



Together is the Key! We did it before and in 2022, We can do it again!



A Word from the Founder,

Mrs. Sharon L. Ruff

As I reflect back over the past 32 years of providing humanitarian aid to the poor in Liberia, West Africa, I never imaged that my meager efforts, a committee of one crying heart seeking to help the Liberian poor

without a plan, a job or a financial backer, would ever evolve into The Liberian Orphanage/Humanitarian Projects, Inc. I never imaged that by 2022, I would have touched the lives of thousands of impoverished Liberians who have never seen my face and don't even know my name. I knew, however, that after that first divine mission in 1989 to meet descendants of my ancestral people that I had to do something after witnessing unimaginable poverty, suffering and hopelessness. Initially, I thought my efforts would be limited to sending a few dollars whenever I could to help as many as I could.

What I didn't expect, as I told of the suffering I had witnessed, was the domino effect of the power of compassion. Upon my arrival home, just one person joined with monthly support, then another and another. Over the years, helping hands began to be extended from many individuals, churches, organizations and businesses, most for a specific purpose and duration. It has been the **POWER of WE**, of **US**, of **TOGETHERNESS** which has reaped success stories of changed lives and provision: food, shelter, clothing, and other basic necessities for children, youth and young adults living in orphanages/child welfare homes; educational achievements, emergency medical needs met, grants for the Blind, handicapped, seniors in rural villages, unwed mothers and the distribution of humanitarian aid to the poor and clinics through our Operation Blessing Project.

I **CHALLENGE** everyone who has a heart of compassion and desires to share their skills, talents and financial resources to help others to define your cause and **START** doing something towards fulfilling its mission. It may start very small like we did but like the size of a mustard seed it can grow into a large tree providing provision to many. That's what LO/HP, Inc. continues to do. I've experienced the joy of helping and the sweet taste of knowing LO/HP, Inc. has significantly improved the quality of life for many and **TOGETHER – We Can Do It Again in 2022.**

We have sent three 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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Let's Help Them Take Another Step Up The Ladder Of Success That Would, Otherwise, Be Impossible For Them To Climb!

Years of *Before and After* Pictures Speak A Thousand Words



We Are Doing It and Together, We Can Do It Again!

Sponsor A Child - \$30US Monthly



Imagine being a school age child, along with 10 siblings, living in a rural village where extreme poverty is visible everywhere and illiteracy is the norm. This is often the case in rural Liberia with few/no free schools and even if there were, your crippled father and sickly mother couldn't afford the uniforms, school supplies, or other fees to attend. Thus, attending school was beyond your reach. That reality didn't stop **Sando** from having dreams of one day sitting in a classroom. Her dream came true, when a SIC mission team entered her village looking for children living in pitiful, impoverished conditions. Her mother appealed and she was chosen to become a sponsored child. Now, she is a student attending school and her reality has changed dramatically. From absolute despair to a bright, happy smile, her face tells it



all. However, like many in our care, she still does not have a sponsor. Will you make a one-time donation or become a monthly sponsor so she can take the next step up the education ladder? ***Help us...Help them!***



Now, imagine the death of one or both parents and now you are an orphan living with a family member who cannot afford to properly care for you. ***Your stomach swells from malnutrition*** caused from lack of daily food, you have very little clothing, no bed to sleep on and medical care is a constant challenge. As terrible as that sounds, it worsens as you see others with everything you desire and wonder if you will ever have the things you need to be happy and obtain your personal pursuits, or if you will continue to live among the "have not's." Then, a stranger enters your village who knows your relative because your mother was a SIC sponsored child until adulthood, and now, you too, as well as your little brother, are released into the care of the SIC mission team to live in the city and suddenly your



life completely changes. This is **Comfort's** story. Now, she and her little brother have everything a child needs to be happy and secure: daily nutritious food, clothing, daily hygiene, clean water, education and medical care in a loving secure environment. She too needs a sponsor to ensure her continued provision as she grows up to achieve her destiny in life. ***Will you help us...help her?***

Get involved, touch a life!

For \$30US monthly, you can sponsor little ones like these and help them up the ladder to success!





