



The Liberian Orphanage/Humanitarian Projects, Inc.

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Annual Report for 2021

Words From the Founder



This has been an amazing year, full of accomplishments and monumental strides toward the fulfillment of our mission. It has now been 12 years since the establishment of this wonderful faith-based humanitarian organization, as a separate 501(c)(3) private-non-profit organization, which continues a Christian work started in 1990. And, once again, in spite of numerous challenges, I am pleased to announce another successful year of LO/HP, Inc. meeting its 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 an 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 made 32 years ago when my eyes first saw the suffering of the Liberian people. I promised to help and LO/HP, Inc. is that help. It is an avenue 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 giving to poor among those most in need. With gratitude, I present our Annual Report for **2021**.

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 the general population for the first 2 ½ months of their 14-year civil war which began the day of her arrival. Overwhelmed by witnessing extreme poverty and hopelessness due to lack of daily food, clothing, decent housing, access to clean water, access to education or career ladders, inadequate medical care, and barriers everywhere preventing them from escaping a life of constant suffering, 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 I 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 my husband and I. As it continued to grow and its vision enlarged, it necessitated the establishment of an independent private non-profit charity. Now in 2021, LO/HP, Inc. celebrates 12 years as an independent entity, while actually celebrating 32 years of the same mission of "*Paying It Forward*" to descendents of my ancestral people, as well as, those from among 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.

Since our inception, LO/HP, Inc. has been staffed by all volunteers. Our humanitarian projects and initiatives 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** – Will provide 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 **\$377,281US** 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;
- Received thousands of donated man-hours by our wonderful all volunteer LO/HP, Inc. staff, our web-designers, Karen Clay LLC [clay consulting.com] and Tyrrell Eccles [ecclesenteprises.com], and to Wayne Ross [RCSR] who provides technology repairs/training;
- Provided grants for emergency medical care for seniors and the underprivileged;
- Provided monthly living grants to the Blind since 2004 in our Seeing Hearts Project;
- Provided grants for food, medicine and medical surgeries for the poor in rural villages; and,
- 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.

2021 Annual Report Highlights

With overwhelming gratitude, we received **\$54,025US** in donations which was more than doubled our average \$25,000US annual donation level. So many compassionate individuals, businesses and churches responded generously to our various appeals through the year. The tremendous increase in donations is especially noteworthy in view of the national decline in expendable income resulting from COVID related job losses, economic uncertainties and budget shortfalls which created challenges for small private-non-profits charities. Because of donors and supporters, LO/HP, Inc. was able to continue providing quality life changing services in all our projects in Liberia and to embrace new ones. We are pleased, once again, to celebrate our all volunteer staff that works tirelessly to support our efforts therefore ensuring a minimum expenditure for administrative costs. Thus, we were able to allocate ninety-three (93%) of all donations to the provision of projects and services to benefit the poor in Liberia. Additional a special thanks to those who provided free office supplies, office space, and paid many months of storage fees for our Operation Blessing Project and other items collected to be sent for distribution to our Liberian projects free of charge.

2021 Project Percentages



Accomplishments

Orphanage/Child Welfare Homes Project - Through this year's donations, we were able to provide **\$32,541US** or the equivalent of **\$5,564,511 Liberian Dollars** to this project to meet our standards of orphanage/child welfare home care. We provided:

- Annual salaries for full time and stipends for part-time staff: two administrative positions, four care-givers, one cook, one nurse, four part-time helpers, and six security personnel for the Salvation in Christ Orphanage and Humanitarian Refuge Home, Inc. on Pipeline Road in the Paynesville community;
- Over 40,000 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 monthly trash pick-up and for daily coal for cooking, bathing soap, toilet paper, washing power, lotions, toothpaste and other basic necessities;
- Kitchen furnishings, benches, pots and pans, bowls and eating utensils;
- A large refrigerator and commercial freezer to reduce food costs and reduce the incidence of bacterial contamination;
- Clothing, undergarments, shoes, sandals, toiletries and other basic necessity items to orphanage residents, including items sent from America;

- Scholarships for orphanage residents covering tuition, school fees, uniforms and schools supplies;
- 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 mats, linen and other household items;
- New solar panel system to provide 24-hours electrical power;
- Exterior solar powered night security lights and ceiling fans;
- 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,
- Construction/renovation, painting, electrical and plumbing upgrades for residential facilities

One resident describes their new life at the SIC Orphanage and Humanitarian Refuge Home this way, "We have Everything a Child Needs to be Happy; Delivered with Love!"

