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Give Hope — Change a Life

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MY EXPERIENCE IN SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA, will forever be etched in my mind. The hope and joy I saw radiating on so many faces as fresh water poured out of a new well, solidified for me the life changing impact World Hope International (WHI) has made in the lives of so many. The well was constructed in the amputee village of Mafokineay, and I was privileged to commission and dedicate this particular well, which provides clean water for an entire village. But just as with all wells drilled by WHI, it is more than a water source. It symbolizes the Living Water available to all through the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

World Hope International helps change lives by giving opportunity, dignity and hope to the poor, enslaved and oppressed. Since its inception, WHI has committed itself to being a catalyst for change among those struggling with poverty and injustice. By partnering with individuals and churches World Hope International is able to Give Hope – Change a Life.

World Hope International’s ultimate vision of seeing lives changed both physically and spiritually has been achieved through four key development areas: Anti-Trafficking, Clean Water and Sanitation, Economic Development and Education through Hope for Children child sponsorship. WHI’s Give Hope – Change a Life philosophy offers a holistic approach to development. It creates a climate for transformation and empowerment, enhancing quality of life and faith, resulting in long-term sustainability.

Ongoing sustainability and transformation of people and communities around the world through World Hope International depends on its connection... we will continue to be a conduit that works to create an eternal legacy for both the giver and the recipient.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING
A New Safe Haven in Sierra Leone

WORLD HOPE INTERNATIONAL’S success at providing a safe haven for young girls newly removed from the horrors of human trafficking or sexual exploitation in Cambodia will make its way to Sierra Leone in 2012.

Much like Cambodia, Sierra Leone is a source and destination country for trafficking in persons. Women and girls are particularly vulnerable due to their cultural standing. Domestic and international trafficking are both present in country, with individuals being bought, sold or tricked into forced labor, sexual or domestic servitude and the illicit removal of body parts. Though there are a few shelter options in Sierra Leone, none are dedicated specifically to assisting survivors of trafficking.

Borrowing from World Hope International’s successful model in Cambodia, this new shelter will provide holistic and comprehensive aftercare for survivors of all forms of slavery, with the ultimate goal of reintegrating them.
and partnership with local churches and individuals who long to fulfill their God-given call to minister in the way that Jesus declared in Luke 4:18, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

God has called World Hope International to Give Hope – Change a Life. As a Christian relief and development organization, we will continue to be a conduit that works to create an eternal legacy for both the giver and the recipient. We will remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:45, “Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did it for me.”

Sincerely,

Tom Armiger
President & CEO
World Hope International

...this new shelter will provide holistic and comprehensive aftercare for young female survivors, with the ultimate goal of reintegrating them into healthy Sierra Leonean society. Survivors will receive safe residential care for up to 12 months, counseling and psychosocial care, physical health care and legal support. World Hope International will also seek to equip each survivor with sustainable life skills and income-generation activities that will help ease their re-entry into a safe community.

The overall aim for the shelter is to interrupt the violent exploitation cycle of human trafficking by restoring survivors to a normal, healthy community life as soon as possible. No other organizations currently provide the kind of comprehensive care for the myriad of health and psychosocial challenges survivors face at the point of intervention. WHI’s shelter will be the first of its kind in Sierra Leone.

For more information on World Hope International’s Anti-Trafficking efforts, visit WorldHope.org.
COMING SOON
The New WorldHope.org

World Hope International’s website is getting a facelift! In mid-2012, a new look and feel for WorldHope.org will debut. Visitors will find the streamlined design more intuitive and filled with rich content about World Hope International’s work across the globe.

The new site will more clearly articulate World Hope International’s compassionate vision of ending poverty through the extension of opportunity, dignity and hope to those in need. Never before seen images of World Hope International programs and the people they serve will guide the narrative of how supporters like you are changing the lives of thousands each and every day.

Plus, with:
• Improved search capabilities
• Easier to find volunteer opportunities
• Updated multi-media content
• Simplified giving
• And more

...you can better customize your time on WorldHope.org!

“The new WorldHope.org will help us to vastly improve the donor experience,” says Dr. Tom Armiger, World Hope International’s president and CEO. “Information needs have changed since WHI launched its current site in 2009. And with the availability of new technologies, supporters have gotten used to ‘giving on the go.’ We’ve made this easier, as well as increased flexibility for future growth and worked to improve the overall digital service for every person wanting to connect with World Hope International and our compassionate work across the globe.”

