



## *The Liberian Orphanage/Humanitarian Projects, Inc.*

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### *Annual Report for 2020*

#### *Words From the Founder*



I am pleased to announce another successful year. Eleven years of provision to the needy has passed since the launching of this faith-based orphanage/humanitarian effort, as a separate 501(c)(3) private-non-profit organization. And once again, in spite of numerous challenges, we were able to continue meeting our goals and objectives.

As Founder/CEO, LO/HP, Inc. is deeply personal to me. This tireless work continues to be one of my life's greatest passions. It is more than a good organization with a honorable mission of improving the quality of life for the poor in a third world country. To me, it represents fulfillment of a promise I whispered to myself in 1990, as I observed extreme poverty and hopelessness in Liberia, West Africa. I promised that I would not ignore their suffering and that somehow I would help.

LO/HP, Inc. is that help. It is a channel of hope, a life support and a door of opportunity to a better life for those who benefit from our projects. I am so grateful that this life changing organization continues to demonstrate compassion by freely offering needed provision to those in need. With gratitude, I present our Annual Report for 2020.

*Mrs. Sharon L. Ruff*

## *The History*

The creation of the Liberian Orphanage/Humanitarian Projects, Inc. occurred in 2009 when it was approved as an independent U.S. Federally recognized 501(C)(3) private non-profit public charity. This faith-based orphanage/humanitarian/educational effort sprang forth from meager beginnings in 1990 after the founder visited the Republic of Liberia and lived among them for the first 2 ½ months of their previous 14-year civil war. Overwhelmed by witnessing extreme poverty among the general population in the rural villages and urban areas: lack of daily food, decent housing, access to clean water, or no/minimum access to education or career ladders, inadequate medical care, barriers to escape hopelessness, etc. etc., I was moved to use my social studies background from American University to start a project, Christian Works, Inc. to help improve the quality of life for as many as she could help among the poorest of the poor. Many heard of my efforts and volunteered their talents, skills and finances for the cause. Then, in 1996, this demonstration of the love of God was moved under the umbrella of the Foreign Mission's Department of Grace Tabernacle...A Way of Holiness' ministries, launched along with my husband. As it continued to grow and its vision enlarged, it necessitated the establishment of an independent private non-profit charity. Today, LO/HP, Inc. celebrates 10 years of "***Paying It Forward***" to descendents of her ancestral people, as well as those from among the other tribes in the Republic of Liberia, West Africa who experience life in terrible, deplorable hopeless conditions in one of the poorest countries in the world.

## *Our Vision Through Projects and Initiatives*

The mission of LO/HP, Inc. is to significantly impact the lives of orphaned, abandoned, abused, neglected and underprivileged children, youth, teens and young adults in Liberia, West Africa and to engage in humanitarian, educational, agricultural, and medical initiatives that will improve the quality of life for disadvantaged and special needs individuals in Liberia and other parts of the world. The primary source of funding has been donations, pledges from individuals and religious organizations. Partnerships with other humanitarian non-profit organizations has helped bridge the gap where funding was scarce. The generous donation of goods and services, including printing, technology, educational material, medical supplies, critical humanitarian aid items and shipping costs for our Operation Blessing 40-foot containers has come from businesses, organizations, schools and various religious groups that have played a major role in the success of LO/HP, Inc. efforts. Assistance has also come from international sources as we continue to highlight the plight of the impoverished Liberians. o the generosity of Grace Tabernacle...A Way of Holiness Ministry.

For inception, LO/HP, Inc. has been staffed by all volunteers. These projects have helped thousands, relieved suffering of untold multitudes, changed lives, provided tools of success, birthed hope and otherwise improved the life of those most in need who, in most instances, had no one else to help them. Our current and planned efforts are:

- **Orphanage/Child Welfare Homes Project** – Provides grants to orphanages/child welfare homes for food, clothing, education, personal hygiene, medical assistance, furnishings, staffing, renovation, construction, clean water, and sanitation projects.
- **Humanitarian Project** — Provides grants to destitute children, teens, adults and senior citizens for emergency food, medical care, housing and small renovation/construction projects, and provides the needy with humanitarian aid relief items: clothing, shoes, personal care, household items, educational material, etc. free of charge through our Operation Blessing Project.

