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World Hope International
**Encouraging
Entrepreneurship**
to Combat Poverty

Dear Friends,

This year marks our 20th anniversary! In celebration, World Hope International is looking back with gratitude and looking forward with hope.

We are more committed than ever to bring hope and lasting change to those who are most in need. Lifelong change is only possible when those in need are empowered with the necessary tools to succeed and given the opportunity to invest their talent, money, time and wisdom.

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we are excited to continue to empower those in need. We are pleased to share that we are kicking off a new core program – electricity for the poor – with a pilot project in Haiti, where three out of every four people (75%) live without electrical energy. We have also recently launched a new program to bring off-grid power to Sierra Leone and hope to expand this project to other places in Africa and Cambodia. All of these ventures will be sustained by consumers paying for energy. These new energy programs go hand-in-hand with our ongoing work in sustainable development that positively affects communities now and into the future without compromising the environment.

Be it energy, water and sanitation, agriculture, or rural and economic development – all of our programs help families out of poverty because they rely on the entrepreneurial courage that Christ called each of us to in Matthew 25:14-30 (The Parable of the Talents). Christ calls every Follower of His to invest their talents, money, and hard work in the Kingdom. We are blessed with the opportunity to support these values and promote programs to those in need. We hope you will invest in Kingdom work through World Hope International and join us for the next 20 years as we continue to create sustainable opportunities for people to better their lives.

Thank you for your continued support. Your generosity and prayers are improving and saving people's lives around the world.

In Christ



John Lyon
CEO & President



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Generating Hope

World Hope International teams up with Yale University to bring energy to Haiti

- Three out of every four Haitians (7.7 million people) live without electricity – that's **75% of the population!**
- More than **6 million** Haitians (59% of the population) live under the national poverty line of **\$2.42** per day and over **2.5 million** (24% of the population) live under the national extreme poverty line of **\$1.23** per day.

Haiti remains the poorest country in the Americas and one of the poorest in the world. In fact, more than 6 million Haitians (59% of the population) live under the national poverty line of \$2.42 per day and over 2.5 million (24% of the population) live under the national extreme poverty line of \$1.23 per day.

World Hope International started 20 years ago in Haiti. The first project we supported was an energy project on La Gonâve Island. **Through this project we were able to help the Wesleyan Hospital on La Gonâve Island generate power for the hospital and a freezer to produce ice, which was sold to residents.** The money made from that ice was then used to pay for the generator. **This project is still in operation today, 20 years later!**

In Haiti, three out of every four people (approximately 75% of the population) live without electricity. That's more than 7 million people! And, for those who do have access, they still spend a great deal of time in the dark due to frequent power outages. The poor electrical service causes complications with basic needs such as health care, education, sanitation and security.

To help with this issue, World Hope International has teamed up with Yale University and TMD Solar Outreach to design and develop a sustainable Integrated Energy Center (IEC) to help rural Haitians get access to modern, clean energy.

In a pilot program, our goal is to install a solar power system at L'école Galilean, a Haitian school with 450 students and no

electricity. Through our efforts, we will provide reliable energy to both the school and the surrounding community.



The pilot energy project will be executed in two phases:

- Phase one which will focus on research, is slated to take place in the summer of 2016. The World Hope International team and our partners in Haiti will travel to the town to research the community's basic energy needs, topography, climate, and layout. Relevant information will be gathered through door-to-door surveys, observations, and community panels to inform the structure, model and services of the IEC. More importantly, it will deepen WHI's understanding of the community while engaging families in the entire process. The goal is to design a tailored-fit, sustainable IEC that accurately reflects the community's energy needs. Research and the community's input will be integral to achieving these goals.
- The second phase is construction, which will take place late in the summer of 2016. WHI and its partners will build a 5kW solar power system and an IEC at L'école Galilean. The system will power both the school and the new IEC that will be stocked with equipment and services that best serves the community's electrical needs.

We look forward to commencing this program and hope that you will follow along on our journey to bring energy to Haiti!

