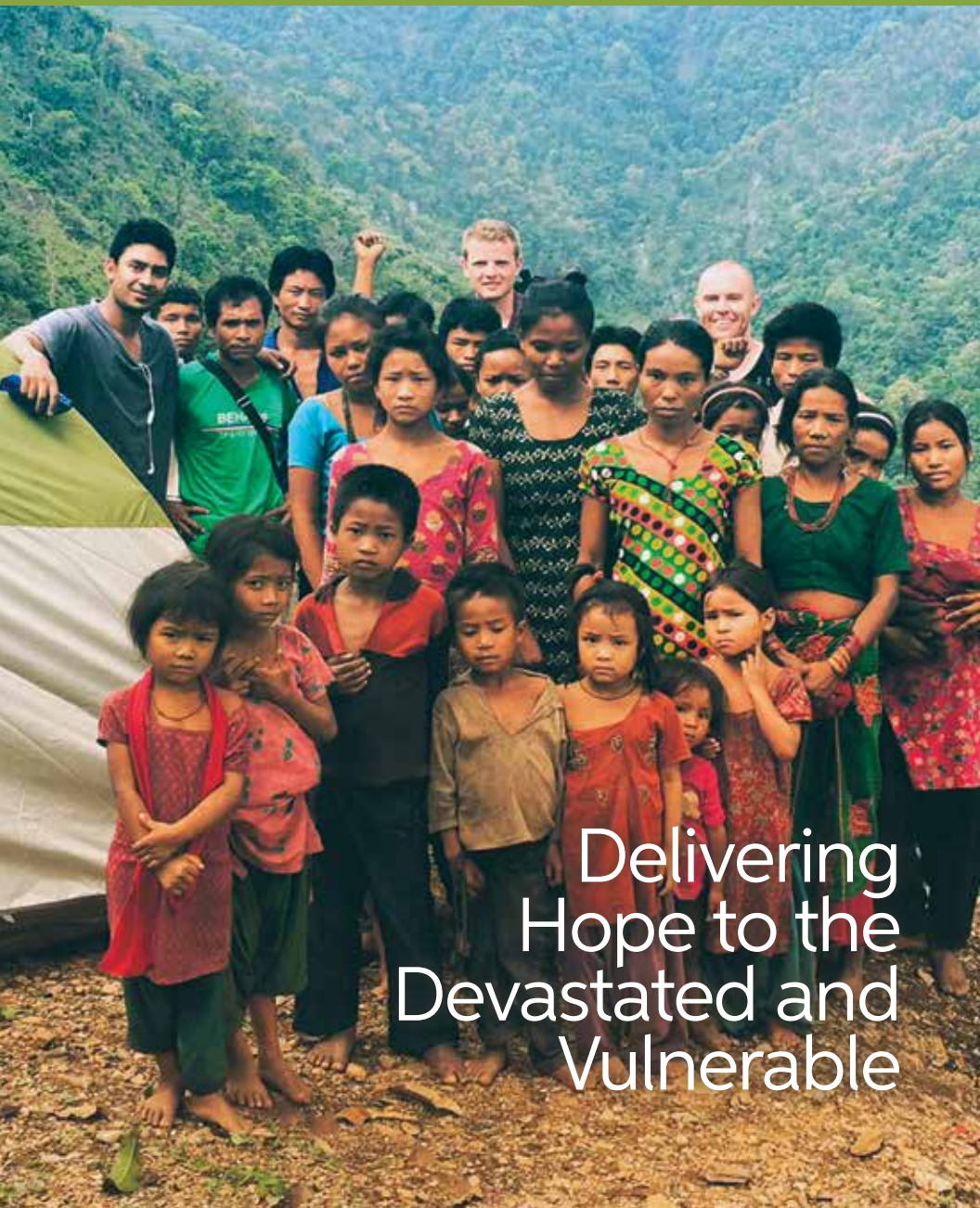


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# WORLD HOPE INTERNATIONAL AT WORK







## Alleviating Poverty, Suffering, and Injustice Around the World.

The aftermath of the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Nepal in April 2015:

- Number of people killed: **8,617**
- Number of people injured: **16,808**
- Number of people displaced: **2.8 million**
- Number of people affected: **5.6 million**
- Number of people in need of food assistance: **More than 1 million**
- Number of hospitals damaged: **26**
- Number of houses destroyed: **over 473,000**

World Hope International answered the call to provide Nepal with immediate emergency relief supplies.

