

Hope Notes

*Program updates and highlights for
the friends, supporters and partners
of World Hope International*

**TOGETHER,
WE HELP**

hope

**FLOURISH AROUND
THE WORLD**

Our Mission

Motivated by our love for Christ, we serve the most vulnerable children and their families, where their well-being is our priority.

Our Vision

To be at the intersection of a broken world and our loving God enabling dignity, hope, opportunity and faith to flourish.

Countries Where We Work



Cambodia



Haiti



Liberia



The Philippines



Sierra Leone

What's In This Issue

In each issue of *Hope Notes* you'll learn more about how partners, supporters and friends of World Hope have a life-giving impact on children and their families. In this issue:

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BUILD
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with clean water,
energy solutions and
disaster response

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HEAL
TOGETHER

through medical
and health care
services



“Innocent children and their families are suffering. They have no food to eat, and no home to sleep in. Can you imagine how serious this problem is? Only with your support and help can we do this.”

Pastor Eroid Pierre

NATIONAL SUPERINTENDANT - WESLEYAN CHURCH IN HAITI

Emergency Response in Haiti

Read more about what WHI is doing in Haiti to alleviate suffering: [Page 6.](#)

With World Hope International, you can be the difference for hungry children and families when disaster strikes in places like Haiti, where gang violence in Port-au-Prince has plunged 1 million people into an emergency level of hunger.

Our faith-based partners in Haiti are providing meals at safer locations on La Gonave island, where World Hope International partners with the island’s only hospital, and Léogane, 29 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince. Without you, we can’t respond immediately to people in need as we have in Haiti, Israel or Gaza.

Like many other charitable organizations that rely on donor support, we’re doing

more with less while the sheer number of major crises in the world increases. Just since October, Israel, Gaza and now Haiti need our help while an uncertain economy affects us all. But that’s where you can help now. To continue to feed children and families in emergency levels of hunger, like in Haiti right now, we need compassionate supporters like you to fund lifesaving food. Hungry children and families are praying you’ll help them. Will you send your gift right now?

Give to the HOPE FUND:

Funding Need: \$350,000
\$20 will gift a family of 5 with food for 1 day.



LET’S
STAND
WITH EACH OTHER

to educate and protect the most vulnerable



BUILD *Better*

Clean water, energy solutions
and disaster response



New Water Drilling Rig Arrives in Sierra Leone

By Kristen Wright, Special Guest Contributor

Thanks to generous sponsors, World Hope International's newest, fastest and most rugged water drilling rig recently arrived in Sierra Leone. It means 500,000 more vulnerable children and their families there will gain access to clean water in the next five years.

An assembly and training team from PAT-Drill arrived in Makeni, the largest city in the Northern Province of Sierra Leone. Two days later, our drilling team knew how to use the PAT-Drill model 501 and V900 Atlas Copco Compressor mounted on a Mercedes-Benz Zetros 2236 4x4 chassis.

Borehole drill training included crushing through 32 meters of solid granite at Masanga Hospital in the Tonkolili District of the Northern Province.

As part of WHI's WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) vision in West Africa, World Hope will ramp up support in more than 15 districts in Sierra Leone and Liberia.

In addition, WHI will expand WASH investments, including 77 more health care facilities and 149 more schools. These investments will accommodate the needs of the most vulnerable, including people with disabilities, the poorest households and women and girls.

Give to the WATER FUND
Funding Needs:

\$3,000: Gift a community a hand-pumped, borehole well.

\$35,000: Gift a water system.





Saidu Kanu, Global Ambassador and Advisor

Stay Tuned:

World Hope will get more clean water to more people in West Africa in the next five years as part of a new WASH campaign. Saidu Kanu, global ambassador and advisor at World Hope, is responsible for WASH plans in West Africa and for developing and implementing global fundraising and awareness strategies that support sustainable clean water initiatives in other parts of the world, including Cambodia.

“Water is the very essence of life, and the building block of livelihoods and the foundation of health. Through wells built by World Hope, communities find more than just water — they find peace and resilience, fostering connection and understanding among neighbors. This could have only been accomplished through the sacrificial giving of individuals and foundations who provided the support for the new rig.”

— Nancy Green, Chief Development Officer

Let the Son Shine in With Solar-Powered Projectors

People in Sierra Leone are learning about Jesus because a group of traveling pastors is using the power of the sun to reveal the Son.

The Rev. Andrew Kargbo, a WHI staff member in West Africa, has trained evangelists in seven districts to use a solar-powered film projector to show *The Jesus Film*. In November alone, the pastors showed the film to 5,165 villagers in 20 communities that have World Hope borehole water wells; more than 1,660 of them turned to Jesus!

The problem is that Kargbo and his team need new, more rugged projector kits that will hold up against bumpy backroads to remote villages across Sierra Leone and Liberia. The solution is Vista 1000 + Solar kits. Each kit has: a projector, speakers,



a lithium battery and a solar panel. Only with you can people in Sierra Leone and Liberia see *The Jesus Film*.

