



God has blessed us in many ways and what a great year so far! The year is not over yet and there are many great things to come.

Fundraiser Update

by BRAD THOMPSON

On Saturday August 31st Bridges of Hope was blessed with a beautiful evening as we prepared for our 3rd annual "Lend A Hand - Love a Child" Main Street Square benefit concert in downtown Rapid City. Hand in hand the board members prayed along with the evening's volunteer performers, "Tom Haggerty and Friends." That quiet peace we associate with the Lord's presence was with us at that moment and I felt



reassured we were in the place we were supposed to be. As the music started, an already large crowd grew larger and I thought to myself how amazing it is that here we were in the one of the most beautiful public spaces in Rapid City proclaiming the educational needs of poor African children. As a board we believe our efforts are in obedience to "care for the least of these." I was honored to again be able to speak to the Rapid City community about Bridges of Hope, Hope Village and the needs for our friends in Liberia, West Africa. To all the Individuals and companies that contributed to the evenings success, I extend a big THANK YOU!



Agriculture Activities at HOPE VILLAGE

by JOEL SCHWIESOW

In 2012 a committee was formed to address the needs of farming projects. The committee as a group has responsibility for the overall efforts required to make the farm productive and move new plans along. As individuals, each member has responsibility for one area of production - rubber trees, palm oil and crops. Egg production and pig farming was also added in the fall of 2012 as soon as adequate pens and shelters could be constructed to protect the livestock. The first litter of pigs occurred in April of 2013.

Another Rapid City charity, Help Orphans and Widows Inc., recently donated \$2,000 to purchase goats that will provide milk and eventually meat to those residing at Hope Village. The plan is to provide housing to a widow or widows who will care for the goats and also several orphans. Too often widows and orphans subsist on too little.

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to TOM HAGGERTY and FRIENDS for putting on an amazing concert yet again at our 3rd Annual "Lend A Hand - Love a Child" benefit event at Main Street Square.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☞ Nov 21 - Raffle with a Cause
- ☞ Dec - Home for the Holidays (TBA)
- ☞ March '14 - Dessert Lovers (TBA)

If you would like to help with any of our events, please connect with us!

ELIJAH BANNAH

Elijah Bannah is a 10 year old orphan living at Hope Village and attending school at Hope International Christian Academy. Elijah was 9 years old when this photo was taken in April of 2012. He is a responsible young man helping to care for younger orphans and working in the garden. His favorite Bible Verse is John 10:30: "I and the Father are one." Elijah's favorite thing to do is "study" and his favorite song is "Jesus is Carrying My Load." His prayer request: long life - not an uncommon request among children too keenly aware that life is fragile even for young people in Africa.



YOU CAN HELP ELIJAH AND CHILDREN LIKE HIM BY CHOOSING TO SPONSOR ANY NUMBER OF THE CHILDREN AT HOPE VILLAGE THROUGH SCHOOL.

Contact us through our website or see any board member directly for more information.

Orphan Home Ground Breaking

by JOEL SCHWIESOW

The original plans for Hope Village called for a 12 room school & auditorium to be surrounded by 8 "pods" of 5 orphan homes each that also included an outdoor kitchen in the midst of the 5 homes. At present the



school has expanded to 14 rooms and 10 of the planned 40 homes are in place. Fund raising efforts of friends over the past year total \$10,000 - enough to build a third "pod" of 5 homes. Ground breaking is planned after the first of the year!

Thanks to all who contributed to our orphan home effort.

BRIDGES OF HOPE is proud to present

RAFFLE WITH A CAUSE

Win an iPad Mini, 40" LED HDTV, iPod Touch, or Xbox AND help children and families in Liberia, West Africa.

November 21, 2013 - December 14, 2013
BridgesofHopeWestAfrica.com

We will be holding our **Second Annual RAFFLE WITH A CAUSE** fundraiser again this year. Last year we raised nearly \$2500 and this year we're hoping to top that! All - as in 100% - of the funds will go directly to the people of Hope Village. Amazing right? Speaking of amazing, look at the prizes we are able to offer this year! More information will be posted on our Facebook page, Twitter and at our website as the event draws near so make sure you are following us to receive the latest updates. Look to the left to find out where to connect with us!

THANK YOU

WE WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN THANK THE SPONSORS OF THIS YEAR'S "LEND A HAND - LOVE A CHILD" BENEFIT CONCERT. WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY.



NOTICE: If you are receiving our newsletter by mail, would you consider signing up for our electronic newsletter?

While we're more than happy to be sharing all about Hope Village with you through snail mail, each person who switches saves us a dollar or more in mailing supplies. That's precious money that can go directly into the hands and mouths of the people of Hope Village!

Go here on your computer to make the switch:

<http://goo.gl/kSF1AF>

Did you know?

For the August fundraiser we updated the Bridges of Hope video? Well, we did. If you haven't seen it, or would like to see it again, head on over to our website and look to the bottom. While you're there, download it, share it, or tell us how you'd like to use it to help promote our mission.



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