



A Year Full of Provision and Many Wonderful Transitions!



Celebrating Christmas Holidays at The SIC Orphanage in Liberia, West Africa



Because someone cared enough to give, they received a harvest coming from compassionate hearts! Thank you!

We have sent several small shipments to Liberia but were reluctant to travel overseas with the onset of COVID. However, we are now seeking donors for our Operation Blessing Project. Seven thousand (\$7,000US) is needed to send a humanitarian aid container to Liberia, West Africa to distribute thousands of relief items, educational materials, recreation items, and medical supplies to orphanages, child welfare homes, the Blind, seniors, clinics, and the poor in urban / rural areas.

Will You Help?

Monthly or One-Time?

Bronze Pledge \$35US

A child's basic needs -- food, shelter, clothing & medical.

Silver Pledge \$50US

Humanitarian aid grants, emergency medical assistance, or agriculture seeds/equipment.

Gold Pledge \$100US

Provides bathrooms; sanitation systems; clean water projects; or tuition /uniform/ school supplies for 5 elementary children.

Platinum Pledge \$150US

Provides basic sponsorship grants to orphanages: food, staffing, furnishings or agricultural/ farming/husbandry projects.

One Time Gift \$500US

\$1,000US or more

Will assist with medical /dental trips, Operation Blessing Projects containers, renovation/ construction projects, and more!

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A Surprise Visit from A Elderly Grandmother Brings Holiday Cheer for Two Families



Rural Elderly Grandmothers of
Patience and **Princess**,
SIC orphanage residents since 2018, receive
Christmas food baskets from LO/HP, Inc.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJvN0N2R7r0>



Patience: ages 6 – 14, grade 9

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQZox3j8BCA>

Princess: ages 12 -19, grade 11

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/JZXVoo-39ow>

What value can be placed on having a part in healing a broken child and empowering their recovery? Since our inception, the Liberian Orphanage and Humanitarian Projects, Inc. (LO/HP, Inc.) has sponsored various orphanage and humanitarian projects through the Salvation in Christ Orphanage and Humanitarian Refuge Home, Inc. (SIC) on Pipeline Road, Paynesville Community in Liberia, West Africa. The number of children we are able to sponsor is solely dependent upon our annual donation level. Periodically, as funding increases and space becomes available within the SIC orphanage compound, SIC staff is sent to poor rural villages to identify children for potential residential sponsorship. Conditions for consideration include being orphaned, abused, neglected, unwanted, sickly, or just living with relatives in extreme poverty with no hope for access to education, medical treatment or having basic daily needs ever met. Six years ago, SIC staff visited a remote rural village near the Liberian boarder looking for such children. They met the elderly grandmothers who were raising Patience and Princess and they shared their story of daily suffering and their inability to properly care for these little girls, whose parent's whereabouts were unknown. Their heartfelt appeal was approved and once the girls arrived at SIC their lives changed drastically.

Over the years, due to the high cost of travel to their village, neither Patience nor Princess has seen their grandmothers. Weeks ago, a wonderful Christmas surprise happened! Patience's grandmother traveled to the city and decided to visit her. After being apart for so many years, the visit was full of hugs, tears and family updates. She was so very grateful to find her granddaughter in excellent health, happy and thriving in school. Before leaving, she received a surprise; compliments of LO/HP, Inc. She was given two Christmas food baskets: one for her and the other for Princess' grandmother. In addition to provisions for a month, she also received a financial blessing. Please enjoy the short video above which captures the joy of their meeting. The ultimate goal of LO/HP, Inc. is to "Create Avenues to Remove the Stain of Shame, Restore Dignity, and Rediscover the Wealth of Treasure in Humanity in Liberia, West Africa and other Underserved People around the World!" This is done one sponsored child, one sponsored project at a time. Visit our YouTube Channel to hear their heartfelt testimonies. Currently, Patience nor Princess has a monthly sponsor. Will you sponsor one or both of them? Sponsorship is \$35US monthly per child. Become a Sponsor or make a Donation Today!



Educational Scholarships, School Requirements, and School Supplies for Elementary through High School Students



Our last Newsletter announced the closing of the school that was operating within the orphanage compound at the end of the school year due to structural deficiencies. This institution had been operating within the compound for 8 years and all orphanage residents attended tuition-free. Needless to say, LO/HP, Inc. now faced an upcoming unexpected financial shortfall. Full educational scholarships had to be provided for the 33 residents in our sponsored child home as required by the Liberian Government and the new school year would begin in a few months. As discussions with the orphanage ensued, the decision was made to include seven outside students for scholarships due to the hardships faced by their parents in sending their little ones to school. After negotiations with the various schools, the total needed for these 2024/2025 educational scholarships was over **\$5,500US**. That included tuition, school and gym uniforms and shoes, other school requirements, and school supplies. I am **PLEASED TO REPORT** that we received overwhelming support and financial commitments to this cause. **By early 2025, we will only owe a few hundred dollars. Thank you to every donor, church, business and organization that gave towards this project.** Without your help, we could not have kept doors of opportunity open to empower these students with the educational tools needed for a brighter future. Another special thank you is also given to COSTCO Warehouse in Waldorf, Maryland for their generous donations of student book bags and donations towards our purchase of fire extinguishers, 6-foot folding tables, storage containers and medicine over the years. Will you too get involved and **help us...help them?**