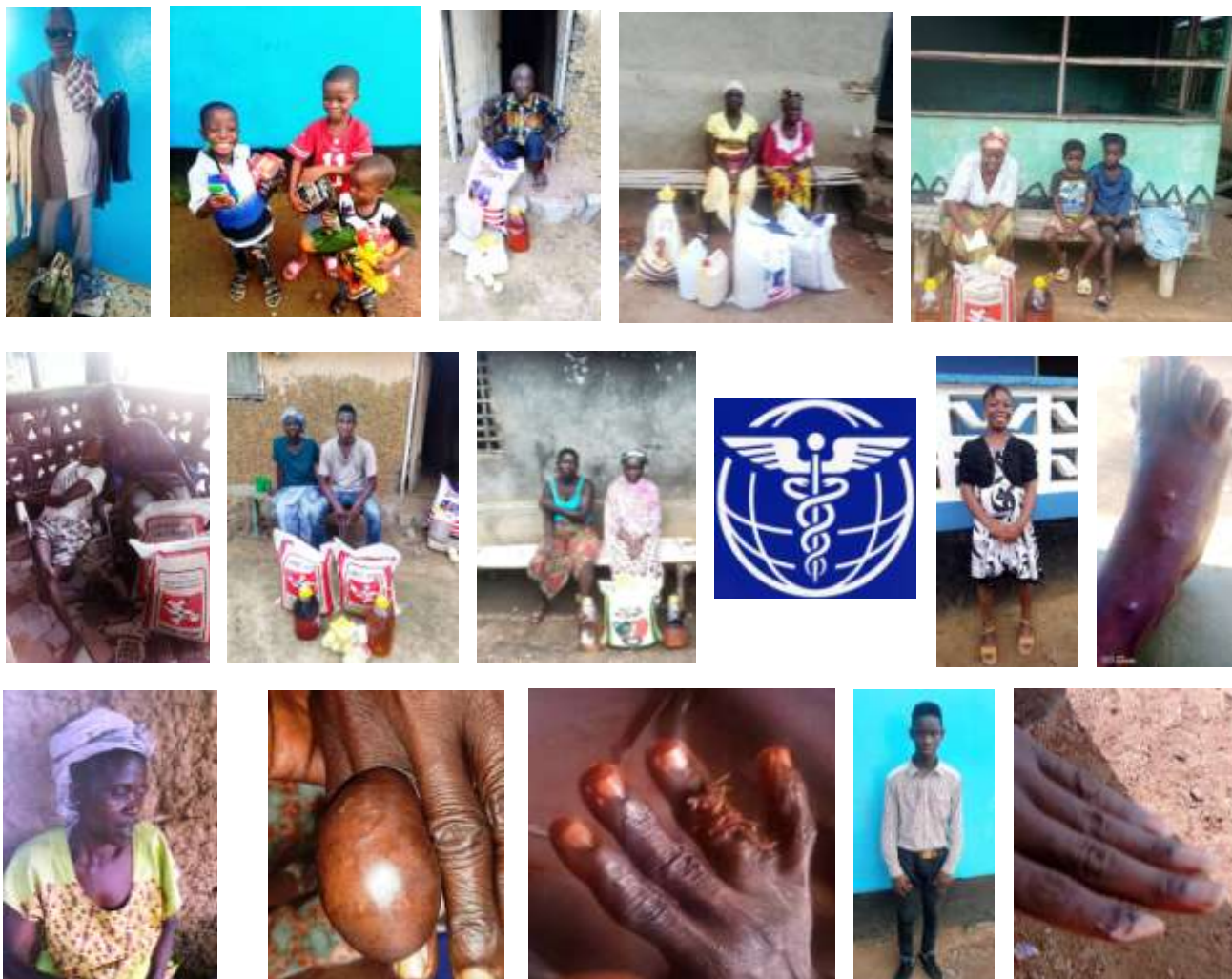




Humanitarian Project:

This year's donations allowed us to give **\$10,727US** or the equivalent of **\$1,834,317 Liberian Dollars** to fulfill the mission of 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;
- Paid storage fees to house over a thousand relief boxes of education and humanitarian aid for shipment to Liberia as part of our Operation Blessing Project. Two shipments of humanitarian aid were sent in 2021 to the SIC orphanage and for the benefit of those whom we are currently sponsoring;
- Distribution of emergency food and other provisions to families in rural villages;
- Distributed rice and other food items to rural villagers during the Christmas Holiday season; and,
- Emergency medical surgery to remove a tumor from a rural villager's finger and food, mattress, and basic necessities as she returned to her village, and medical care and follow-up treatment for a severed finger to a young adult.