Make sure to visit WorldHope.org regularly for updates on the new site and much more!

In recent decades, Cambodia has become a source, transit and destination country for human trafficking. Children, women and men are regularly becoming victims of forced labor or sexual exploitation. Women specifically are tricked or forced into prostitution or made to work in factories or as domestic servants for no pay.

Because most women earn about $.50 per day, they and their children are particularly vulnerable. Regular employment is scarce in the rural areas of Cambodia, and the socio-economic gap between these outlying communities and the cities has helped increase the prevalence of human trafficking.

Recognizing that women in Cambodia’s rural areas could avoid getting caught in the human trafficking cycle if they had an increase in opportunity and education, World Hope International launched Adelphé. Though not directly tackling the issue, Adelphé is helping hundreds of women to feel empowered and realize their potential.

Adelphé provides women in rural areas with the tools and resources they need to increase their family’s income. Through regular training and seminars, Adelphé sisters have learned how to improve their farming, add new more profitable crops, like mushrooms, build a family budget and better manage their small businesses. Additionally, sisters learn how to recognize the signs of potential human trafficking and the steps to take to keep their families safe should they choose to move to a city or larger community. By increasing personal and community awareness, women and girls are not as easily deceived by traffickers preying on the desperation that springs from poverty.

To learn more about Adelphé and how you can be a light to a sister, visit WorldHope.org.
Hope and Healing in India

Ganesh first came to Hope for Children’s hostel in Rajnandgaon, India in 2008. His entire left hand and parts of his face were scarred from an accident years earlier that involved fireworks. Because his parents were not able to afford appropriate care for Ganesh’s accident, tight scar tissue formed, effectively fusing his fingers to his palm as if he were making a fist.

Hope for Children agreed to find a sponsor for Ganesh, allowing him to begin his education. Hope for Children staff regularly prayed for Ganesh and his health. God brought Ganesh the treatment he needed recently, when a medical team from Padhar Christian Hospital visited Rajnandgaon on a survey. After hearing his story, the team decided to take Ganesh back with them for treatment.

The Hope for Children staff helped to raise some money for Ganesh’s trip, and soon, he and his mother were on their way to the hospital. While there, Ganesh was treated by a plastic surgeon and other specialists. He stayed for a month, and when he returned, his scars were greatly diminished and his hand was no longer clenched.

Ganesh required additional physical therapy after his return. A nurse working with Hope for Children agreed to help and works with him regularly to aid in restoring function to his hand. Also, Ganesh has begun to pray regularly. He says that seeing others pray for him made him want to try it as well!

To learn more about sponsoring a child like Ganesh through Hope for Children, visit WorldHope.org today.

GIVE A CHILD HOPE

Become a Hope for Children Sponsor

YES! I would like to be a Hope for Children sponsor for $40 per month.

NAME _________________________________________
PHONE ________________________________________
ADDRESS ______________________________________
CITY _____________________ STATE ___ ZIP _________
EMAIL _________________________________________

☐ I have enclosed $40 for my first month’s support.
☐ I have enclosed $480 for my first year’s support.
☐ One-time gift for Hope for Children, amount ________.
☐ Please send me information on the sponsorship program.

Sponsorship is tax deductible. Receipts are provided.
80% of sponsorship funds go to direct services for sponsored children.
You will receive a photo and information about the child you are sponsoring along with periodic updates.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD (check one):
☐ MASTER CARD ☐ VISA ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER
EXP. DATE _____ / ______
CREDIT/DEBIT CARD NO. ___________________________
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Make checks payable to World Hope International, Inc.
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Baltimore, MD 21297-1151

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FIRST STEP
Bringing More Manufacturing to Sierra Leone

2011 PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL for World Hope International’s “Impact Enterprise,” FIRST STEP. Located in the West African country of Sierra Leone, FIRST STEP is a unique concept created by WHI to generate jobs, income and economic vitality in one of the world’s poorest countries. In the early part of the year, FIRST STEP saw its first industrial tenant, an Italian fruit juice concentrate factory, Africa Felix Juice (AFJ), open their operations with a huge celebration attended by the President of Sierra Leone, Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, and other high ranking government officials. During this event, Sierra Leone’s Minister of Trade and Industry formally acknowledged that AFJ’s factory is the source of the “country’s first significant value-added export” in over 20 years. This is a huge accomplishment for Sierra Leone and FIRST STEP was the catalyst that enabled it to happen.