# Dear Friends,

World Hope International isn't just a cause. It isn't just a mission. It's real people, helping real people in need. This year, we were blessed with the opportunity to help real people in need through our Emergency Response and Health and Nutrition efforts.

In April 2015, a massive earthquake struck the country of Nepal and more than 8,000 people lost their lives. In addition, more than 23,000 were injured. Today, this devastating natural disaster continues to impact thousands of people in its aftermath with many still suffering from a lack of food, shelter and essential supplies.

World Hope International, in partnership with Global Partners and the Wesleyan Emergency Relief Fund, was honored to be one of the first organizations to provide immediate relief to Nepal. Our Nepal Relief Trek Team endured challenging backpacking through mountains and terrains along with 18+ hour road trips to deliver over 2,000 pounds of relief supplies, including water filtration supplies and industrial strength tents to people in Nepal's remote regions who had not yet received any assistance.

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As one of our core eight programs — Emergency Response — plays a vital role in helping to protect and rebuild the lives of those in need. I personally helped to deliver water filtrations and industrial strength tents to over 70 families in Nepal and am truly touched

by what I experienced. The Nepalese are using simple tools to tear down and rebuild, with the phrase 'Nepal Will Rise Again' plastered on billboards and signs. Their energy and resourcefulness gives me hope that it will happen.

For another one of our core eight programs — Health and Nutrition — this year marked great accomplishments for our Ebola response efforts! From providing ambulances to helping transport Ebola victims and mothers in labor, to developing an Ebola Survivor's Clinic and renovating a hospital, World Hope International helped to make huge positive impacts in the lives of Sierra Leoneans battling Ebola. The country is near being declared "Ebola-free" and we are proud of the fact that we helped to make this happen!

Thank you for your continued support. Your generosity has truly saved lives.



John Lyon  
CEO & President

**Using a holistic, grassroots approach,** World Hope International provides a voice for the silent, an opportunity for the oppressed, and water for those who thirst. Here are a few ways we are empowering the world's poorest and most vulnerable people to build lives of opportunity, dignity and hope ...

## Emergency Response

- As you know, a massive earthquake that struck Nepal on April 25, 2015, took the lives of more than 8,000 people and left more than 23,000 injured. Today, the natural disaster continues to impact thousands of people suffering in its aftermath.
- WHI was on the ground in Nepal providing relief efforts to help bring back peace, stability, security and comfort to these people who

continue to rebuild their lives after a major natural disaster.

- In June, WHI's Nepal Relief Trek Team along with our partner, The Wesleyan Church, endured challenging backpacking through mountains and terrains along with 18+ hour road trips to deliver over 2,000 pounds of relief supplies, including water filtration supplies and industrial strength tents to people in Nepal's remote regions who had not yet received any assistance.

