

The Story of Hope Village

In 2005, a few likeminded Americans purchased a 50 acre "farm" in West Africa for the purpose of building a school and orphanage to meet the needs of children and orphans living near Bensonville, Liberia. Liberia had just emerged from a prolonged civil war without public education, electricity or clean water.



In 2006, a team of volunteer civil engineers and an architect surveyed the farm, developing a plan for a K-12 school surrounded by 40 orphan homes.

By 2008 the school and 10 homes were complete and Hope Village was born. Each home accommodates a husband and wife, their own children and up to four orphans.

The school is comprised of 12 classrooms with a small auditorium separating each wing. It will be surrounded by semicircles of homes, 8 "pods" of 5 homes each, with each pod sharing a cook house, laundry house, bath house and latrine.

Over 400 students grade K—12 are attending classes in the completed school. Over one third the students are in kindergarten, first grade and second grade.

The surrounding land is being farmed to help make Hope Village self-sustaining. The soil will allow several rotating crops to be grown each year including rice, beans, greens, and peanuts. A local man trained in agriculture supervises these activities. Pigs and chickens will be raised, bringing fertilizer to the farm and protein to the diet. Streams flowing through the farm will allow irrigation and construction of a series of fish ponds that will bring a harvest of 200 fish from each pond every six months.

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*Bringing Education & Shelter
to the Children of West Africa*

Our Purpose

Bridges of Hope, Inc. is actively seeking funds from individuals and organizations to channel them to established and emerging organizations, such as Hope Village, that are directly involved in the education of that country's children and/or are caring for orphans.



Close monitoring of these organizations is paramount to our goal of maintaining financial accountability and to assure contributors that all funds go to the purpose for which they were donated.

In Liberia, many opportunities can be created with very little in the way of resources. At Hope Village, employment opportunities, via the orphan homes and school, will be available to both caregivers and teachers who become associated with Hope Village.

Our Progress

A twelve room school and ten orphan homes are complete and construction has started on a library. The school accommodates 400 plus students. Generous donations allow us to fund teacher salaries so that each of these children can attend school tuition free.



Sustainability or self-sufficiency is our goal for Hope Village. Rubber trees are being planted and the monthly harvest from those trees will hopefully allow the school/orphanage to become self sufficient within 5 – 7 years.

Our Present Needs

Building funds: When resources are available, an additional 30 orphan homes will be built. In addition, funds are needed to develop farm projects which will allow Hope Village to become self-sufficient.

Teacher Support: Support is also needed to meet the salary needs (\$75—\$125 each per month depending on educational level) for teachers eager to work.



Every gift will help. Please consider how you might help this worthy project, bringing food shelter, education and hope to the children of West Africa.

Please join us; every child deserves an education.

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