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CHAIRMAN'S YEAR IN REVIEW UPDATE

Discipleship remains the center focus of our ministry. God is making a difference in the lives of our students and staff. Pastor Mike, our vice principal that students are meeting in small groups for prayer, which is positively impacting their lives. Elijah, our principal, also shared some parents and grandparents participate in witchcraft activities and are actively engaged in initiating children, grandchildren, and other students in such endeavors. However, God's protection is evident as they pray and are hopeful. Please join us in praying for our dear friends at Hope.

This year has been busy with projects and initiatives on campus. Highlights include fluency N-K.2 assessments, career day, farming God's way, graduations, the addition of bathrooms in teacher housing, and School of Mines students starting the student latrine project. Fluency (reading comprehension) is the bedrock of education and Initiating fluency and assessment scores allows us to measure growth in student learning. The addition of bathrooms for teacher homes and the new student latrine brings improved sanitation and hygiene, which results in better health.

We want to thank YOU, our generous donors, for partnering with us to "empower Liberians to live Christ-centered lives." May God's blessings be upon you as we enter this joyous season of celebrating our Savior's birth. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Blessings,

Martin Digler Chairman, Bridges of Hope, Inc.



Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
 Matthew 28:18-20

16 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM HOPE



By God's grace, sixteen students of the 12th grade graduated from Hope International Christian Academy on September 30. Four students are attending college and seven students are attending

various vocational programs. We pray that they let their light shine for Christ as they embark on the next chapter of their journey.

HOPE'S VALEDICTORIAN



Join us in congratulating Wesley Success, as Hope's 12th grade valedictorian! During his speech he encouraged his fellow classmates to rely on God to reach their full potential. He plans to attend Booker Washington Institute located in Kakata, Margibi County and major in electrical engineering.

HOPE RESUMED SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

By God's grace, Hope started school September 5 with 451 students enrolled! This is an increase of thirty-four students from last year's enrollment.



FIRST AID FOR STUDENTS



Mrs. Hawa Cheason joined our Hope staff in September as the school nurse on campus.



She also serves as a substitute and assists with various needs at the school as they arise.

SPORTS GAMES BETWEEN NEWLY ENROLLED STUDENTS & EXISTING STUDENTS

Volleyball, kickball, and soccer are the favorite sports among students at Hope. For 16 years, Hope has had a tradition of playing games between newly enrolled and existing students. This also serves as a time to identify the soccer talent of our students as they look forward to forming a team to play against surrounding schools. Old students won the volleyball and kickball games, and new students won the soccer game. However, everyone won in the end, as they enjoyed fellowship, healthy competition, and shared the love of sports.



SURGICAL MEDICAL MISSIONS TRIP PLANNED FOR FEB 23 – MARCH 11

We are in planning mode for a team to provide goiter, lumps and bumps, and hysterectomy surgeries at Phebe Hospital. Please pray for direction and unity for the team as they plan and execute the trip.

OUR STANDARD FOR FLUENCY ASSESSMENTS



A student is to gain 20 words per minute over the course of the school year. On average, students gained 19 words per minute for the 2021-2022 school year; 94% of K.2 students were proficient in grade level standards. A huge "job well done" to our students!

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

As always, the board of directors and the children and staff of Hope Village appreciate your generosity. It is our sincere hope that you will remember Bridges of Hope in your end of year giving.

Our current needs are:

1. Staff Christmas Blessing
2. Finishing the Student Latrine/Teacher Bathrooms - \$17,760
3. Hope Health Clinic/Pharmacy - estimates underway, but any donation helps

You can participate in this end of year giving by sending your donation in the enclosed envelope, go to our website www.BridgesofHopeWestAfrica.com, or scan the QR code to make your donation. Please specifying if you would like your donation to be designated to one of our projects.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT VENETTA MORRIS, 10TH GRADE

What has Hope taught you?

Hope has taught me to be obedient in school and at home. How to know the responsibility in our education. Hope has taught me to study and how to read, write, and come to school on time.

What are you learning in your studies about having a relationship with God?

Having a relationship with God make me to know him through reading the Bible and praying to Him day and night.



SEND A LETTER TO YOUR STUDENT

One student described receiving a letter from his sponsor as a light from heaven. It means so much for our students to hear from sponsors. If you are interested in writing your student(s):

- Please print neatly instead of cursive.
- Ask about their family, their culture, what they are learning in school, their favorite things, etc. Share similar things about your family.
- Let them know you are praying for them. You may include prayer requests for your family.
- Encourage them and remind them of how special they are to their Heavenly Father.
- You may include a picture of your family that will fit in a standard business envelope.
- Do not give any personal contact information or include any money or gifts.
- Do not write about material possessions.

On the back of the envelope, put your Scholarship Student's name and ID#. Mail your letter to: Bridges of Hope/Letter, P.O. Box 2591, Rapid City, SD 57709. We must receive your letter by February 1, 2023.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✠ God's provision of affordable food. Liberia is experiencing a rice shortage and inflation in food costs.
- ✠ Revival in the hearts of our staff, students, and community.
- ✠ God's direction, wisdom, and discernment as committees work with a variety of initiatives.
- ✠ Unity for our team both in the US and Liberia.

Next Dates for Prayer/Fasting - Dec 13, 2022