

# Hope Notes

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

A photograph of two young boys, likely from an African country, sitting outdoors. They are both holding large, bright yellow plastic water jugs. The boy on the right is smiling broadly at the camera, while the boy on the left is looking down at his jug. They are wearing simple, patterned clothing. The background is a light-colored, textured wall.

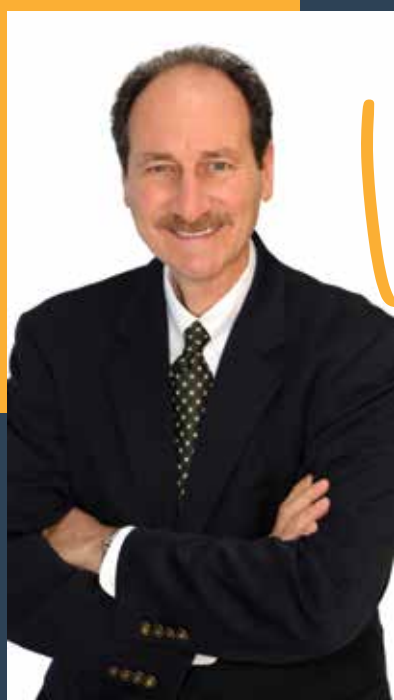
## Welcome to Hope Notes!

It is a pleasure to share how lives and entire communities are being transformed through World Hope programs because of your compassionate support, which is being used to empower, protect and build resiliency.

In each issue of *Hope Notes* you'll learn more about the financial partners, supporters, and friends like yourself, that together have a life-giving impact on individuals and communities around the world.

In this issue you will read about:

- ▶ Our new President and CEO, John Clause
- ▶ A blood bank and outpatient facility we are building in Haiti
- ▶ Our earthquake response in Türkiye and Syria
- ▶ The 700 children with disabilities who enjoyed Beach Day in Sierra Leone
- ▶ How we are fighting human trafficking in West Africa
- ▶ What partner Hope Water is doing to bring clean water to thousands
- ▶ A Gary Lipman golf tournament fundraiser



On April 17 we welcomed our new President and CEO, John Clause. You can find out more about him at [WorldHope.org](http://WorldHope.org). That's where you'll learn he most recently served as Senior Vice President at the American Bible Society in Philadelphia, and has 17 years of global missions experience with World Vision.

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Access to clean water, drilling wells, mitigating & responding to disasters & creating affordable energy to help communities build bright, sustainable futures for themselves.

## HEAL *Toge*

Providing access to quality, affordable healthcare to improve the well-being of women, children, and entire families.

# Welcome

# JOHN CLAUSE

## Here are some lesser-known facts about John:

- 1 He lives in Maine with his wife of 34 years, Susan.
- 2 They have three adult daughters, all of whom live in the New England area. Bethany, Sharon and Christie.
- 3 He has two rescue dogs named Jack and Rosie.
- 4 He has been running businesses and leading at non-profits for the past 45 years, including World Vision, Prison Fellowship International, Children International and American Bible Society.

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# BUILD *Better*

Clean water and sustainable energy solutions, and disaster response



## World Hope Helps Build Semi-Permanent Shelters in Türkiye

By Tae Symons, Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist

*Editor's Note: This story has been updated from the original Feb. 27, 2023, blog post on [worldhope.org](https://worldhope.org)*

**W**orld Hope International (WHI) and its partners on the ground in Southern Türkiye continue to build semi-permanent shelters as part of a relief effort for the 2 million people who were displaced after two major earthquakes hit the region on February 6, 2023.

WHI and local partners have been able to produce about 130 of these houses, and 80 have been completed. The organizations initially were racing against the clock in February to find the materials and begin building as many families were

facing not only the loss of loved ones, but also of brutal winter weather. But now, WHI and its partners are considering the benefits of a longer-term, alternative living community called the Kaya Alternative Living Community Project.

After the first earthquake of 7.8 magnitude hit, a second almost equally devastating aftershock left many too afraid to re-enter their homes for fear they would collapse, choosing instead to sleep in their cars.

This team has been building homes in the Hatay Province, the southernmost province of Türkiye, in an area that was difficult for other relief organizations to reach. It is here that WHI constructed a safe home for a 15-year-old boy left alone after the February 6th quake cost his father and sister's lives. His mother survived, and while she recovered in the hospital, World Hope built her home where she is now residing with her son.

**The total cost to build one shelter in Türkiye is**

**\$2,652.17<sub>USD</sub>**



This quick response has been nothing short of miraculous as local teams, comprised of workers who lost their own homes along with their livelihoods, rapidly prototyped and then sourced all the materials needed to build, figured out a way to transport them, secured private property owner's permission to allow the homes to be built on their land and worked alongside the local municipality to secure government-owned land for additional dwellings.