Mobile Power Project

In Sierra Leone, 94% of the population does not have access to electricity. Access to electricity is hampered by poor infrastructure and lack of affordability. **Lack of access to clean, affordable, reliable electricity has ramifications for every part of life from education, health, and communications.**

To help rectify this dire situation, WHI teamed up with Mobile



Power Ltd. to provide clean, affordable energy to off-grid communities in Sierra Leone to help improve livelihoods, reduce carbon emissions and improve health. WHI is leveraging its network of village partnerships to deploy 25 Mobile Power Village Systems, reaching 2,000 households.

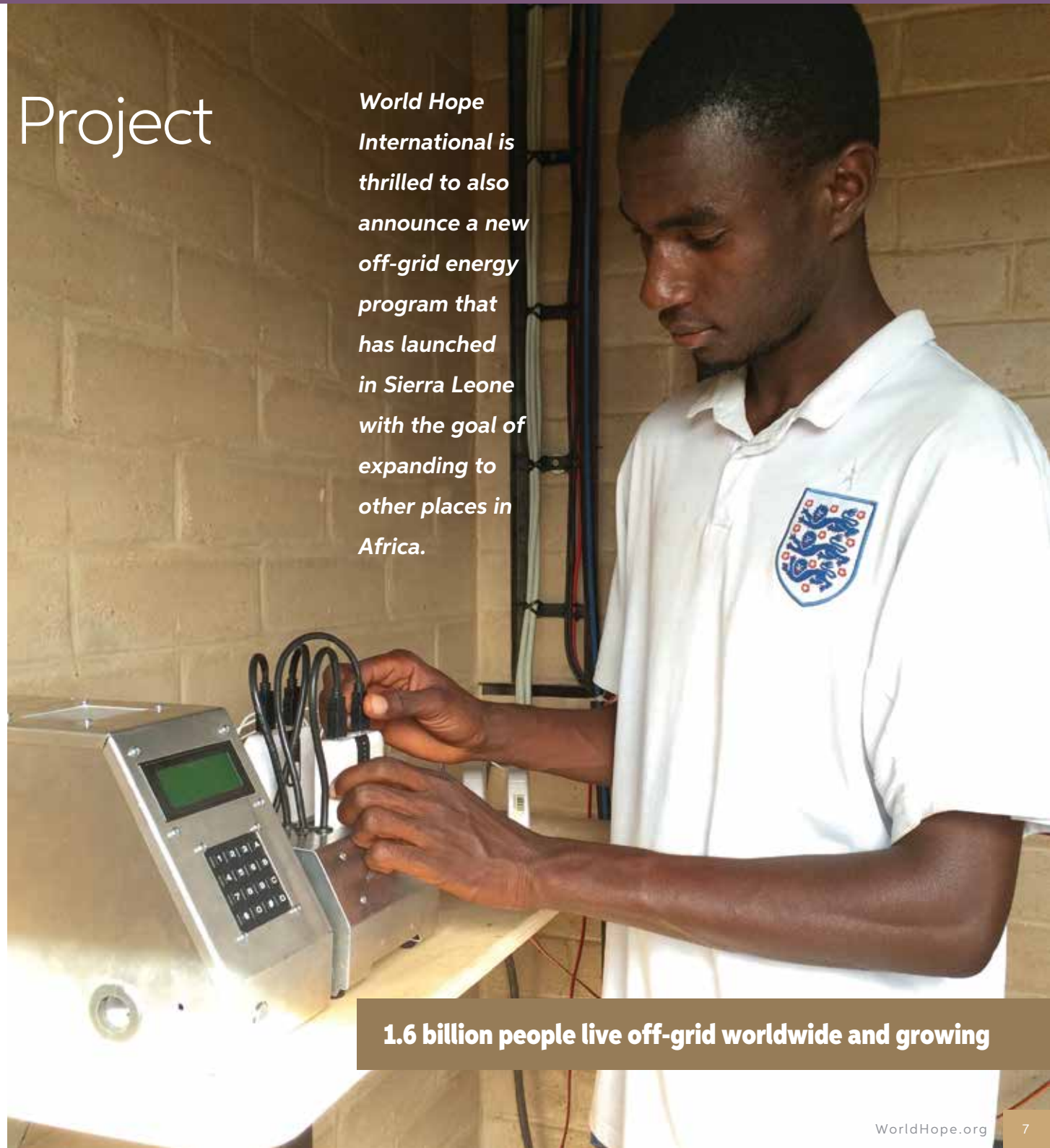
Local entrepreneurs will be able to charge for the use of this energy thus ensuring employment and sustainable energy generation and distribution.