The Beauty of Transformed Lives



What would you be willing to give to stop the early aging of a little child? So many children living in extreme poverty have many things in common, as they struggle with understanding their plight. Some would say, "The lack of food, the lack of clean clothing or shoes on their feet." Others would say, "Uncombed hair or a bad body odor?" The one thing I notice all too often when I see such children is **"the absence of a smile."** It's as though their lack of hope transforms their faces and evidence of hardship is displayed for all the world to see that they are aging far, far before their time. LO/HP, Inc. takes our mission to significantly improve the quality of life for the poor literally. It's not an objective that's microwavable. It takes time, love and dedication for the long run. We've been fortunate to see change, the beauty of a life transformed when we assume sponsorship of a poor child from a rural village. Look below and see if you agree with me that change has begun.



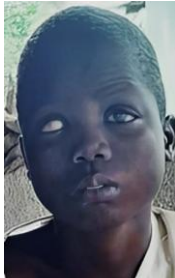
These 12-year old twins had no way to escape extreme poverty, as they worked hard labor to support their sickly parents. Months after their younger brother, Ezekiel, received LO/HP, Inc. sponsorship and left their rural village, our appeals for a sponsor for them were answered. Now, they are happily smiling, attending school and living a life of provision as a sponsored child. **Others are waiting! Help us...help them!**



Princess made this statement in her video testimony featured above, “Being poor is a sad life to live.” Then, she added “It makes you hate living.” Well, all that changed 6 years ago when she became a LO/HP, Inc. sponsored child. Nelson, too, had a sad story to tell. You may remember him from our previous Newsletter. He is from the same rural village as Ezekiel and his twin brothers. Just one glimpse at his picture there was no denying his impoverished condition. His is only complicated by him being Blind since age 5. No health care, no access to education, no assurance of daily food, no clean clothing or no slippers is a sad story. His aunt was doing the best she could once his mother abandoned him. Nevertheless, she had to leave him alone, often for 10 hours, as she sought daily labor jobs near the village. The reality of his hopelessness and state of vulnerability is common among the rural poor. Survival can be most challenging every day. But, that’s not Nelson’s story any longer. His life transitioned 6 months ago when he became a LO/HP, Inc. sponsored child, moved into the orphanage and left behind the hardships of village life. See “Before” and “After” sponsorship pictures below.

Before:

After:



Destitute: dirty torn clothes & no slippers!



Nelson happily leading the SIC orphanage choir.



Joyous Celebrations!



Reunited with his brother & aunt awarded with a monthly stipend.

Nelson was very happy living in the orphanage as he joined 3 other boys from his village that had just been accepted into the home. A short video of Nelson singing the lead in the orphanage choir can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-94EeUindo>. Months later, as the other children prepared to return to school, his mood changed. He stopped eating. Finally, he let the staff know of his fear of leaving the orphanage and attending a residential school for the Blind where he knew no one and was afraid of being mistreated. At this juncture, new plans were launched. His aunt had already expressed an interest in relocating in the city. We discussed with Nelson the idea of renting a place in Brewerville where he and his aunt could live near the school and she could take him to school daily and bring him home after classes. That made him very happy. So a grant was awarded to pay their rent, completely furnish their new living quarters with linen, pots and pans, chairs, rug and dishware, and provide a monthly stipend to the aunt to provide for Nelson’s needs and transport him to the orphanage for weekend visits. We were surprised when his aunt also brought his younger brother to live with them. The administrator of the school approved our new plan and from the first day of class, Nelson has loved going to school, as he learns skills to navigate life as a Blind individual.

Early in the registration process, a school staff member shared the struggle many families have to purchase required school gym uniforms. So, LO/HP, Inc. decided to provide a grant for 60 gym uniforms for their anticipated 2024/2025 enrollment. The first picture below is of the students in attendance on the day of the distribution. The second picture shows Nelson standing alone. A short video of appreciation from the recipients can be found on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uMYLhtf2rs>.



The Liberian School for the Blind

**Brewerville, Virginia
Liberia, West Africa**





Urgent Unmet Needs from 2024 Have Become Priorities



While we experienced a great 2024 year of provision and wonderful transitions for those whom we serve, many of our SIC orphanage residents still do not have sponsors donating \$35US monthly. Then too, other urgent unmet needs have now become priorities for 2025. The most urgent ones are:

1. Constructing a multi-purpose one-level, three room brick structure with a separate bathroom.

It will house the little boy's dorm, a computer room and a tailoring/music studio. When the two-story school building was no longer safe to occupy, the orphanage could no longer offer computer classes, sewing classes and musical instruction. The equipment for these classes now sits in storage. With our increase in small boys, we are in desperate need of a larger room due to overcrowding. The rainy season is quickly approaching when construction projects will be difficult. So, we are seeking donors now to complete the construction before April, 2025. The cost of this project is **\$5,500US**.

