 PM at ARC International located at 5808 Sheridan Lake Road. We will also have Bible study on Acts 9 and potluck.

FLUENCY PROGRESS

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy," Psalm 126:3. By God's grace, we are seeing growth in reading fluency. On average, students gained sixteen words per minute from March – August 2021. While the team was on the ground in October, we celebrated that success.

PRAYER & PRAISE FOR BRIDGES OF HOPE

Hope International Christian Academy

*Praise for answered prayer: Improved fluency among students, new Vice Principal, increasing spiritual hunger in the hearts of many of the teachers/staff.

*Continued prayer that ALL the teachers would live Christcentered lives and be role models to our students, parents, and the community. Il Timothy 2:3

*Pray for strength for teaches and administration to persevere in excellence in the classroom in hard living conditions.

*Pray God would give the students a hunger and thirst for His Truth as well as a desire to learn.

Land Acquisition

*For God's justice, direction wisdom, discernment, and guidance as we seek closure in the land dispute and contemplate another location.

Church

*Pray for God's leading and timing as we look forward to establishing a church at Hope.

*Pray God will provide a committee that will come along side to collaborate closely with the local pastor to establish structure, policies, and procedures.

Thank you for your continued prayer! Matthew 18:20

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In October 14 people volunteered to travel to Liberia for two weeks to provide medical care. God worked through us to serve almost seven hundred people in clinic, and the team performed fifty-one surgeries. It was a beautiful picture of locals and missionaries working together for God's glory.



1st and 8th Grade Class received trophies for "Most Improved Fluency Growth"



Students gaining 20+ words per minute growth received certificates of accomplishment.



Students assemble outside on their first day back at school.



Dr. Hanses performing surgery at Phebe Hospital during our October 2021 Medical Mission Trip.

Olivia Briggs working in pharmacy at Hope International Christian Academy during our October 2021 Medical Mission Trip.

(right photo) Dr. Anston seeing patients at Hope International Christian Academy during our October 2021 Medical Mission Trip.



Our New Vice Principal, Pastor Mike. Pastor Mike joins our administrative team to assist Elijah, our principal, in helping with administrative duties as well as coaching our teachers in the classroom.



Melissa Stahlecker, medical mission team member, meeting her sponsor student during the October visit.



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