- **Educational Enrichment Project** — Provides educational grants to impoverished children, youth and young adults for tuition assistance, uniforms, and school supplies for grades K-1 through 12th; to construct, renovate and equip (includes books, satellite systems, computers, furnishings, etc.) educational facilities; and, to create alternative education programs.
- **College / Higher Learning Project** — Provides grants to disadvantaged adults for college scholarships and higher learning programs, such as medical/ dental/ nursing skills, computer, vocational, agricultural and other training streams with opportunities for educational travel, internships and foreign exchange positions throughout the world.
- **The Blind and Visually Impaired Project** - Provides monthly subsidy grants to Blind and severely visually impaired individuals and married couples to food, clothing, housing, medical care and educationally needs as part of our “Seeing Hearts” Project.

#### **FUTURE PROJECT:**

- **Agricultural/ Farming/Husbandry Project** - Provides seeds, plants, animals, agricultural/farming tools, vehicles, and machinery for small scale farming in underdeveloped areas. Provides training on best practice methods to help alleviate hunger.

A snapshot of accomplishments since our inception in 2009 reveals LO/HP, Inc. has --

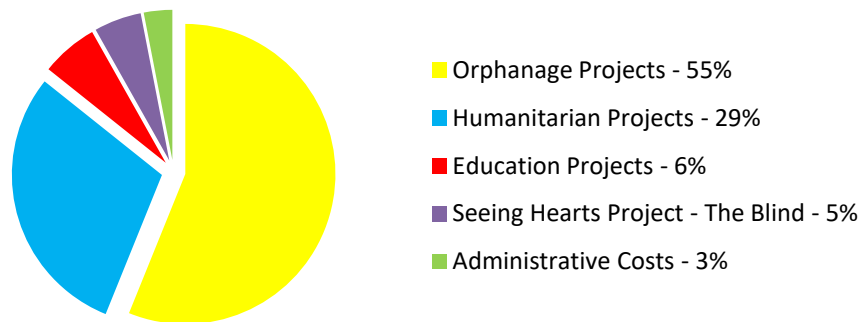
- Raised over **\$323,256US** for our projects and services, without significant deductions from donations for salaries or administrative overhead costs;
- Provided financial sponsorship to four orphanages: The Salvation in Christ Orphanage and Humanitarian Refuge Home, Inc.; Lofa Congo Orphanage Mission; Hebron Homes for Abused, Abandoned & Orphanage Children; D.E.D. Children’s Center; and, Mother Comfort’s Daycare Center;
- Built several structures, including a two-story brick building which houses The Eliza Neufville Memorial Academy’s elementary and middle school students;
- Provided scholarships to private elementary, junior high and high schools for children living in orphanages/child welfare homes and in impoverished communities;
- Provided scholarships to higher learning institutions: technology, electrical, computer training, auto mechanic, nursing skills, nursing programs, colleges, and universities;
- Provided education scholarships for single-family households (to individuals who are not in orphanages/child welfare homes) where the parents/guardians cannot afford to send their child(s) to school;
- Provided grants for emergency medical care for seniors and the underprivileged;
- Provided monthly living grants to the Blind since 2004;
- Sent and distributed free-of-charge thousands of items: clothing, shoes, bedding, household utensils, coats/jackets, books and educational supplies, recreational items, humanitarian aid, hygiene items, bicycles, handicapped and special aides for the Blind to the poorest of the poor in urban and rural areas of Liberia through two 40-foot containers, as part of our Operation Blessing Projects. Medicine and medical supplies were also donated to a local clinic valued at \$10,000US; and,
- Received thousands of donated man-hours by our wonderful all volunteer LO/HP, Inc. staff, our web-designers (Karen Clay LLC [clayconsulting.com] and Tyrrell Eccles [ecclesenterprises.com]), and many others who have helped our efforts to be successful.

