



BRINGING EDUCATION
AND SHELTER TO THE
CHILDREN OF WEST
AFRICA

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"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

LET'S START BY SAYING THANKS.

TO ALL OUR DONORS

Bridges of Hope, Inc. received in excess of \$38,000 in 2014 of which approximately \$28,000 went to support teacher's salaries & rice purchases. Almost \$5,000 went for repairs and up-keep to the existing Hope Village structures along with \$500 to overhaul an aging truck's engine. Almost \$3,000 was set aside for anticipated farming projects. Special funds collected were also used to purchase rubber gloves at the peak of the Ebola crisis. Less than 2% of your donations went for banking fees, tax accounting, printing & mailing costs. The dollars you send to Bridges of Hope go to support the children and teachers of Hope Village. Thank you for all your continual support and prayers!

SCHOOL RESUMES AT HOPE VILLAGE

Hope International Christian Academy (HICA), our Hope Village school, resumed classes on Monday, February 23rd. Liberian schools were originally slated to begin their delayed school year on February 2nd but government leaders postponed the opening in order to give schools, many of which do not have running water, time to set up hand washing stations for each classroom. Buckets of a mild bleach solution will substitute in schools that lack running water. There is also the possibility that some of the younger students will be kept home for several more weeks as that group tends to touch each other more frequently which may more easily spread disease. The Ebola crisis has reminded Liberia that personal contact helped spread the Ebola virus and that good hygiene will help prevent future outbreaks of the deadly virus.

A LETTER OF THANKS

We received a letter of thanks from Reverend Padmore stating that Bridges of Hope was one of the few mission organizations that continued support of teachers while schools were not in session in Liberia during the Ebola crisis. Those thanks belong to you, our faithful donors. Your continued support allowed us to continue sending provision so that teacher families and orphans would be able to purchase food stuffs during this crucial time.

WE ARE SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR TEAM

Bridges of Hope is actively looking for new candidates who may join our Board of Members. We are specifically looking for someone who is skilled in grant-writing and someone who is proficient in design and technology.

We are also looking for volunteers to be on the roster to help plan and assist with our various events and future fundraising.

Such candidates must exhibit a strong Godly character and a desire to help the less fortunate.

If God is speaking to you about filling any of these needs or you want to learn more, please see one of our current board members or send an email to info@bridgesofhopewestafrica.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 28 - Dessert Lovers at 6PM, Trinity Lutheran Church

MAY 2 - Toasting Hope at 6PM, Hotel Alex Johnson Ballroom

June 6 - Garage Sale Benefit. 7am-3pm. 912 St Andrew

NEW ORPHANS IN-SPITE OF AN EBOLA FREE HOPE VILLAGE

Reverend Victor Padmore, founder of Hope Village along with his wife Marie, are happy to report that Hope Village was spared from the Ebola crisis. As the crisis developed last summer, the Liberian Government decided not to implement the school year as a means of avoiding the spread of the disease. Additionally, Liberians were encouraged to avoid public places. As a result, no adult or child living in the ten housing units located on the campus contracted the virus; however, Rev. Padmore was sad to report that one of the teachers, Jerimiah Kollie, who lived in a nearby village contracted the disease and died at home. He had two children. We have also learned that while the campus and the occupants were blessed to avoid Ebola, several children, students at Hope Village from neighboring villages, were orphaned. This will mean new orphans moving onto the campus and the need for additional support to clothe and feed these children.

and it will feature the musical soundings of Kenny Putnam & the Song Pilots starting at 6PM in the ballroom of the Hotel Alex Johnson in downtown Rapid City. There will be a reverse raffle, silent auction, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and of course, wine tasting, provided by Rapid City's own Firehouse Wine Cellars.

You can see one of our board members for tickets or buy them on our website.

If you would like to participate as a sponsor to offset event expenses please contact info@bridgesofhopewestafrika.com.



Kenny Putnam & the Song Pilots

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DESSERT LOVERS

On Saturday, March 28th at 6pm, Trinity Lutheran will once again host a dessert fundraiser to benefit Bridges of Hope. If you like a good dessert, please put 6pm March 28th on your calendar. **If you want to donate a dessert, please contact us right away.**



GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT HOPE VILLAGE

On Saturday, June 6th from 7am-3pm, Bridges of Hope will host a garage sale with all proceeds benefiting Hope Village School. Children's clothing is always popular or you may have a myriad of items in good condition cluttering your home that you'd like to donate: bicycles, skis, books, CD's, appliances, tools.

You may bring items in good repair to 912 St Andrew Street right away. Knock on the door or call 381-3925 or 381-3823. You may also leave your items by the garage if the weather is nice.

We need volunteers to help setup Friday night. Please call any of the numbers above if you can help or email info@bridgesofhopewestafrika.com

TOASTING HOPE FEATURING KENNY PUTNAM & THE SONG PILOTS

Mark your calendar for May 2nd - our second annual Toasting Hope event is back! Good Morning's Katy Urban and Eric Gardner will once again host the event



YOU ARE NEEDED

It is now easy to sponsor a child through our website. Just visit bridgesofhopewestafrika.com and click on the "SPONSOR A CHILD" circle at the bottom.

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