



BRIDGES OF HOPE, INC. - BRINGING EDUCATION AND SHELTER TO THE CHILDREN OF LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING



As Christmas approaches Bridges of Hope has launched an effort to send a special gift this month to Hope Village so that additional food items can be purchased as a Christmas blessing for those living at Hope Village and attending school there. If possible, we will also send small financial gifts to reward our teachers and purchase some small items for the 28 orphans, ages 3 – 17, in our care. Meals in Liberia consist primarily of rice and “greens” with the occasional fish or chicken added to the “soup.” Funds for chicken and fish are scarce so this special offering will bring additional protein to Christmas season meals. You can participate in this special Christmas gift by sending your donation in the enclosed envelope or you may go to our website – www.bridgesofhopewestafrica.com – to make your gift. As always the board of directors and the children of Hope Village appreciate your generosity.

Thanks Expressed

Members of the Hope Village community expressed special thanks to the many donors to Bridges of Hope for the funds recently committed to the construction of new homes this year. Two buildings, one - a duplex of four rooms with two bath rooms including adjoining porches and a second building, and a two room apartment with bath are almost complete. Zinc roofs are in place and plastering is complete. Construction was a bit delayed due to the heavy rains they experienced last summer. Bridges of Hope thanks YOU to helping to make this construction possible!



Materials to begin processing rubber from the trees planted almost 7 years ago have been purchased and the rubber harvest will begin in January. Last planting year, 1,500 cacao seedlings of good quality from the Ivory Coast were acquired. It is hoped that in three years' time, we will have a cacao harvest.



PLUS STUDENTS STILL NEED A SPONSOR



DOLLARS A YEAR IS ALL IT TAKES TO FUND A STUDENT'S EDUCATION AT HOPE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Founders Report

Despite the Ebola Virus attack we experienced during the last school year in Liberia, we managed to carry out tutorial classes for students and those who did well and were promoted. During that abbreviated academic year 2014-2015, we enrolled 257 students, 133 male and 124 female. We were encouraged by the number of female students. Graduation was postponed due to the Ebola virus attack.

Current enrollment at Hope International Christian Academy is 246, 122 male and 124 female. We've introduced a day-care program so working families can leave their children under 6 for care and tutoring. In photos you may notice that these children wear a different uniform.

Challenges & Requests

There is a need for an additional agriculture teacher to supplement the efforts of our farm manager Wesley, who tends the new cacao plants and rubber harvest efforts. This requires \$90 a month to fund this salary.

In addition, there is the need for one 5KVA generator to run the student's computer lab. Such a unit costs \$400.

Also, we have a need for a laptop computer for the principal's office. Requires \$500 or the donation of a used laptop in good condition. Shipping to Liberia will run about \$100 depending on weight of the computer.

If you can help in any way with these specific needs, please contact Bridges of Hope at info@bridgesofhopewestafrica.com



ERIC GARDNER & KATY URBAN
HOSTING TOASTING HOPE 2015

2015 FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

While our organization is small, Bridges of Hope is doing big things for the children of Hope Village through our support of a school and an orphanage there. As a board of directors, we trust God to bring us the funds necessary to care for children, pay teachers, maintain buildings and to foster self-sufficiency through expanded farming efforts. In a world filled with many worthwhile charities, we find ourselves seeking ways to introduce new people into our faithful donor base.

In that effort to introduce Bridges of Hope to a wider circle of people, several fundraising events were held: A Dessert Lover's Auction in the spring raised almost \$900 and in May we held our second "Toasting Hope," a wine tasting / hors d'oeuvres munching occasion where we were entertained by Kenny Putnam and the Song Pilots, participated in a silent and reverse auction and raised over \$12,000! In June, a Saturday morning garage sale brought \$1,400.

In keeping with our policy of every donor dollar being sent to Hope Village, all expenses associated with our fund raising efforts were donated by individuals and organizations prior to the events.

Bridges of Hope is a 501(3)c organization. Virtually 100% of funds raised are used to support the care and education of West African children.



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