Help bring the Good News to more villages in Sierra Leone and Liberia.

Give to the HOPE FUND:

Funding Need: \$3,000 for each projection kit.



HEAL *Together*

Medical and health care services



La Gonâve Wesleyen Hospital Gives Hope, Care to Haitians in Crisis

The largest hospital in Haiti, State University of Haiti Hospital (HUEH) in Port-au-Prince, has been closed since Feb. 29. Armed gangs stormed government buildings, released some 4,000 prisoners and turned the capital into a war zone. In one month, access to health care for most of the city's 3 million residents vanished.

"I left the hospital in extreme danger as bullets flew past the buildings," said one of the hospital's doctors, who we'll call Dr. Luc to protect his identity. "I had one last patient to evacuate, but it took a little longer than expected because the patient's parents didn't have the financial means and were undecided about which roads to take to leave the hospital area, which was already under the control of bandits."

Haiti is in crisis. Gangs have looted other hospitals and vandalized and burned most of the pharmacies in the city center.

At least 18 hospitals are nonfunctional in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area, according to local news reports.

But amid darkness, there's hope. As of Jan. 13, community health centers in La Gonâve, where World Hope International (WHI) supports the island's only hospital, had benefited from medical equipment and medicine. The hospital currently operates an oxygen production center that can meet the needs of the hospital and outlying hospital centers. The hospital recently sent oxygen to Port-au-Prince and safely transported patients and necessities to and from the island.

WHI remains committed to expanding health care access to children and vulnerable people in crisis in Haiti and around the world. We thank our partners and supporters who bring hope and well-being to the world's most vulnerable communities.

UPDATE: La Gonâve Hospital Blood Bank

The blood bank at La Gonâve Hospital can now provide lifesaving blood to hospitals on mainland Haiti, in addition to serving residents and a growing number of displaced Haitians on the island.

Gifts from Butterfield Memorial Foundation, the blood bank's principal funder, along with gifts from New Life La Plata and other donors, enable the bank to reach more patients who need blood.

This comes at a critical time, as La Gonâve Hospital blood bank still needs your support. Haitians fleeing gang violence in Port-au-Prince are arriving in droves to the safer island community of La Gonâve. (See Page 3 for details on Haiti's crisis.)

**Give to the
GLOBAL HEALTH
FUND:**

Funding Need: \$175,000



Make a 20x Impact in Medicine Distribution

Imagine having \$15 million of donated, lifesaving medicine, but not enough money to get the medicine to the people who need it in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Haiti, Israel and Gaza.

You can help us reach our goal of delivering all the medicine by August, but we need you now. Right now, every donation to our medical and equipment

distribution effort will be multiplied by 20. Will you make a lasting impact on the lives of those in need?

**Give to the
MEDICINE FUND:**

Funding Need: \$400,000



SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

By J. Frederick Johnson, CEO, Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative

For several years, my wife and I have supported the work of World Hope International, which is unique in its sustainable solutions.

A byproduct of such an approach is a sense of self-reliance and enhanced dignity among those who are served.

I relate to this because it's exactly the community-based self-reliance that underpinned the early cooperative movements of our area and led to the formation of FTC and others like us.



Fred and Susan Johnson

After a recent gathering of World Hope supporters who serve impoverished people and expect nothing in return, I left energized. There is a powerful witness. Hope indeed does flourish.

STAND WITH

Each Other

Education and protection programs



University of Georgia Partnership Makes Gains Against Human Trafficking

By Haley Clark, Director of Anti-Trafficking and Gender-Based Violence

Eighty-six child survivors are protected, 401 more children know ways to prevent human trafficking and over 1,000 more community members recognize the

need for Sierra Leone's new anti-trafficking law: the Anti-Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Act, 2022.

All of this happened because of a three-year partnership between World Hope International and the Center on Human Trafficking Research & Outreach (CenHTRO) at the University of Georgia.

Funded by the U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP), the partnership addressed child trafficking in four of Sierra Leone's 14 districts: Kailahun, Kambia, Kenema and Kono. There, a type of informal fostering called "menpikin" often masks child trafficking. The traditional arrangement — often for education

FAST FACTS

- **86** Child survivors cared for
- **401** Children trained on "I Am Special" trafficking prevention
- **80** Police trained on trauma informed care
- **55** Government social workers trained on reintegration + trauma informed care
- **320** Community members trained on small business skills
- **1,066** Community members trained on Anti-Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Act, 2022

opportunities — allows extended family members, trusted acquaintances and family friends to take in children. But menpikin contributes to child labor in agriculture, mining, domestic work, street hawking and, in some cases, early marriage or sex trafficking within and outside Sierra Leone. World Hope’s program implementation included many participants, from survivors to village chiefs, city councils and schoolchildren. Lessons learned will be applied to expand similar programs.

“It’s a huge step toward sustainability,” said Yusifu Koroma, trafficking prevention program manager with World Hope.