### **Kaya Alternative Living Community Project**

An exciting project WHI has decided to become a part of will maximize our long-term impact on the region through the purchase of 20 acres of land for an alternate living community. Known as the Kaya Land Project, up to 30 families would help to build their own homes and would produce organic vegetables, olives and exotic fruits to be sold by our partner businesses in Istanbul.

These residents will likely only stay for a year or two until they can move back into their repaired homes, although some may choose to stay longer. Eventually, this community of tiny homes could be turned into a Christian retreat center or a place of refuge in future crises. It could also generate revenue as a site for agro tourism or for use in the AirBNB market.

The price for this piece of land is \$13.3 million Turkish Lira (app. \$685,000 USD), and costs to prepare the land are expected to reach \$50,000.

You will soon be hearing more about the Kaya Land Project as World Hope is in the beginning stages of partnering on this project to help the people of southern Türkiye.



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# HEAL *Together*



Access to quality, affordable healthcare

## La Gonâve Hospital: A Safe Port of Care in Haiti

By Jennifer Jones, WHI Content Contributor



World Hope International is nearing the end of Phase I of a multi-pronged campaign to ensure Haiti has a sustainable healthcare system administered mainly through La Gonâve Wesleyen Hospital, a facility that shines like a beacon of normalcy and stability in the midst of poverty and chaotic gang violence.

This 65-year-old facility is the only medical facility for the 100,000 residents of the island who would otherwise journey 12 miles by sea in unsafe boats and another two hours by bus or taxi (if they can afford it) to reach the nearest hospital.

That is why, with the help of so many generous financial partners, along with Build Health International, World Hope has embarked upon a multi-year, \$13 million strategic capital improvement project to be completed in 5 phases. At this point in the process, World Hope is focused on completing the first two critical phases:

### **Phase I (\$250,000 from completion):**

- New lab equipment & training
- Overhaul the water supply system
- Build a 24-7 blood donation and transfusion center
- Create a new oxygen generation (PSA) plant

### **Phase II (\$1.7 million)**

- Build an outpatient clinic that will serve up to 200 patients per day

### **Blood and Oxygen**

Because of rival gangs in the area and uncertainty with fuel availability, the transportation of oxygen tanks and equipment needed for blood transfusions has become extremely dangerous and expensive. Can you imagine being a patient, or having a family member needing a common procedure, and not having a safe supply of blood or simple oxygen? This is exactly what many patients face in Haiti.

World Hope will be answering that need with the construction of a PSA (Pressure Swing Adsorption) plant to supply medical-grade oxygen, intaking air from the atmosphere to create life-saving oxygen for patients. The installation of the plant is expected to begin in August 2023, and will become a profit center for medical services for decades to come.

“Our next priority is to establish a blood bank to answer the desperate need of patients, and to build a new outpatient clinic to replace the original one built in 1958,” said World Hope’s Haiti Country Director, Dan Irvine.

What once started as a small clinic, La Gonâve Hospital is now a 60-bed facility. It has been a life-force for the people of Haiti for decades. For example, in 1982 only 11 individuals in Haiti were suspecting of being HIV positive. The Haitian government made it illegal to discuss the disease, and the number of cases skyrocketed. After many years of destigmatizing HIV, and with a 2006 grant WHI received to help fight AIDS, Haiti's HIV positive prevalence rates dropped from 7% of the population to less than 1%. "This is yet another reason to ensure that Haiti has a proper emergency blood supply and transfusion center," said Irvine.

It seems that World Hope's work in Haiti follows a similar path as the crises that have hit the country in the past several decades—that is to say, they come in phases. The country was battered and beaten down by a massive earthquake in 2010, HIV and other diseases, and most recently violent gang violence and economic and political uncertainty since the July 2021 assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse.

But there is hope for Haiti, and more specifically, for its healthcare system.

World Hope is on the verge of moving on to the next critical phase of improvements for this trusted medical facility so that it can offer the "next level" of healthcare. As soon as we can fully fund the remaining projects in Phase I—increasing lab services, finishing an overhaul of the water supply system and building a blood bank and transfusion center—a new Outpatient Facility is next on the list.

World Hope is determined, that, with the help of our many partners, supporters and friends, we can continue to have this hospital community be an oasis of care for decades to come.



**A new outpatient facility at La Gonâve Hospital would serve 150 to 200 patients a day!**



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## Beach Day in Sierra Leone!

Over 700 children with disabilities participated in Enable the Children's Annual Beach Day in Freetown, Sierra Leone in March 2023. More than 1,600 children and adults enjoyed a day together on the beach, helping to destigmatize and normalize disabilities, something still needed in a country where superstitions are still strong.

Enable the Children Program Director and Physiotherapist Anna Vines was on hand to welcome the children, along with the Former British High Commissioner, Peter Penfold, the former Mayor of Freetown, Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr, and other religious



council and education dignitaries. Two local soccer teams even joined in the fun, and Sierra Juice donated beverages.

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## Adult Survivors of Human Trafficking

*By Haley Clark, Director of Anti-Human Trafficking and Gender-based Violence Program*

**T**raffickers prey upon vulnerability; this is true of female, male and child survivors, and it happens across the globe.

