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Village Partnerships



Karl Eastlack with children
in Mozambique

As I See It...

By Dr. Karl Eastlack, President/CEO

THE CELEBRATION HAD BEEN GOING ON for more than two hours. About 50 dancers (men, women and children) were snaking around and through the audience of more than 500 that very hot afternoon. Joy and thankfulness were written all over their beautiful faces. Something important had happened in their village and they were giving thanks, African style!

Chabbaboma (a remote village in central Zambia, Africa) had experienced what World Hope International calls a **“Village Partnership,” a Christ-honoring, completely transforming agreement between their village and a North American church.** On this particular day, I was sitting with members from the sponsoring U.S. church, and we were shouting praises to God along with the hundreds of villagers all around us. You see, what was once a back-water, very poor, completely isolated rural village had become, through this partnership, a thriving community with a school full of eager students, a clinic with medical professionals and real medicine, a help-yourself community garden and a twenty-acre banana plantation employing more than 40 community members.

All of this progress happened because a church in New York state cared enough to do something to help transform a high-unemployment, highly illiterate, terribly diseased community into a collective brimming with dignity and a sense of future. In fact, their bananas are now well known at markets all over the region!

Please understand this: **the poor are not asking us to give them their provisions for living.** They do not need rich Americans to provide their “daily bread.” What they are crying for, what they so desperately need, is to have those who live in this “land of opportunity” come and help create opportunities for them to do something valuable and meaningful for themselves and their families. The poor do not lack talent, skill, desire or passion. They only lack opportunities.

I invite you and your church to consider becoming a partner to a village somewhere in the world. WHI has designed an initiative called Village Partnerships to help your church reach out and make a difference. This newsletter will share how that can be accomplished.

Every smile, every tear of joy, every father who can now take care of his family, every hand raised in praise to God, every child now sitting in a school classroom makes it all worthwhile, don't you think?

*Village Partnerships are described
in further detail on page 4.*

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LIVELIHOOD/IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

Empowerment at the Heart of Village Partnerships

By Tae Symons, Health Programs Manager

IMAGINE HOW YOUR DIGNITY WOULD BE RESTORED if you went from not knowing how to feed your kids each day to helping your neighbors with their needs. This type of empowerment is at the heart of World Hope International's Village Partnerships Program.

Across the globe, 925 million people live on less than a dollar a day, each regularly struggling to provide food for their family. Instead of offering short-term solutions, World Hope International works to empower parents to not only provide for their children, but to give back to others in their community.

Through Village Partnerships, seeds and livestock are distributed to selected families who in turn will pass on what they've received to their neighbors within a specified timeframe. This is what we call empowerment, when the formerly desperately poor become givers, their dignity is restored and stronger relationships



A garden in one of the Village Partnerships

are built within communities. At the same time, the collective ability to produce food, income and security are increased. With the increased revenue, the families are able to purchase salt, sugar, cooking oil, soap, school uniforms, metal roofing, cement and other desired items to enhance their quality of life.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

One Man's Trash is Another Man's Income

By Rob Symons, Director of Economic Development

IS IT POSSIBLE TO TURN WASTE INTO INCOME, livelihood and independence? World Hope International (WHI) is working to prove it can be with the Mango Outgrower Project in Sierra Leone.

Natural mangoes are available in abundance in Sierra Leone, so much so that many end up rotting on the ground each year. The Mango Outgrower Project allows communities with access to this naturally occurring resource to make better use of the fruit. Participating villages supply Africa Felix Juice (AFJ), the first tenant of FIRST STEP Special Economic Zone, with the reserves necessary to generate juice.

Much like WHI's Village Partnerships, the Outgrower Project focuses on providing livelihood opportunities in rural, impoverished

African communities. Each village that chooses to contract with Africa Felix Juice will elect one or two representatives as the primary contacts for their collective work with the company. Each will be responsible for ensuring that their village's supply the correct quantity of quality, in accordance with their contract.