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## Meet Bineta

In Nepal, Hinduism reigns as the primary religion with less than 2 percent of its 28 million population actively practicing the Christian faith. The reason being that Christianity is frowned upon and at one point was actually illegal in Nepal. In August 2015, a new Constitution was adopted in Nepal that prohibits people from converting from one faith to another. According

to this anti-conversion law, it is punishable by law to exhibit any potential conversion behaviors, which includes activities such as church meetings or prayer gatherings that could potentially influence the conversion of another. However, despite these challenges, a young woman living in rural Nepal, Bineta, was inspired by the love of Christ and decided to stop practicing Hinduism and instead elected to become a believer in Jesus Christ and practice the Christian faith. Because of this decision, Bineta faced intense stigma and rejection by others in her community. When the April 25, 2015 earthquake struck Nepal, she and her congregation were in church and left the building. As soon as the last person exited, the whole church collapsed. Upon seeing that the church was destroyed, she worked with a team of local villagers to rebuild it. In addition, Bineta was provided a large industrial tent by WHI and the Wesleyan Emergency Relief Fund and used this to help herself and others during the post-earthquake recovery. Although she was ostracized by her fellow Nepal villagers due to the intense stigmatism surrounding Christianity, Bineta opted to continue her Christian faith and even extend a helping hand to those who had cast her aside. She truly embodies all that Christianity stands for.

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- Additionally, WHI airlifted industrial strength tents to over 70 families. The tents, which are UV-proof, waterproof, rot-proof and fire-retardant, served as a safe haven for the many people who had lost their homes. Suitable for a family of five, the tents provided shelter to help protect these families from the monsoon season.
- Our Nepal relief effort continues to assess the needs of its church networks, sponsored children, and communities in Nepal. In fact, this month we are airlifting medical supplies to Nepal for a mobile medical clinic that is being operated by the Wesleyan Health Network.

## Health & Nutrition:

- According to the Centers for Disease Control, the 2014 Ebola epidemic was the largest in history. Since the first reported case in March 2014, the outbreak claimed over 11,000 lives and affected multiple countries in West Africa, including Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone.
- WHI partnered with the Ministry of Health, CDC, UNICEF, the Wesleyan Church, UKAID and USAID and others to fight the disease on many fronts — from providing ambulances to transport patients, to setting up isolation units, to flying a Registered Nurse from the US to Freetown to train health workers, to helping with burials and delivering food, to providing care for shunned survivors, the team on the ground continues to work tirelessly on Ebola response efforts.

## Ebola Highlights

- patients transported in WHI ambulances: **more than 800**
- patients triaged in WHI-created and managed Community Care Centers (CCCs): **over 2,500**
- inpatients cared for in CCCs: **350**
- maternity transport in WHI ambulances: **25**
- training on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC): **300 people**
- containers of food and supply donations delivered: **10**
- meals fed to quarantined people in WHI-managed guest quarantine: **7,200**
- beneficiaries of food distributions: **2,290 people**



SPOTLIGHT ON  
WHI TEAM MEMBER  
**Carrie Jo Cain**

- bags of donated rice distributed: **441**
- gallons of donated palm oil delivered: **468**
- donated clothes for Ebola-affected children delivered: **44**
- care packages of food and basic living essentials for survivors: **26**
- bars of soap distributed to Community Health Officers (CHOs): **12,000**
- flashlights and batteries to CHOs: **750**
- training on ways to prevent further spread of Ebola: **864 trainers and CHOs**
- t-shirts with Ebola key messages on prevention delivered: **920**
- training on Ebola prevention and detection of symptoms + supplies of hygienic materials: in **15 villages**
- **155 border officials** and **92 community leaders** have been trained from Sierra Leone and Guinea
- new water wells drilled: 25 - 10 of which are for Ebola healthcare facilities
- community Sensitization Meetings: held in **4,298 villages** for **177,000 individuals**
- repeated health care and well-being visits to people under quarantine: **835 persons**
- individuals reached during house to house visits during "Sit at home days": **114,092 individuals checked for signs of Ebola**
- engagement of survivors and their families: **2,072 individuals in 52 villages**
- training of secret societal heads as safe burial teams: **130 societal heads**

WHI team member and registered nurse, Carrie Jo Cain, provided on-the-ground support in Sierra Leone helping to manage our Ebola Response efforts. Carrie Jo's assistance was invaluable in many ways, including her contribution in helping to develop the first Ebola Virus Disease Survivor's Clinic (EVDSC) in Bombali District.