Educational Enrichment Project:



This year's donation level allowed us to invest **\$7,819US** or the equivalent of **\$1,337,049 Liberian Dollars** in educational opportunities. Of these funds, \$1,500US was used for construction/renovation of the ENMA school building and \$6,319US was used to open doors of access to education through grants for tuition fees, uniforms, school supplies, and transportation for four high school students and twelve scholarships (one person received 2 scholarships) for those attending vocational schools, seminary and college. We celebrate these life changing grants which provided the following:

- Grants for school gym uniforms for Eliza Neufville Memorial Academy (ENMA) Elementary/Middle School for impoverished (community) children who live outside of the orphanage/child welfare compound whose parents couldn't afford to purchase them;
- Grants for renovating ENMA School building, including new zinc for the roof, painting and partitioning of classrooms and offices;

- A scholarship for school fees, as well as, all graduation fees was awarded to a senior student for the Mabel McCombs College of Health Sciences (a nursing school);
- A scholarship for tuition and practicum fees was awarded to a senior for the Nursing Aide Program at Stockton Creek Medical School of Health Sciences;
- A scholarship for tuition and educational material was provided to a sophomore year student for the Stella Maris Polytechnic College (an agricultural college program);
- A scholarship for tuition and project fees was provided to a student for the Paynesville Light Vocational Institute of Pastry;
- A scholarship for tuition was awarded to a student for the Monrovia Bible Training College. He will soon have a position in the Living Water Ministries in Liberia.
- A scholarship for tuition, practicum fees and funds towards the graduation fees was awarded to a senior for the Liberia Mobile Teaching Training Academy;
- Seven scholarships for tuition fees, uniforms/helmets, security shoes, books, and daily transportation were awarded for the Monrovia Vocational Training Center for vocational training, technology and other studies; and,
- Uniforms, shoes, umbrellas, school supplies and transportation were provided for all students who participated in our other projects.



2021 Recipients of Education Enrichment Project Scholarships:
High School, Vocational & College



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



The Blind and Visually Impaired Project:

Donations to our Blind and Visually Impaired Project otherwise known as our “*Seeing Hearts Project*” totaled **\$1,701US** or the equivalent of **\$290,871 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.
- One-time humanitarian assistance to other Blind individuals who appealed for our assistance.
- Grants for holiday food and money to purchase clothing and other necessities for their families.



The Blind and their families express heartfelt gratitude our financial assistance since 2004 which has also allowed them to send their seeing children to school, support their own education goals and to purchase land on which they have built their homes. An expansion of the number of grants to the Blind and visually impaired individuals continues to be our heartfelt desire.



**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 **Lowe’s** (Clinton, MD) for donations, and to our partners: **Chat & Chew Ministries** (Evangelist **Vera Peters**, Bowie, MD); **God’s Distribution Center** (Mrs. **Beverly Jones**, Clinton, MD); **Grace Tabernacle...A Way of Holiness** (Pastor **John D. Ruff**, DC/MD); **Hemingway Temple A.M.E. Church** (Pastor **Thann Young**, Washington, DC); **In His Steps World Outreach Ministry** (Pastor **Momolu Freeman**, Charlotte, NC); **Liberty Outreach Church** (Pastor **Randy Collins**, Syracuse, NY); **More Than Conquerors Ministry** (Pastor **Anthony Conley**, Lanham, MD); and, to **Praise and Worship COGIC** (Pastor **Robert Valentine**, Washington, DC) for your generous giving to our many appeals throughout the year.

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. No such reality is available for the suffering poor in developing nations unless people like us get involved in tangible ways and provide “a helping hand”.

Let us continue the work! The Mission Has Not Changed —

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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 and guided through an open door of possibilities. We have seen it happen as we have placed our hands in theirs! We are grateful that everyone that supports LO/HP, Inc. as we change lives one person at a time. We celebrate our years of provision and look forward to greater accomplishments 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. Consider volunteering, making a tax-deductible donation or becoming a sponsor for one or more of the projects in this wonderful faith-based public charity through PayPal on our website or Cash App – \$LiberianCare or via check and money order to our mailing address. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of joining us in this mission of love, as we ***Pay-It-Forward*** to those among the poorest of the poor.

Help will be on the way, **d**reams will continue to come true, and **l**ives will be forever changed,
if you will
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Mrs. Sharon Loving Ruff
Founder/CEO