



## *Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving For Those Who Receive!*



*A Word from the Founder,  
Mrs. Sharon L. Ruff*

As we close out 2021, we are pleased to announce that we reached a major milestone. We exceeded the \$50,000US donation level for the first time since our inception. We are so very grateful for the outpouring of compassion in response to our various appeals to *help us...help them!* We say thank you to everyone, every church and every business that has given time, donations or included us in their prayers, as we stop and ponder a universal truth, *“Every day is a Day of Thanksgiving for those who receive!”*

Because LO/HP, Inc. received, we were able to continue and expand upon our efforts to improve the quality of life of those among the poorest of the poor in Liberia whom we serve. Thus, every day throughout this year has been a good day for orphaned, abandoned, abused, neglected or improvised children, youth and young adult residents of our sponsored orphanage, The Salvation in Christ Orphanage and Humanitarian Refuge Home, Inc. Every day has been a good day for the Blind and visually impaired individuals and their families who have received monthly subsistence grants since 2004. Every day has been a good day for those who have received education scholarships from elementary school through institutes of higher learning, including college and vocational schools. And, it has been a good day every day when a senior villager or someone in the local Paynesville community makes an appeal for help and there are enough emergency funds in Liberia to meet their urgent need for food, education or medical care.

In every country there are people among the poorest of the poor, the disadvantaged and/or the uneducated and each of them would agree with me that *“Every day is a day of thanksgiving when those who have no one to help them freely receive what they need from the compassion of others.”* I encourage everyone to continue giving. For those who haven’t shared from their life’s harvest, it time to begin because someone is waiting to give thanks.

We have sent two shipments of urgently needed items for our orphanage and elementary/junior high school to Liberia. However, we are still seeking donors for our Operation Blessing Project to send and distribute a 40-foot container of humanitarian aid relief items including clothing, shoes, linen, personal hygiene, books/education materials and medicine/medical supplies free of charge to orphanages, child welfare home, unwed mothers clinics, seniors, and to the Blind in rural and urban areas of great need. Six thousand (\$6,000US) is needed for this effort.

*Will You Help?*

**Make Monthly Pledge**

**Bronze Pledge      \$35 US**  
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- 12 elementary/middle 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**

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## *Donations Made Medical Interventions Possible*



BEFORE



SURICAL REMOVAL



AFTER

Let me introduce you to *Miatta S.*, a middle-aged Muslim rural villager, who had been living in constant pain and in shame for over 5 years as a result of the growth of a tumor on her finger. Due to the pain in her finger and upper arm caused by the tumor, she was unable to work full time on the farm: her only source of income. Her struggle for daily provision only intensified her sense of hopelessness. It was difficult to hear that she was regularly an object of laughter and scorn among her people because of the deformity. Fortunately, she is the mother of a child who LO/HP, Inc. sponsored years ago. When we heard of her plight, we immediately sent for her and put out an appeal to help with the cost of surgery. Our generous donors responded quickly. There was such an outpouring of love and compassion that all costs were covered for the surgery, follow-up doctor visits, medicines and all related transportation. In addition, while she was recuperating at the SIC Orphanage home, donors decided that she should not return to her rural village empty handed. So, they gave her a month's worth of food, slippers, a new mattress, linen and cash to assist her with basic needs. ***Thank you donors for relieving her suffering, removing her shame and restoring her to self-sufficiency.*** She is doing fine now!

### *Matthew's Life Was Saved, But He Lost Part of His Finger*



You may remember *Matthew* from last year's Christmas pictures. We have featured him before, but this time we give thanks for ***donations saved his life***. Matthew is 17 years old in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, the youngest of 5 and has significant hearing loss resulting from a hole in his ear drum. He was brought to our attention by his uncle who reported that Matthew was being mistreated where he was living after his mother died and his father who has leprosy began living in isolation. He was released to our care as one of our sponsored children over 4 years ago and was immediately evaluated as a slow learner. As you can see from his picture, his handicap doesn't interfere with him being a happy teenager. To help prepare him for the future, arrangements were made for him to be an apprentice with a local carpentry shop.



He has done well for 2 years in this capacity and is proud of the small furniture pieces he has made. Then, tragedy struck. While the supervisor was away from the shop, he took it upon himself to practice with a saw and sliced off part of his finger. With donations, there was money at the SIC Orphanage home for medical emergencies, so he was immediately taken to a local clinic for treatment. Unfortunately, the doctors had to remove the tip of his finger. If donations had not been readily available for emergency medical treatment, infection would have quickly set in and a burial would have been planned. This is often the case in Liberia because there is no free medical treatment at clinics or in hospitals. ***Thank you donors!*** Matthew has fully recovered, is back in school and has returned to his apprentice position at the carpentry shop.

### *It Never Happened Before*

***Scabies*** is a ***highly contagious*** skin disease caused by an infestation of human itch mite living beneath the skin where it burrows into the upper layer of skin where it lives and lays eggs. This in turn produces an intense itching and a pimple like a skin rash that will not be healed unless proper medication is used. Untreated, it can quickly spread from hands to the hair, neck, legs, face and other body parts and can lead to death from the damage it causes as it attacks the body. This contagious disease can only be contracted by skin-to-skin contact but if the

crust of someone’s skin containing the mite is handled by someone else, it can now be transmitted to a bed or clothing and the new recipient is now highly contagious. This condition is prevalent in nursing homes, extended care facilities, schools and other locations worldwide where people are in close proximity.