Ebola survivors face a long line of struggles referred to as "post-Ebola syndrome," which include physical symptoms, such as joint pain and loss of vision and hearing, and psychosocial issues as a result of emotional trauma and stigmatization. In addition, survivors who are still within their first few months of recovery may be at risk of sexually transmitting the disease. To address these concerns, World Hope International, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, World Health Organization, UKAID, and with support from the Sierra Leone Association of Ebola Survivors Bombali, Case Management and Psychosocial Pillars from the DERC, opened an EVD Survivor Clinic (EVDSC) in the Bombali District of Sierra Leone.

Serving all 649 EVD survivors from Bombali, Koinadugu, and Tonkolili districts, the EVDSC is a Static Unit that provides acute care and ongoing health management. Specifically, survivors receive transmission prevention education, basic health screenings, diagnostic services and pharmaceuticals. It is located in the maternity block of the old Government hospital in central Makeni. In addition to the static clinic, there is also a mobile unit that travels all over the district to care for survivors unable to come in to the clinic.

Carrie Jo will be in Sierra Leone for the next two years helping to continue our efforts in the country.



# Fields of Corn to Fields of Pineapple

## How Wesleyan Farmers are helping to End Hunger



*When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest: you shall leave them for the poor and for the alien. —Leviticus 23:22*

Kenton and Autumn Hofer, farmers in South Dakota, have found a way to live out this command through their involvement in the Foods Resource Bank (FRB), a partner of World Hope International. Along with other members of the Mitchell Wesleyan Church, the Kentons donate the profit from about 100 acres of corn and soybeans, which funds overseas programs that teach farmers in developing countries to grow their own food. Since they began in 2009, they have raised over \$200,000 for small-scale farmers in rural areas of the world that often live off of less than \$2 a day.

FRB was founded by farmers, like the Hofers, who wanted to do something about hunger but knew that sharing the literal gleanings of their fields was impractical. Instead, they developed a model where US farmers, agribusiness, congregations and individuals could work together to raise crops. The profits from those crops go to fund programs that helped smallholder farmers become

food secure. These programs work at a local level to help farmers with better techniques, simple tools and improved seed varieties.

Through the partnership with FRB, World Hope International is seeing the impact of this multiplication through its ongoing project with pineapple farmers in Sierra Leone. This year, farmers in 12 villages are receiving pineapple seeds (called suckers) along with training in cultivation. Additionally, farmers are being linked to a local juicing facility, which purchases their crops at a fair price. Over the past growing season, WHI has provided over 1.5 million suckers, which are planted across 35 acres. All materials are given as a loan. Farmers pay the program back at the end of the season and WHI reinvests the funds in the next set of villages. This keeps program costs low as well as sustainable.

**Visit [www.foodsresourcebank.org](http://www.foodsresourcebank.org) to learn more about Foods Resource Bank and how you can get involved!**



# 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:

## World Magazine

In the lowlands and cities, the atmosphere hangs with dirt, said John Lyon, CEO of World Hope International (WHI), a Christian aid and development organization working in Nepal. “People are tearing down partially-destroyed buildings by hand, there’s rubble in the streets, and a thick layer of demolition-dust everywhere.”

## National Deseret News

Working with local farming cooperatives, the project has built six pilot greenhouses and is already seeing results. “We were only familiar with slash and burn principles that involve a lot of energy with very low yield,” says Albert Kanu, the director of agriculture for World Hope International in Sierra Leone. “This type of farming is different from the greenhouse as the latter require minimal labor with high yields.” Beyond the higher yields, the estimated three harvests a year the greenhouses provide is a significant improvement over the once a year harvest most communities experience today.

## Cosmopolitan

Carrie Jo Cain, 48, is a registered nurse at Children’s Hospital and Clinics of Minnesota St. Paul Campus in Minnesota and a World Hope International volunteer who just returned from hand-delivering medical supplies to a hospital in Kamakwie, a small town in Bombali District of Sierra Leone.