Sarah is in our **Unwed Mothers Project** where she has received a monthly living stipend and emergency funds for medical needs for herself and her son since 2020. We also awarded her an education scholarship to attend the Stockton Creek Clinic Medical School of Health Sciences (SCCMASHS). She recently graduated from their Nursing Aid Program. Congratulations to Sarah who despite all obstacles stayed the course and is the first one in her family to receive such honors. Now, that she has proven to herself that she can achieve, she is making an appeal to attend the 4-year Nursing Program at the Elder Ford Institute - \$700US annual tuition, \$40US for books and \$40US for transportation monthly. **Will you help her reach higher heights?**



In 2003, a sickly young **Uriah**, born with a speech impediment, escaped a life of extreme poverty as he and his brother, among 7 siblings born to uneducated parents, became one of our sponsored children. While loved by their parents, they lacked daily food, sanitation, medical care and educational opportunities. Uriah has grown up to be a delightful, highly motivated individual who exemplifies leadership qualities. His 2021 graduation from **High School** was delayed due to COVID-19 school closures. Now, he's appealing for a 4-year college scholarship to become a businessman: tuition \$1,000 annually, \$40US for books and \$40US monthly for transportation. **Are you the one to help him take the next step up?**



After her father's murder, **Joel's** mother struggled caring for her 8 siblings. A relative brought her from their rural village to attend school in the city only to abuse her as a child laborer. When the abuse was discovered by age 11, she was accepted into the SIC family. Her drive to succeed hasn't stopped because of life's hardships. In 2021, with our scholarship, she became the first in her family to graduate from college receiving a **BSN from Mabel McCombs College of Health Science** and later, an **RN in Nursing**. For hiring consideration, she has to volunteer for 9-months at a local hospital. To enable her, she will need \$112US monthly for transportation and lunch. **Once again, through the power of "We" it can be done!**



Daniel's siblings posed for me to take their picture just outside the SIC compound. The extreme poverty of this family of 13 children overwhelmed me at first glance. After being abandoned by their mother, their father was unable to find a job. LO/HP, Inc. provided some assistance; but, Daniel became a sponsored child after regularly coming to SIC seeking food, clothing and acceptance. After high school, our education scholarship earned him an Associate Degree from the **Liberia Mobile Teacher's Training College**. Will you help him take another step up the ladder of success to the United Methodist University's Public Administration Undergrad Program? Cost for annual tuition is \$1,000US and books/transportation is \$40US monthly. Will you sponsor him? **Let's do this, together!**



In 2001, **Alice** entered SIC as a very sickly child whose rural uneducated parents with 13 children often times could not feed them daily nor provide medical care. She has a sweet personality, always lending a helping hand to the younger residents. After high school, she studied **Economics and Management** at St. Clemet University. However, her studies ended when the school relocated. She has been volunteering her administrative skills at the orphanage school. Recently, her brother, who cared for their aging mother, died and now the family looks to Alice, the only one educated, to care for her. Alice **will** step up the ladder to success if we send her to the United Methodist University - annual tuition is \$1,000US and books/transportation is \$40US monthly. Together, we make it happen. **Together!**





*Help Fund Women's Empowerment Grants -
Our Unwed Mothers Are Ready To Take The Next Step Up
The Ladder Of Success!*



We have known **N**aomi since age 4 when she entered the SIC orphanage. It was such a delight watching this bright eyed little one blossom into a teenager. Then, after 9th grade, she became pregnant and left the program. Three years ago, alone with 1 of her 2 children sickly, she appealed for emergency medical assistance, tuition to finish high school and for a monthly stipend for food/rent for her family. She had worked selling toothpaste for a relative but it often didn't yield enough for a daily meal. Her appeal was approved through our Unwed Mothers Project and she also received an education scholarship for tuition, uniforms and fees to finish high school. Naomi is proud to be graduating in 2 months and desires to become an entrepreneur with a personal stall at



a local market to sell women's clothing. The market requires 6 month's rent (\$150US) upfront and she will need \$250US for bulk purchase of clothing. A total of \$400US will enable her to become self-sufficient and no longer be dependent upon our monthly support. We are seeking a sponsor to help Naomi achieve her goals. *Are you the one?*



After completing high school, **F**lorence fell in love with a student and at age 21 gave birth to her daughter. They wanted to marry, but he had no means of support and her father forced her and her daughter to move away. Her faith that she would marry her daughter's father caused her to return to Liberia without any finances. She and her daughter were homeless for a while and with no skills the only jobs she could find were washing clothing in wash buckets and cleaning dishes. Even then, she didn't earn enough for daily food or rent. She was very thin and had become weak and sickly under physically exhausting labor, when we heard her story. With an LO/HP, Inc. Unwed Mothers monthly grant, she has blossomed and seeks our help to become gainfully employed. Also, she is now engaged to marry. She too like Naomi desires to have a personal stall at a local market. We are seeking **\$400US** to give her what she needs to be self-employed. *Together*, let's empower her!

