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SPONSORSHIP NEWS

Thanks to all of you sponsoring a child's education! Presently 344 of 412 students enrolled have a sponsor. New student profiles will be available as the new school year begins and photos and information become available.

Visit **bridgesofhopewestafrica.com/ways-to-give/sponsor-a-student** for more information on Student Sponsorship.

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Lord is good all the time, and His mercy endures forever. His steadfast love never ceases, His mercy is new every morning. He is faithful to us and blesses us when we put our trust and hope in Him. We continue to see God's blessings in every aspect of this ministry; spiritually, emotionally, physically, and financially. Our teachers and students are continuing to being discipled. We had a first harvest planted during our Farming God's Way training in March. Thanks to our education committee we are continuing to train our teachers through professional development and strive to improve the quality of education for our students. The medical mission trip team has tentatively planned to take another visit to Liberia in February 2023. A healthcare committee has been established and is in the planning stages to build a clinic and pharmacy on the school campus in Liberia. The goal: bringing quality, affordable, basic healthcare. We are also researching land for a future hospital and church.

We want to say thank you to all our sponsors/donors for your financial support. Through you, God is providing the important needs of our students, teachers, and campus. Again, ALL contributions are used to "empower Liberians to live Christ-centered lives."



"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

Blessings,

Martin Digler Chairman, Bridges of Hope, Inc.

SAVE THE DATE

Quarterly Potluck/Worship is Monday, September 12 @ 6 PM at 5808 Sheridan Lake Rd.

FARMING GOD'S WAY

A method of utilizing the soils, moisture, planting, mulching, weeding & crop rotation to achieve bumper God blessed harvests. We had our first harvest of corn, sweet potatoes, and potatoes. Mrs. Korto, an existing teacher at Hope, has accepted the position to teach the 7th grade the Farming God's Way curriculum. The goal is to teach Farming God's Way in 7th grade and in the following years Hope students will participate in planting a class garden. The produce raised from the garden will be shared with the students. Hope teachers will be able to work together to garden in the initial plot created in March.









JOIN US IN PRAYER

*Praise God for Pastor Mike's recovery & that his family is joining him at Hope village.

*Praise God for the school year which ended July 30th.

*Continue to pray that our beloved teachers would live Christ-centered lives; be good role models to our students, parents, and community; and they would align with the 2022-23 Qualifications of a Teacher at Hope contract.

*Pray for strength for the entire education team as they prepare writing standards and provide professional development for a new school year beginning September 5th.

*Pray for integration of Farming God's Way curriculum into the 7th grade as well as discipleship lessons.

*Pray for God's direction and provision for the future of BOH in the areas of:

- -land acquisition to establish a church & hospital
- -worship center on campus
- -Healthcare committee and conceptual design of a clinic
- -Agricultural team
- -Wisdom for Martin and Stephanie as they seek God, asking how much time He wants them to be living in Liberia to implement school improvements or achieve goals to bring improved health to the country, and what that may look like for their entire family.
- * PRAY GOD WOULD BE THE CENTER

The following dates are days of prayer and fasting for BOH:

September 27th prayer and fasting 9 AM at 23901 Sun Country Lane, Rapid City,SD. For Oct 25th - Nov 15th - Dec 13th prayer & fasting dates, please contact Julie Broberg @ 605-209-1882 for the location.

SCHOOL OF MINES STUDENTS TRAVEL TO HOPE

This past May, four students and one alumni from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology traveled to Hope Village to begin working on sanitary toilets for students at Hope International Christian Academy. After running into initial difficulties with canceled flights, by God's grace, the team was able to touchdown in Monrovia, Liberia on Wednesday, May 11th. Over the next two weeks, Hope Village was abustle with activity.

Before the team arrived, a local construction company had prepared the ground and foundation. Elijah, our school principal, oversaw the making of the hundreds of concrete blocks needed for the project. Once the team was there, work continued at a rapid pace constructing load bearing concrete pillars and beams, creating the backbone of the structure. Concrete block walls rounding out the structure were erected. The internal plumbing for all the restrooms and sinks was installed. And then finally, the roof making a finished structure. More work is needed before the 12-stall facility is ready, but between those in Liberia and the team from the states, we are one big step closer to the grand opening of these lavatories.

In addition to their time working on the project, the team from South Dakota Mines also got to explore Liberia. From going to church, to exploring Monrovia in search of parts for the project, to having a big farewell meal with those at Hope Village, the team hopefully got a glimpse of what our faith-oriented mission in Liberia can mean and accomplish. We are grateful for their efforts.



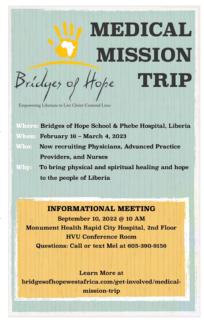
MEDICAL COMMITTEE PLANNING

Earlier this year, a committee was formed to start the process of planning how the vision of providing Christ-centered healthcare would become a reality in Liberia. This group consists of various professionals that have been led to partner with Bridges of Hope to plan the future of Hope Health. God has brought together an amazing team including physicians and other essential professional disciplines to run a healthcare facility including pharmacy, supply chain, operations, nursing, and finance.

The journey of Hope Health started with a vision to start a hospital in Liberia, but we've had to answer several questions along the way. Where do we start? What services do we provide? How will we get

funding? We've navigated some tough choices, balancing the near-term practicality with the long-term vision, and this is where we are so far.

We made the determination to start with a clinic over a hospital. We believe that by starting a clinic at the current location alongside Hope Education and Hope Agriculture, we will be able to bring help to the community more quickly, provide great facilities to expand on the medical mission trips that have gained momentum, and learn more about what it takes to run a healthcare facility in Liberia.



This decision will allow us to test, learn, and grow before we expand on the dream of a larger, more complex hospital facility.

The focus of the services provided by the clinic will be on treating diseases like Malaria and HIV, providing family care and OBGYN services, providing immunizations to families, and treating needs like wounds and fractures. To achieve this dream, we've decided to take a two-pronged approach to funding the clinic. First, we are going to explore grants that are available to organizations that address disease prevention and provide women and family care in Africa. Second, we will be asking donors for donations of cash or stock to fund a

building, supplies, and first-year operating budget.

As you continue to partner with Bridges of Hope and the Hope Health project, we ask for your focused prayers in three specific areas: 1) that God provides clarity over our planning and execution of the Clinic Project, 2) God's provision for funding clinic building, supplies, and staff, and 3) that God prepares the hearts of staff in Liberia to deliver the mission goal of sharing the gospel to the patients to transform local families for Christ.

K.2 GRADUATION

Our K.2 class was promoted to the first grade! On Sunday, July 30 a graduation commemorated the event.