## International Business Times

“Liberia seems to have enough beds for patients, while Sierra Leone does not,” John Lyon, CEO of World Hope International, a nonprofit relief and development organization, said. “In addition to the lack of beds, it is the lack of clean water and ambulances that are also negatively impacting Ebola cases in Sierra Leone.”

# Village Partnership Spotlight

**O**ur Village Partnership (VP) program is about transforming communities. Most churches that enter our VP program envision bringing hope and opportunity to a rural village, struggling in extreme poverty. While this type of transformation is a vital part of the program, many churches have witnessed transformation within their own church community.

Over a three year period churches become invested in the lives of the people and village where they are partnered. Poverty is no longer a statistic; it is the face and names of the people in the village they have visited or heard about. Reaching out and engaging in relationships with those served brings about another type of transformation, and it's just as powerful.

Kathie Beren's church was involved in a VP and she was able to visit the village and get to know the people she was serving.

*"When our team settled our feet into the burnt orange dirt in the Bombali District our senses went into overload. We could see, smell, hear, and feel the life of Sierra Leone. Through our American eyes we immediately went into "fix it" mode. Verbally listing things that we thought should change... brainstorming all the things we could buy to make their life better and easier. But then, we met the people of Sierra Leone, and our thinking changed. By walking through the village of Bombali Bana, visiting homes, talking and working with the teachers at the village school we realized that the people of Sierra Leone had so much to offer to all of us. We came alongside the teachers and encouraged and affirmed their work, talked through the struggles they were*



*facing, many of which we too faced in our classrooms. We in-turn learned what it really means to work hard, and the power of a positive attitude, gained the knowledge of a different culture, and were reminded of the importance of uninterrupted connecting time with others. The teachers who walked kilometers each day back and forth to school, our driver who sang songs of the pride of his country, and our cook who just giggled watching us scoot to her side while she was cooking were just some of the examples displaying the unforgettable, passionate and contagious spirit of these people. We went to help others but we came back filled up with a different look on life, and once you are filled with that new*

*understanding you don't ever want to give that up."*

Transformation takes on a different form in the lives of those living in extreme poverty.

*"Providing a well with clean water and latrines for us and teaching about hygiene and sanitation has made our community healthier. My children are less sick."* —Simiti Sesey, mother of five, Maforay Loko Village

*"Through our partnership with the Wesleyan Church, we have started a Wesleyan Church in our village and 50 believers are going through baptism classes."* —Village elder, Makonie Line Village

## Child Sponsorship Spotlight

**O**ur Child Sponsorship program gives individuals a chance to personally reach and support children from around the world. Sponsorship impacts children in powerful ways through education, freedom from slavery, food security, clean water, and disaster relief.

Carol, from Pennsylvania, just celebrated her 10th anniversary of sponsoring Michelene in Diquini, Haiti just outside the capital city. Michelene who, after the death of her mother lives with her father and her uncle, struggled passing her 9th grade exams to move on to the 10th grade last year. In a sweet letter to her sponsor she writes, "Carol, last year, I went to take the state exams that I was not able to pass. This year, I am going to do my best to pass it. I can because I have the power to pass it." And pass it, she did! She was thrilled to share the news this summer with Carol that, not only did she pass her exams this year, she ranked academically as the top student in her grade! Carol's investment in Michelene's life is a "gift from God" as it has provided an opportunity for an education, the encouragement to work hard and the hope found only in Jesus.

**To make a similar impact in the life of a child, visit us online at [www.worldhope.org/child-sponsorship](http://www.worldhope.org/child-sponsorship) to find a child and sign up to sponsor.**

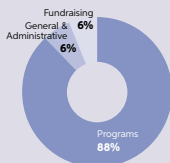




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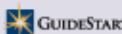
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