In early January 2011, two graduates from Houghton College (New York) flew to Sierra Leone to join forces with the leadership of WHI's Sierra Leone office. Together, they trained field workers hired by WHI and AFJ in how to conduct this project within selected villages. Given that Sierra Leone's peak mango season runs from April into June, this is an excellent time for a whole new crop of opportunity.



Field workers trained by Houghton College graduates will implement this project within selected villages.

COMMUNITY HEALTH TRAINING

Treating Illness to Help Cure Poverty

By Tae Symons, Health Programs Manager

ILLNESS AFFECTS EVERYONE DIFFERENTLY. Some of us try to fight through it, while others immediately take the day off work to rest and recuperate. Unfortunately, most mothers in Zambia and Sierra Leone do not have the option of a sick day. When a mother is sick and unable to care for her family—to feed and bathe her children, to work in the family garden (a family’s primary source of food)—the health of the whole family is at risk. Through health promotion, World Hope International is actively teaching families and communities how to make healthy choices.

Through Village Partnerships, World Hope International trains volunteer community members to teach others about basic personal care, including HIV/AIDS education, child health and development, safe pregnancy and child birth and other important issues. Having access to this information better equips community members to make decisive choices in preventing, treating and caring for sick family members. The volunteers facilitate community health education during community gatherings and home visits, as well as distribute mosquito

VILLAGE PARTNERSHIPS

Alleviating Poverty One Village at a Time

PARTNER WITH A VILLAGE TO ADDRESS the most pressing needs of African communities today and foster hope and dignity for tomorrow.

Destitution is merely a symptom of a larger problem – the absence of opportunity. World Hope International understands that God grants every human the desire to work; to cast off the shackles of poverty and improve his or her “lot in life.” A hand out helps for a moment, but a hand up lasts a lifetime.

Village Partnerships allows churches to experience a deeper engagement and commitment to vulnerable communities. Support allows for a 360° evaluation of the community’s water, food, sanitation, agribusiness, small enterprise and education; resulting in a community-specific plan for renewal and prescribed church involvement. Village Partnerships seek to improve circumstances and offer hope and dignity with:

- Immediate access to water and food
- Agricultural and small business training
- Instruction in personal hygiene, sanitation and preventative medicine techniques
- Child education opportunities



HOPE CORPS

Volunteers Experience a “Day in the Life” on the Ground in Zambia

By Ginny Cockerill, Director of Hope Corps

HOPE CORPS TEAMS PROVIDE SPONSORING CHURCHES a personal way to link directly to World Hope International Village Partnerships communities. The program offers a comprehensive way for church members to spend a week in Zambia, one of WHI’s first Village Partnerships countries, getting to know benefiting families through local church attendance, home visits, and planned activities and games for children within the community.

A team member helps prepare nshima for a family’s meal in Chabbaboma.

The connection provided by these teams helps individuals and congregations stay in tune with their Village Partnerships community, fostering a strong bond across the miles. Team



A Zambian mother cares for her child who is ill.

nets to prevent malaria, one of the biggest killers of children under the age of five.

- A testament to the impact of unconditional Christian compassion.

Over three years, World Hope International will seek to increase the quality of life, improve the health and increase the personal and economic standing of individuals and families, as well as that of the entire village. All of which is done under the care, compassion and witness of Christ's message of love and salvation.

To learn how your church can help alleviate poverty one village at a time, email John Allison, Director of Church Relations, at johnallison@worldhope.net.

members experience a "day in the life" as they help out with routine community tasks, such as working in the garden or building a fence. They break bread with local families, tour the local school, and visit with local leaders to discuss issues and needs.

Many return from their Hope Corps experience changed. Throughout the trip, team members are challenged with new perspectives and encouraged to re-evaluate their own lives in light of what they experience in Zambia. Past team members describe their trip as a time of "meaningful personal and spiritual growth," which in turn has changed the way they live after returning home.

"We now have a better understanding of the struggles of the Zambian people and a passion for helping make a difference in their lives," says one past team member.

Experience it yourself. Learn more about traveling with Hope Corps at WorldHope.org today.