The objectives of our off-grid energy project are to:

- a) **Provide solar-powered lighting and power to 2,000 households in two years** (approx. 12,000 beneficiaries) through a new smart battery pack technology;
- b) **Improve local economic development** through opportunities for entrepreneurs and microenterprises;

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World Hope International is thrilled to also announce a new off-grid energy program that has launched in Sierra Leone with the goal of expanding to other places in Africa.



1.6 billion people live off-grid worldwide and growing



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- c) **Increase awareness and utilization of solar energy technology;** and
 - d) **Generate jobs.**
- WHI and Mobile Power are rolling out Mobile Power's Village Systems in rural areas of the Bombali and Tonkolili Districts of Sierra Leone's Northern Province. Program activities included:
- a) **Identification of 25 villages with mobile phone coverage but limited access to electricity;**
 - b) **Socialization of the concept with village leaders;**
 - c) **Recruitment, contracting, and training of agents, including women, in 25 villages;**
 - d) **Deployment of program equipment to the field;**
 - e) **In-person monitoring of field activities, and remote monitoring of live data;**
 - f) **Program Evaluation**
- We look forward to providing you with updates on this new off-grid energy project in the fall.



For Your Records

In our continuing efforts to reduce our administrative costs and provide better service to donors, we have opened a new PO Box with Bank of America to securely receive donations.

Please send donations to our new PO Box at:

**World Hope International
Attn: Gift Processing
P.O. Box 743794
Atlanta, GA 30374-3794**

Please continue to send all other correspondence to our headquarters at:

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1330 Braddock Place, Suite 301
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In an effort to further reduce our administrative costs and protect the environment, we are also pleased to offer e-receipts. If you would like to receive e-receipts for your donations moving forward please email your request to donorservices@worldhope.org or call 1-888-466-4673.

Mushroom Program

Cambodia remains one of the poorest countries in the world.

To help address this concern, World Hope International recently launched a new agriculture program focused on growing mushrooms to help Cambodians earn a more stable income than their typical rice crops.

Specifically, WHI teaches local Cambodians how to cultivate mushrooms using a simple storage unit made up of bamboo, hay, and plastic, inside of which the mushrooms will grow. The method is easy to learn, and is therefore simple to transfer to individuals and communities:

Step 1 – Take dead rice stalks and roll them up into bundles, around 12 inches long and 6 inches high.

Step 2 – Spray the bundles with an organic stimulant to generate fungus growth.

Step 3 – Let the bundles sit and steam in a plastic-wrapped dark house for just a matter of days.

This sustainable technique produces edible, organic and fresh mushrooms that can be sold at the local market at a high rate – 2.2 pounds goes for \$1.25. Mushroom Houses bring in about \$300 a month.

We are pleased to share that Pennsylvania State University is sending a team to Cambodia to further study and document how the mushroom project can be scaled into a self-sustaining business.



A local family in Cambodia had a daughter with mental disabilities and could not afford her medications. The family did little side jobs like sewing, selling pillowcases, and coconuts on the side of the road, but it wasn't enough. World Hope International stepped in to introduce the family to the Mushroom Houses.

The family's first harvest yielded over 110 pounds of mushrooms. They started selling them in the market for \$1.36/pound. The extra income for the family has been tremendous! Realizing that while one shack was cultivating they could harvest another, the family soon began to build another shack.