2. Demolishing our two-story brick school building which has major structural deficiencies.

This structure has wide cracks visible on exterior and interior surfaces. Initially, we planned to repair it but that plan quickly changed as cracks appeared on the cement slab separating the first and second level. We are literally racing against the clock to demolish this structure before the rainy season which could cause the building to collapse and possibly damage other structures or someone in the compound. A licensed crew will safely demolish it for **\$1,500US**. Please visit our website www.lohp-usa.org to see the full list of urgently needed items. One hundred percent (100%) of your donations towards helping us meet these goals will be spent on these projects. **WE NEED DONATIONS NOW!** Please respond to this most urgent appeal!

Let's Not Forget Her Labor of Love!



Imagine a young married couple building their home in a remote village with very few neighbors. Then over the years, clearing land and building up that village until it became a town. We will never know the joys experienced by them as their vision enlarged to become a beacon light for others who moved into that town and happily raised their families. What we do know is that the villagers named the town after them, Gbezaylon Town. Many years later, the husband dies and although the wife is a widow that did not stop her enthusiasm to be a blessing to others. Notice all the children surrounding her are barely clothed with their stomachs extended from malnutrition. She watches them while their parents look for work. We are seeking \$650US to purchase rice and boxes of children's clothing to be distributed

free-of-charge to the poorest among them before the rainy season. Sickness abounds in the extreme cold weather, especially for those who sleep on the bare earth without proper clothing or a mattress. **Help us...help them!**

The Liberian Orphanage-Humanitarian Projects, Inc. YouTube Channel

Visit us at <https://www.youtube.com/@LiberianCare> for testimonials and videos about our projects: Orphanage/Child Welfare Homes, Humanitarian, Educational, and Special Initiatives for the Blind.



The Choir of
The Salvation In Christ Orphanage & Humanitarian
Refuge Home, Inc.
Liberia, West Africa
expresses their gratitude for 2024 in song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McYctCQcz9A>

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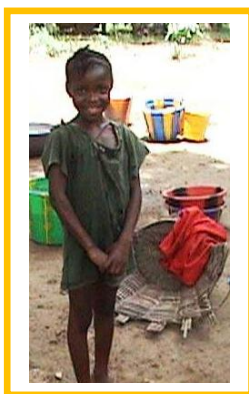
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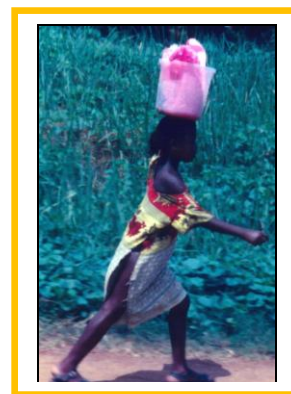


Our Mission

Our mission is to significantly impact the lives of abandoned, abused, neglected and orphaned children in Liberia, West Africa and to engage in humanitarian projects that will improve the quality of life for disadvantaged Liberians, and other underserved individuals around the world.



Imagine living in this underdeveloped country with so many unmet needs. Then, imagine the joy of sponsorship which removes the stain of shame and gives you tools for success. A small donation can mean so much to the poorest of the poor: children living in orphanages/child welfare homes, educational opportunities, medical care, unwed mothers the Blind & the disadvantaged. **Together, we can improve their lives. Please give today!**



LO/HP, Inc. aims to continue sponsoring orphanages, child welfare homes, humanitarian, educational and operational blessing projects, as well as our special initiatives for the Blind. These projects have been successful due to the efforts of caring sponsors, partners and volunteers just like you. We welcome all who have a heart of compassion towards the poor. **GIVE FREELY to HELP US...HELP THEM!** Whatever assistance you, your organization or civic group provides will be greatly appreciated. Please consider becoming a monthly sponsor or a partner today. **Visit the website for priority needs!** Foreign made vehicles (cars, trucks, and school buses in good running condition) are urgently needed. [USA parts are hard to get in Liberia.] Volunteers are also needed! Make a **tax-deductible donation** payable to **“LIBERIAN ORPHANAGE / HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS, INC.”** or **“LO/HP, Inc.** at the above address.” **To donate use: PayPal on the website at www.lohp-usa.org or CashApp –\$LiberianCare or Mail the form below to our P.O. Box or Scan the QR code.**



Thank You for Your Consideration of Our Appeals!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

I pledge to donate monthly\$ _____ (sponsorship of orphan(s) _____; Specific child _____

I pledge to donate monthly to the Blind Initiatives\$ _____; specific project _____

I pledge to donate monthly for education projects\$ _____; Construction projects \$ _____

Please call me (_____) _____ or e-mail me at _____

I cannot make a monthly pledge but I will make a one-time contribution of --

\$20 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ or more (please specify) _____