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WELLS

Water for 70,000 Made Possible By a Well of Rotary Support

By Scott Drury, Director of Resource Development

ON A TYPICALLY SNOWY INDIANA DAY in December 2010, World Hope International's country director in Sierra Leone smiled broadly as he relayed the news that water for 70,000 people in Sierra Leone was now possible thanks to the efforts of the Rotary International chapter in Fishers, Ind.

The journey of 100 wells by 2011 first began with Rotarian Darryn Sheske, pastor of Heartland Church in Fishers. After introducing his Rotary chapter to World Hope International in 2008, a bold vision began to take shape — the establishment of funding for 100 wells in Sierra Leone by mid-2011. Sierra Leone's Country Director Saidu Kanu recalls looking at Rotarians' shirts emblazoned with the goal and thinking, "This is a worthy goal for them, but not realistic." At the time of this initial visit, only three wells had been completed.

Two years later, Kanu and the Fishers Rotary celebrated the success of their campaign for 100 wells by receiving one of the largest grants of its kind from the Rotary Foundation.

To insure the project's success, Fishers Rotary chapter enlisted support from 11 other Rotary clubs within their Indiana district, as well as the Rotary Foundation. The 100 wells project aligns with the new water and sanitation



One of Rotary International's 17 wells already providing clean water at a boys school in Sierra Leone

area of focus of Rotary International's Future Vision Plan.

To date, 17 wells have been completed. With the grant from the Rotary Foundation and WHI as their implementing partner, drilling will continue throughout 2011 to complete an additional 71 wells for a total of 88. Fishers Rotary members will focus their efforts this year to raise funding for an additional 12 wells with their simple but powerful message: Water is Life! That will complete their goal of 100 wells by 2011 and will mean that over 70,000 people in Sierra Leone will have access to life-giving water.



By Katherine McCulley,
Anti-Trafficking Program Associate

WORLD HOPE INTERNATIONAL RECENTLY EXTENDED its newest anti-trafficking awareness campaign: Give Hope A Name. An exciting opportunity for young adults to partner with WHI, the contest seeks to bring hope and shed light on the dark reality of modern-day slavery.

For more than eight years, World Hope International has fought to halt human trafficking in every form. Working in seven countries, WHI daily battles human trafficking on several levels: providing direct care to survivors, strengthening and increasing instances of trafficker prosecution and encouraging prevention through education and awareness.

The Give Hope A Name contest engages college students by encouraging them to learn more about trafficking's effect on the millions trapped by the inhuman trade. For helping WHI find a new name for the Anti-Trafficking Program, the winning student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. WHI is seeking names that are creative, meaningful, action-oriented, connect with people emotionally and convey the need to eradicate the evil of human trafficking.

Entries will be accepted through March 10, 2011. The scholarship winner will be announced on March 25—the 204th Anniversary of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

College students interested in giving hope a name can visit WorldHope.org for rules and information, or learn more at the WHI Anti-Trafficking Facebook® page.



Raising Children to Empower Communities

By Dr. Lisa Marling, Director of Education and Hope for Children

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PARTNER, empower and give both hope and opportunity? It means raising children to a level that allows them to explore their capabilities and potential. What exactly does that look like? It looks like children returning that investment to their families and communities through valuable personal contributions. It looks like Fredrick.

As the director of Education and Hope for Children for World Hope International, I've made many visits to the countries where we have sponsored children. Those that I meet give substance to what it means to empower and give hope and opportunity, but one



child in particular, now a young man, sticks out in my mind. His name is Fredrick and his smile always arrives several seconds before he does.

As a child, Frederick was part of the Siachitema Trust in Zambia. After coming to America as part of the Zambian Orphan Choir, he received sponsorship through Hope for Children.

When I met Fredrick, he immediately extended his hand, a smile covering the entire lower half of his face. With very little pretense, he began talking about how excited he was to meet me, which transitioned into a recitation of all that God, Hope for Children and his sponsor had done for him.

Recently, Frederick finished vocational school as a certified Lab Technician. He dreams of raising enough money to get advanced certifications, is active with the youth ministry of his church and is an encouragement to all he meets.

If you want to know what it looks like to raise children to a level that allows them to explore their capabilities and potential, it looks like Frederick.

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