## *2020 Annual Report Highlights*

This year we received **\$37,178US** in donations which exceeds our average \$25,000US annual donation level. While this was \$1,133US more in donations from last year's level, it represents \$5,133US additional for the provision of services in our 2020 projects because \$4,000 from last year's budget was used by our assessment team to travel to Liberia and to conduct various improvements.

We are so grateful to our donors and sponsors for their response to our appeals this year. This is especially noteworthy in view of the national decline in expendable income resulting from COVID-19 related job loss, economic uncertainties and budget shortfalls challenges faced by small non-profits charities. Nevertheless, LO/HP, Inc. donations sustained the provision of quality life changing services in all our projects in Liberia. Once again we are pleased to report that through the tireless support from our all volunteer staff almost 100% of all donations were allocated to the provision of projects and services to benefit the poor in Liberia. Generous gifts of free office space and utilities, office supplies and donated services resulted in minimal investment for administrative costs.

### 2020 Project Percentages



## *Accomplishments*

**Orphanage/Child Welfare Homes Project** - (Decreased funding only allows support for one orphanage/child welfare home during this calendar year.) Through this year's donations, we were able to provide **\$20,400US** or the equivalent of **\$3,728,595 Liberian Dollars** to this project for:

- Annual salaries for full time and stipends for part-time staff: two administrative positions, four care-givers, one cook, one nurse and six security personnel for the Salvation in Christ Orphanage and Humanitarian Refuge Home, Inc. in the Paynesville community;
- Over 39,000 delicious nutritionally balanced meals which consisted of various fruit, fresh and dried meats or fish, vegetables, rice & juice for daily meals served to all staff and residents;
- Funding for daily coal for cooking, electrical rewiring and upgrades, and monthly allowance for electricity and gasoline for a new generator to ensure electricity and television viewing;
- New kitchen dining tables, benches, pots and pans, bowls and eating utensils;
- Regular distribution of clothing, undergarments, shoes, sandals, toiletries and other basic necessity items to orphanage residents;
- Scholarships to all orphanage/child welfare sponsored children for tuition, school fees, uniforms and schools supplies from elementary grades through high school;



- Regular chlorination, maintenance and repair to their private water well to provide safe drinking water for residents and staff of this compound;
- New bunk beds, mattresses, floor mates, linen and other household items;
- Annual renovations on three facilities included window screens and mosquito nets, bathroom upgrades, repair/replacement of kitchen items and painting projects for interior and exteriors areas;
- Medical prevention services to detect threats to the wellness of children and staff and appropriate follow-up treatments, including clinic visits and drug therapy; and,
- New security uniforms and Liberian Police Department's required security guards ID cards.



## Humanitarian Project:



This year's donations allowed us to give **\$10,871US** or the equivalent of **\$1,956,780 Liberian Dollars** to this project which funded the following:

- Monthly grants and requested humanitarian aid were made to senior citizens, impoverished individuals and to the handicapped for food assistance and other basic necessities;
- Grants were made to unwed mothers to provide rental assistance, food, school tuition to finish high school and higher learning/skill training, medical care and other needs for their families;
- Medical care and emergency food distributions were made for individuals and families in the Paynesville community and in remote villages at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Distribution of emergency food and other provisions to families in rural villages; and,
- Paid storage fees to house over a thousand relief boxes of education and humanitarian aid for two 40-foot containers as part of our Operational Blessing Project. The shipment and distribution of this free humanitarian aid continues to be delayed due to many factors, including COVID-19, in-country medical considerations, administrative hurdles, political uncertainties, and funding shortfalls.





## Educational Enrichment Project:



This year's donations allowed us to invest **\$2,203US** or the equivalent of **\$396,540 Liberian Dollars** in education. This amount was extremely low because it only represents the down-payment required for orphanage students attending schools from high school, vocational schools and college. Tuition down-payments for the first semester were made; however, due to COVID-19, the government closed all schools. Therefore, we spent less than half of what we normally spent for education and school supplies. We were able to do for the following:

- Due to COVID-19 there were no grants for scholarships to Eliza Neufville Memorial Academy (*ENMA*) Elementary School for impoverished (community) children who live outside of the orphanage/child welfare compound whose parents cannot afford to send their children to school;
- Grants for renovating ENMA Elementary School, including new zinc for the roof, painting and partitioning of classrooms and offices;
- Grants for stipends for ENMA's teacher's assistants, class room furnishings and school supplies;
- A scholarship was awarded for the first semester for enrollment in the Mabel McCombs College of Health Sciences (a nursing school) for our junior year student;.
- A scholarship was awarded for the first semester enrollment in the Stella Maris Polytechnic College (an agricultural college program) for our sophomore year student;
- A scholarship was awarded for senior classes and practicum in Liberia Mobile Teaching Training Academy;
- Four scholarships were awarded for vocational training, technology and other studies;
- Uniforms, shoes, umbrellas, school supplies and transportation were provided for all students who participated in our projects;
- All students were passing their course of study before COVID ended classes; and,
- Provided educational enrichment grant for a student in the Ivory Coast, West Africa.



## Education Enrichment Projects: Recipients of Vocational/College Scholarships



***Help Us Continue to Create  
Smiles, Success Stories and Great Futures!***

### **The Blind and Visually Impaired Project:**



Donations to this project totaled **\$1,665US** or the equivalent of **\$299,700 Liberian Dollars** which provided:

- Monthly subsidy grants to Blind individuals to provide basic needs for the Blind and their families in a country where there is no monthly public welfare program -- food stamps, housing assistance or medical care -- for the Blind.
- Provided one-time humanitarian assistance to other Blind individuals who appealed for our assistance.



The Blind and their families express gratitude for our help and share their future dreams.



**A Very Special Thank You to Our Volunteers,  
Willing Workers, Donors, Partners and Sponsors!**



On behalf of the poor in Liberia, West Africa and around the world who continue to benefit from our projects and services, I humbly extend a heartfelt “thank you” to everyone who donated their talents,



skills, items, or made a financial contribution this year. Your many heartfelt prayers and acts of compassion towards the needy ensure the continuation of our projects. A very special thanks to the Pastors and congregations from Grace Tabernacle...A Way of Holiness (DC/MD), Hemingway Temple A.M.E. Church (Washington, DC), In His Steps World Outreach Ministry (Charlotte, NC), Liberty Outreach Church (Syracuse, NY), More Than Conquerors Ministry (Lanham, MD), Chat & Chew Ministries (Bowie, MD) and to God's Distribution Center (Clinton, MD) for your generous giving to our many appeals.

A very special thank to those individuals who have continued to support this very important work over the years. Words cannot adequately express the change I have witnessed in the lives of so many, truly a thousand humble thanks for *Helping Us...Help Them!* Because of you, these impoverished individuals know, for certain, that someone cares enough about their plight to extend a helping hand of provision and open doors of opportunity wherein they and their families can escape extreme poverty and hopelessness.

*Those of us living in developed nations are so blessed with having opportunities to reach our goals and objectives in life. There is no such reality for the suffering poor in undeveloped nations.* Together, let's continue the work—

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Multitudes from Liberia's urban cities to rural villages dream of somehow finding a way to escape a life of poverty and suffering; the only one they had known. The rewards of helping people in such conditions are immeasurable. A question that's difficult to answered begins like this, "How do you measure the value of a changed life -- from poverty to provision, from sickness to health, from illiteracy to educated and having opportunities abound as one discovers hidden treasures deep within?" One has to have walked in their shoes and lived the life of prolonged suffering to even begin to appreciate being freed from poverty. We have seen it happen! We are grateful that everyone that supports LO/HP, Inc. changing lives one person at a time. We have done it and we will do it again this coming year!

I look forward to hearing from you via mail: LO/HP, Inc., P.O. Box #1050, Washington, D.C. 20013; email: liberiancare@yahoo.com, or phone: 202-232-LOHP (5647). I invite you to visit us on the web at [www.lohp-usa.org](http://www.lohp-usa.org). And, consider volunteering, making a tax-deductible donation or being a sponsor in for this wonderful faith-based public charity through PayPal on our website or Cash App - \$LiberianCare, or via checks and money orders to our mailing address. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. Help will be on the way if you *Help Us...Help Them!*

*Mrs. Sharon Loving Ruff*  
*Founder/CEO*