Give to the HOPE FUND

Funding Needs:

\$25,000 supports aftercare services and the Recovery Centre in Sierra Leone.

\$25,000 supports aftercare services in Liberia.



SCHOOL EXPANSION IN LIBERIA PROMISES BETTER FUTURES

World Hope International (WHI) plans to expand three schools in Liberia. Expected benefits of the school expansions include reduced dropout and child labor rates, along with increased graduation and post-school employment rates.

Phase 1 includes the \$260,000 expansion of a primary school with 221 children who are supported through World Hope’s Child Sponsorship program. Previous renovations at the school — a new roof, doors, cement flooring, furniture, solar panels and computers — remain operational, but they didn’t solve another problem: The building is too small and overcrowded.

Without you, the school does not have the resources to add a secondary grade level. But with you, the school can build a second story to provide 16 classrooms, three offices, eight restrooms, plus computer and science rooms.

Give to the EDUCATION FUND:

Funding Need: \$260,000
Phase 1



RADIO FRY FRY TO REACH 5 MORE CITIES

Through the generous support of private donors,



Radio Fry Fry, the first nondenominational Christian audio-visual radio station in Sierra Leone, recently purchased five radio transmitters that will expand its broadcast reach to 5.2 million people across 10 districts in Sierra Leone, or 60% of the population!

With headquarters in Freetown and broadcasting in Bo, Kenema, Makeni and Kono — Radio Fry Fry will begin broadcasting in five more cities in 2024: Moyamba, Tonkolili, Pujehun, Koinadugu and Kailahun.

Viewers and listeners can catch programming on analog radio, mobile radio, Facebook, TikTok, businesses, web/app and group chats.

To complete the transmitter installations, Radio Fry Fry needs \$50,000.

Give to the RADIO FRY FRY FUND:

Funding Need: \$50,000





THE
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Supporting Partner for Enable the Children (ETC) Program



Thomas Kincaid, senior program officer, and Terese Stevenson, vice president, grants, of Rees-Jones Foundation, on a recent visit to Sierra Leone with ETC Director Anna Vines.

“The Rees-Jones Foundation is passionate about caring for children with disabilities in sub-Saharan Africa. We are grateful to partner with Enable the Children to provide direct care as well as training of new providers with the hope of flourishing lives for all kids in Sierra Leone.”

— Thornton Hardie, President
Rees-Jones Foundation

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Team World Hope Runs Sierra Leone Marathon

The first Team World Hope ran the Sierra Leone Marathon in early May to raise awareness and resources for World Hope’s Child Sponsorship program. The team joined 1,000 other runners to make a big impact and change the lives of kids so they can have a safe, quality education.



Save Your Change for Change

You can make a big change in the lives of kids around the globe this summer by collecting small change. Order your free coin boxes at bit.ly/collectchange, and start collecting coins for World Hope’s Child Sponsorship program.



Hoboken Grace Cares for Caregivers

Members of the Hoboken Grace team with WHI ETC staff

Each year, members of Hoboken Grace church in Hoboken, N.J., head halfway around the world to a public beach in Freetown, Sierra Leone. The reason is a short-term mission trip for Enable the Children (ETC) Beach Day, a World Hope International (WHI) annual event that began in 2008.

As a partner, Hoboken Grace helps organize the party that honors roughly 600 to 900 children with disabilities and their caregivers, who often are ostracized in Sierra Leone. The Hoboken Grace team shares World Hope's goal to change long-held beliefs and perceptions that have been passed down over generations in Sierra Leone. Beach Day is a fun break for children with disabilities and their

caretakers, and it's a way to educate the public about people with disabilities, what causes disabilities and how with resources, children can overcome challenges.

Children and their caregivers play together at the beach, share stories of what they're going through and hear inspiring words from prominent stakeholders and dignitaries who attend. What's more, the team from Hoboken Grace hosts an annual two-day retreat for Enable the Children staff. The team understands that caregivers of children with disabilities need care and support, too. Caregivers bear heavy burdens that can lead to depression and feelings of isolation, and children with disabilities need caregivers who are supported.

In 2024, Hoboken Grace hosted its eighth retreat for Enable the Children staff at a beach resort. The team has been hosting annual retreats for Enable the Children staff since 2017. Thank you, Hoboken Grace!

FAST FACTS

25 Child amputees in ETC care (2023)

1 Child is attending university in Sierra Leone

1 Child participated in 2021 Tokyo Paralympic Games after being spotted at ETC sports event.

Learn how your organization can make a difference as a faith-based, corporate or other partner. Email nancy.green@worldhope.org.

Your support helps HOPE flourish:

- **\$40/month:** Give a child an education and a future with hope.
- **\$44/month:** Help a child with disabilities reach adulthood and thrive.
- **\$200:** Screen a woman in Sierra Leone for cervical cancer and save her life.
- **\$3,000:** Provide a solar-powered projector and share *The Jesus Film*.
- **\$13,000:** Gift an entire community a hand-pumped, borehole well.
- **\$35,000:** Gift an entire community a water system.

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