WHI’s approach with FIRST STEP is simple yet boldly innovative. It involves the creation of industrial parks with world-class infrastructure that are legally designated as Special Economic Zones (SEZs). In these SEZs, businesses can thrive, foreign direct investment can be easily and profitably engaged, and Sierra Leoneans can find employment, entrepreneurial opportunities and work-skills training. Moreover, FIRST STEP promotes ethical, fair-trade business models. WHI’s investment in FIRST STEP is simply and very successfully an extension of its non-profit work to serve the world’s most vulnerable people.

This past year, the launch of FIRST STEP was widely hailed as both unique and effective and the subject of numerous, very positive media reports including CNN International, Christian Science Monitor, Forbes and more. As FIRST STEP moves into 2012, the work continues. Several other industrial organizations, including a cocoa processing provider, a jewelry manufacturer and an alternative energy provider, have been approached about becoming Zone tenants. Additionally, a second heavy-industry SEZ will be established to attract even more opportunity for the people of Sierra Leone.

World Hope International and FIRST STEP will also work together over the next 12 months to raise funds for construction needs, which will help develop each of the SEZs. By developing its own construction capacity, FIRST STEP will be able to ready tenant sites more quickly. It will also provide regular jobs with the construction crews and within each of the facilities being built.

For more information on World Hope International’s Economic Development efforts, visit WorldHope.org.
NEARLY ONE YEAR AGO, ABDULAI CONTEH had several trees brimming with healthy mangos. But even though his crop was plentiful, sales were not. The only customers he had for his abundance of fruit were petty traders making sporadic purchases. Additionally, the location of Abdulai’s village, Matufuli in central Sierra Leone, was too far off the main road and even further from a town with a larger market.

Abdulai was not alone. Thousands of farmers all across Sierra Leone had mangos to sell but lacked the opportunity to profit from their crop. Working with the newly opened Africa Felix Juice—the first tenant of FIRST STEP Economic Opportunity Zone—World Hope International was able to give these farmers a new opportunity.

World Hope International, with the help of Houghton College (New York), helped organize communities in Sierra Leone with fruit to sell. Cooperatives were formed, drop-off locations identified, pick-ups scheduled and payments agreed upon, all to insure that each farmer had the chance to sell their mangos at a fair price. Africa Felix Juice would then transport the fruit to their plant for processing and sale.

Abdulai was so excited by this new opportunity that he sent for his son, Alpha. A decade prior, Alpha had gone to Freetown to continue his education and find work. Unfortunately, Alpha ran out of resources to continue his education. He remained in Freetown, working odd jobs in order to help support his family.

Alpha was able to reconnect with his family when he returned to help his father. Together, they collected and sold 600 crates of mangos, which helped them to cover school fees for the younger children, medical expenses for the family and even afforded them the opportunity to give back to their community through the creation of farm helper jobs.

Farming families like the Conteh’s are preparing once again for mango season in Sierra Leone. World Hope International and Africa Felix Juice are also making ready. In just a few short months, each will work together to help change the economy of one of Africa’s poorest countries through a very fruitful enterprise.

For more information on World Hope International’s Economic Development efforts, visit WorldHope.org.
A Hopeful Valentine’s Day

In John 15:12, Jesus commanded us, “Love each other as I have loved you.” Throughout His ministry on earth, Jesus not only preached the virtue of love, He embodied it. He healed the sick, reached out to the poor and paid the ultimate sacrifice because He loved us.

Instead of hearts and flowers, why not show your love for the world as Jesus did by giving opportunity, dignity and hope this Valentine’s Day. Show that special someone how much you care by caring for others in need.

By giving the precious gifts of:

- Life-sustaining clean water
- Life-changing education
- Life-developing tools to grow income
- Life-transforming care for young human trafficking victims

… you will provide the opportunity for someone struggling through poverty to realize their full potential and change their circumstances.

Make sure to visit WorldHope.org before February 14 to give your loved one a gift they’ll cherish forever.