In West Africa, we work with adult survivors of trafficking. I want to speak specifically about adults who, with high hopes, have been enticed to work in the Middle East.

These individuals who are seeking a better life, with hopes of decent wages outside their home countries, are preyed upon by those with false promises and the intent to exploit.

Survivors of such exploitation tell us at World Hope, that after raising significant

amounts of funds to be able to travel for their assumed work opportunity abroad, they very quickly are forced under the control of a trafficker. Their passports are seized, and they come under local law which essentially prevents them from being out of the residence of their employer alone at any time, from running away and seeking help.

The survivors we serve at World Hope tell us tales of horror. These are tales of being forced to work 20 hours a day. They tell tales of being given very limited amounts of food; not enough to sustain a sedentary person, let alone someone tasked with hours of physical labor. They tell tales of physical and/or sexual





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**survivors of trafficking  
were provided aftercare  
in Liberia & Sierra Leone  
in 2022.**



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assault by their employers. Some return having undergone illicit surgeries with wounds and injuries requiring urgent care upon intake by our staff. Some return with pregnancies as a result of assault. Still others don't live to tell their tale at all; posts they've made on social media are the only evidence we have to piece together a story of their final painful days.

While returning to their home countries is often a source of initial joy and relief – sadly that doesn't always last. Families and communities who shared the survivor's high hopes of a foreign income source, have often loaned the survivor large sums of money, with the belief that they will repay it upon arrival back home.

When they return without the promised funds, but instead more bills to be paid to heal from the exploitation, families are often not accepting.

In our work at World Hope, we seek to meet these survivors in their vulnerability and walk with them to a more empowered future. We find great joy in welcoming survivors home again; often we are among the first faces they see in the airport upon arrival. We work with them to assess their needs and respond to them. This often means provision of medical care, maternity care, trauma counseling, family and community mediation and at times, residential care.



# Community & Personal Transformation: *It starts with water.*

*By Bill Clark, Executive Director, Hope Water International*

**W**ater is the most basic necessity of life; the lack of clean water stands between millions of people and their health, safety, and the opportunity to unlock their true potential. This is what Hope Water International (HWI), which has helped provide clean water to countries in Africa since 2017, and World Hope International (WHI), a nearly 30-year-old humanitarian relief organization, endeavor to help change.

Our two organizations have been co-laborers and collaborators on water installation projects in Sierra Leone and Liberia. Now, we are broadening our close relationship. This includes putting more resources in the hands of the communities we serve. One example is to install stand-alone water systems with taps, which goes beyond simple handpump systems.

Both organizations have witnessed firsthand how access to clean water not only saves lives but enriches them. When water is no longer a



daily concern for these communities, its members and, especially women and children, are now free to pursue an education, employment, build businesses, and become self-sufficient. As a result, the entire community flourishes. Access to clean water is foundational to the development of any community.

It restores hope and unlocks potential.

With each well, communities are strengthened, and they invariably grow. Health is restored, and lives are saved.

How we do this is two-fold. First, it starts at home, right here in the United States. Hope Water creates fundraising teams of walkers, runners, swimmers and cyclists who train, race and celebrate together. Training for and taking part in Hope Water events forges lasting friendships, instills a sense of personal fulfillment and purpose, and builds vibrant local communities. Funds raised are then matched, dollar-for-dollar by World Hope's generous supporters.

Second, we take those dollars abroad by putting them in the hands of like-minded organizations, such as World Hope, to dig wells and install water systems so that communities have access to clean water. Hope Water knows how to connect runners, swimmers, walkers and cyclists whose compassion and care spur them on to devote their time, energy and resources to fundraising. But we are not experts in well installation, community development, or what is needed to further develop a thriving and sustainable community once the water system is installed. This is where we rely on our trusted, experienced partner, World Hope.

Our job continues after the well starts pumping clean water. Part of what we do is work with partners who equip local churches to share the Gospel with the community where the well is installed.

Partnering with World Hope has given us the confidence that we are helping to make a difference in communities across the globe. Today, on World Water Day, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead by offering hope and dignity in vulnerable communities around the world through access to clean water.



*Event Highlight*

**The Gary Lipman Invitational**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**September 30, 2023**  
**Plano, Texas**

World Hope International, Sent Church and the Gary Lipman Invitational have partnered for over 10 years to drill clean water wells. To date, they have provided 159 wells in West Africa. This year's Golf Invitational fundraiser is Sept. 30 in Plano, Texas, which starts with a banquet on Sept. 29. You can also participate in both a live and silent auction. For information on tickets or sponsorship opportunities, or to donate gifts or services to the silent auction, **go to [gligolf.org](http://gligolf.org).**

It is only by working together and partnering with you that we can *keep hope alive.* Because of your compassion we can help protect the vulnerable, diminish poverty and alleviate suffering.

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