Now the Cambodian family is able to pay for their daughter's medicine and is debt free.

Empowering Widows via Hydroponics



Several widows in the Tropeang Kok Village of Cambodia have begun to grow vegetables through the use of hydroponics. This technology is very helpful for women farmers since it is low-labor, low cost, and does not require much space. Mrs. Pen Phorn is one of the widows benefitting from hydroponics. She has six children and feels blessed earning extra income and having additional food to feed her family.



This project functions on a drip fed system from an elevated plastic water tank with PVC piping feeding into approximately 15 outlets. The outlets are linked to a series of recycled plastic water bottles containing composted soil and two plants. The water bottles are set at an angle allowing water to drain to ground level where it is channeled into a tank that is submerged into the earth. The recycled water can be pumped or bucketed by hand back into the elevated tank.



MEET PHILIPPINE TEACHER Salvador Mendoza

Many of the schools where WHI partners are located in rural communities. Agriculture and farming is often the only way families can generate food and income in rural areas. Teaching children about new and improved ways to generate higher yields and decrease cost makes a significant impact in the lives of children and their families.

Salvador Mendoza is the Agriculture and Livelihood Teacher at Batotitik Mission Academy in the Philippines. In his classes, he teaches scientific method along with agriculture by leading children in hand-on experiments and activities. As a class, Salvador encourages his students to start asking questions about growing particular crops which leads them to constructing a hypothesis, testing their hypothesis, analyzing the data provided and drawing their own conclusions. Students have not only learned valuable information on the scientific method but also on crop pairings and other best practices that effect yield.

WHI Celebrates 20 Years Join us in celebrating our 20th Anniversary!

We invite you and your family and friends to attend one of our local events to celebrate World Hope International: looking back with gratitude and looking forward with hope.

John Lyon, CEO of WHI, and Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, our founder, will be speaking at each event as we celebrate 20 years of work and honor Dr. Lyon as she retires from serving as the General Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church.

Please visit www.worldhope.org/20thAnniversary to register to attend one of the below events and/or to learn how to become a sponsor.



Grand Rapids, MI	September 20, 2016	Buffalo, NY	October 11, 2016
Marion, IN	September 21, 2016	Washington, DC	November 17, 2016
Detroit, MI	September 22, 2016	Dallas, TX	December 8, 2016
Sioux Falls, SD	October 6, 2016		



55 WELLS FOR 55 SCHOOLS

In late 2015, we invited donors like you to join us in our mission to drill 55 Wells at 55 Schools in Sierra Leone to provide more than 38,500 children access to clean water and sanitation. Thanks to your donations, we not only met, but exceeded our fundraising goal! We achieved 120% of our goal thanks to your generosity and the support of our 1:1 match partners.

These 55 wells will help boost school attendance, improve health and quality of life, and prevent the spread of disease for school children in Sierra Leone.

We are making steady progress and anticipate having all 55 wells completed by October 2016.

WHI in the News

From our innovative agricultural projects to our programs for survivors of sexual slavery and trafficking, World Hope International has grabbed the attention of major national and international news outlets. Here are a few snapshots from our recent news coverage:

CNN Africa

“John Lyon, president and CEO of World Hope International, a US-based relief and development charity, has just returned from Sierra Leone, where his organization has been working throughout the Ebola response. He says he is hopeful that the resilience that Sierra Leoneans have demonstrated through this and previous crises will allow the country to return to its previous growth trajectory.”

The Huffington Post

“As the Children’s Prize recipient, World Hope International will receive \$250,000 in funding to implement the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Helping Babies Breathe (HBB) program to save an estimated 5,336 lives at birth in Sierra Leone over the course of two years.”

Success Magazine

“I think the first step toward achieving your goals is to first have goals. I think it is important to set achievable goals for yourself. It is also important to set stretch goals for yourself. Something that might be a little far out of reach.

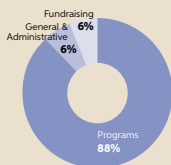
– John Lyon, CEO of World Hope International



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raise awareness.



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