Regardless of its prevalence, ***we have never had a case of scabies to break of at any of our sponsored orphanages or child welfare homes*** until the end of this year. Once it was discovered, through generous donations, we aggressively began treating those infected with multiple injections and topical creams and their condition was closely monitored by medical personnel. It was a very expensive undertaken, as every room was sanitized, new mattresses and linen purchased and action taken to eradicate mites from clothing. ***Thank you donors who made this possible!***

We also encountered another medical emergency never faced before. It happened to ***Regina***, age 15, a



very sweet, happy teen, who has been under our sponsorship since 2016. She had a severe allergic reaction from eating some locally grown greens during a dinner meal. An itchy rash appeared and soon afterwards, broken skin with runny pus. It truly takes a village to raise a child and through our ***Orphanage/Child Welfare Home Project***, donations create and support a village - a loving, nurturing home where children/youth/young adults are supervised and receive: housing, daily meals, adequate clothing/shoes/undergarments, personal hygiene items, education and medical care. Thus, Regina received immediate medical treatment for her allergy. Some medications were already on-hand, the others were purchased. ***She was so very thankful for receiving treatment!***

***Destiny Called Out, Again!***



**Marta**



**Comfort,  
age 10**

Left – in rural village  
Right – in SIC home



**Jerome,  
age 5**

Left – in rural village  
Right – in SIC home

Our LO/HP team met ***Marta*** in 2001 during an assessment visit to the SIC orphanage home before LO/HP, Inc. became an independent faith-based NGO. Marta was a happy child, with a bubbling personality, who was always smiling, singing Christian songs and quickly captured our hearts. She continued living at the orphanage home until she completed her education. Then, she returned to her village where she started her family. Three years ago, after having two children, without access to clinics or any other medical care, ***she died from a rare disease – Congenital Chloride Diarrhea***. Her first husband had died years before, and the second abandoned her and the children when she became ill.

***As destiny would have it***, once again, Marta’s lineage would be presented to us for our care. We had authorized the SIC orphanage home to travel to 4 rural villages in search of 9 children who were in desperate need of care so that children from various villages would be given the opportunity to excel in life. Little did we know that Marta’s 2 children, based upon being orphans and living in extreme poverty, would be among those chosen to come to the orphanage home to begin a new life of provision – (as one resident from a rural village said, “We now have everything a child needs to be happy.”): food, clothing, safety, education, and medical care with hope and promise for a great future. Her children bear a strong resemblance to her; but, village life had robbed them of her smile. Her daughter, ***Comfort*** now attends school for the first time in the ABC grade. Her son, ***Jerome***, has also been enrolled in the ABC grade. ***We are so thankful that destiny has chosen us again!*** Now Martha’s children will have the same quality of life given her ***when destiny sent her to us!***

*Donations Made  
Facility Improvements Possible*



Bricks for New School Annex



Repaired Iron Security Gate



Solar System



New Bicycle Porch



Roof Replacements on 3 buildings – The kitchen building and the porch for the main house and one- half of the ENMA school -- due to termite damage. The solar panel system had to be removed from the school and reinstalled.



New bowls, cups and silverware for everyone



New American Mattresses



New Boys and Girls Bunk Beds



Commercial Freezer



Ex-Large Refrigerator



Interior Painting and Storage Shelving Throughout Compound



Security Lights



Ceiling Fans



Floor Fans



Well Pump Repair

All SIC residential buildings, bathhouse, kitchen building and the security booth received new electrical wiring, plugs, sockets and switches. The SIC buildings received a new facelift with interior and exterior painting. We are so grateful for all donors who helped us transform the quality of their lives. ***Thank you so much!***

*Thank You for Their Christmas Jubilee*

Every day is a day of thanksgiving for those who receive, especially during holidays. The Christmas season is one of the most celebrated times of the year worldwide but many have no means to exchange gifts, share a meal or even visit love ones to express gratitude for the real reason for this *Hallowed Holiday Season*, the celebration of the *Birth of Christ and the offering of God's Plan of Salvation*. Part of the Great Commission is to take care of the widows and the orphans, the downtrodden and the destitute. Through generous donations, there were great celebrations through receiving of gifts and even sharing with others who are less fortunate.

*There was more than enough to share!*

The Paynesville community has many extremely poor children whose parents could not afford a celebration on Christmas day. So, the SIC orphanage invited many of them, including students from their elementary/junior high school, to their Christmas celebration. Tables were set up on the porch and front yard to accommodate them. *It's amazing how the gift of compassion keeps giving!*



*Christmas gifts from America*

*Everyone is so happy because someone cared enough to give*

*Toy room overflowing with Christmas Gifts*



*New Bikes Galore – Most of these Little Ones have never had a Bicycle before*



*A Day of Great Celebrations for the Orphanage Children and rural Seniors!*



They gave thanks for all they received and wished a special blessing to each of us for the love we gave.

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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 them 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, stipends for the Blind & the disadvantaged at every age. ***Together, we can improve their lives. Give today! They are waiting to receive!***



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 and less fortunate. **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. We need computers, Braille laptop computers, freezer, refrigerator, ceiling fans and bunk bed mattresses. Foreign made vehicles (cars, trucks, and school buses, no more than 6 years old in good running condition) are urgently needed. [USA parts are hard to get in Liberia.] Volunteers are also needed! Supportive assistance for any of our projects is also welcomed. Make a ***tax-deductible donation*** payable to "**LIBERIAN ORPHANAGE / HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS, INC.**" or "**LO/HP, Inc.**" ***Use Paypal to donate on [www.lohp-usa.org](http://www.lohp-usa.org) or CashApp - \$LiberianCare or use the form below to mail in your donation. (Do not send cash in the mail.) Thank you for your consideration!***

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) \_\_\_\_\_