*Help Us Provide Transportation For Our Vocational Students
As They Are Taking The Next Step Up The Ladder Of Success!*



Our **E**ducational **E**nrichment **P**roject currently sponsors six students at the Monrovia Vocational Training Center. From left to right, let me introduce them and the trade they are pursuing: John (Computer Technology); Aaron (Electricity); David (Electronics); Flomo (Electronics); Morris (Heavy Duty Mechanic); and, Samson (Electricity/Air-conditioning and Refrigeration). We are pleased to announce that with a passing grade of 85+ they have successfully completed the first 4 months of their 18-month training program. We have paid their tuitions, purchased required uniforms/safety helmets/shoes and school pamphlets. However, we have no vehicle in Liberia and with the devaluation of the US dollar it has been very challenging to provide the **\$240US monthly** (\$60US weekly) for transportation and the **\$240US**

monthly (\$60US weekly -\$2US daily) for lunch. **LO/HP, Inc. is a faith-based organization that relies on the generosity of donors and sponsors, and often times, as with many small public charities, our donation level fluctuates unexpectedly.** Thankfully, to date, we have been able to sustain their educational pursuits. Will you **help us...help them** by providing a **car**, making a **one-time donation** or **sponsoring 1 or more** of these wonderful young men as they climb up the ladder of success! I have often heard them say, "**Mother Sharon, I want to be somebody in life.**" Well, together, we can give them the tools they need to pursue their goals.

Renovations and Upgrades Brought Transformations To their Quality of Life. Together, We Can Do It again!



The *Paynesville community's cry for education* couldn't be ignored any longer and this 2 story brick structure built by LO/HP, Inc. became the location for the Eliza Neufville Memorial Academy (ENMA) on Pipeline Road. With just the front of the school fully plastered and painted, it opened to *200+ elementary/junior high school students*, mostly from female single head of household families who live in extreme poverty and simply could not afford the **\$125US - \$230US** tuition/fees of other area schools.

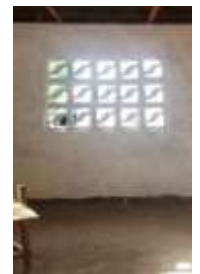
Even though, ENMA's tuition is **\$75US**, many once registered faced expulsion because their parents couldn't pay the balance due or buy required school uniforms. Most students escaped that fate as ENMA kept them enrolled on a *scholarship of mercy* for the past 4 years. Thus, school revenue wasn't sufficient to even do basic building improvements. Thanks to donors, LO/HP, Inc. has now stepped in to give this school building a facelift. *We need your help to complete the task. Together, let's also provide 100 scholarships to poverty children in need.*



With a scalpel built, exterior plastering began.

With the painting completed, the 2 rust-corroded exterior security doors are being repaired and will be painted.

ENMA School Needs Electrical Supplies



An LO/HP, Inc. grant provided electrical piping for wiring and boxes for switches and plugs to be installed throughout the school before interior plastering began. We need your help to purchase the electrical supplies below and finish this project to provide electricity in the school. Will you make a donation today and *help us...help them?*

<u>Item</u>	<u># Pieces</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u># Pieces</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Voltage converters	3 pc	\$150US		\$450US	Wall outlet	16 pcs	\$3US	\$48US
Electrical Wires	5 rolls	\$85US		\$425US	Junction cups	3 pcs	\$3US	\$9US
Lamp holder	19 pcs	\$1.50US		\$28.50US	Electric knife switch	1 pc	\$20US	\$20US
Panel Box	1 pc	\$80US		\$80US	Switch	9 pcs	\$3US	\$27US
Labor				\$150US				

Total for the Electrical Supplies.....\$1,237.50US

ENMA School’s Roof Half Finished



Due to bug infestations in the wood which caused damage to the structural integrity of roofs on 3 buildings, LO/HP, Inc. provided a grant to repaired or replaced most of them. One roofing project still needs our attention. Budget constraints only allowed us to replace half of the ENMA School’s damaged roof, the portion where the solar panels are installed. To finish this roofing project, *we are appealing for the following:*

<u>Item</u>	<u># Pieces</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u># Pieces</u>	<u>Unit \$</u>	<u>Total</u>
Zinc	3 bundles	\$120US	\$360US	Wood 2x2x14	26 pcs	\$2.50US	\$65US
Roofing Nails	4 packs	\$5US	\$20US	Wood 2x4x14	18 pcs	\$5US	\$90US
Wood treatment	1 container	\$15US	\$15US	Wood 2x6x14	6 pcs	\$6.30US	\$38US
Labor			\$165US	Transportation			\$20US

Total for the “Roofing Project”\$773US

ENMA School Needs Ceilings for the Second Level

Typical, many school buildings in Liberia have no ceiling beneath their roof. It was the same at ENMA which exposed the classrooms on the 2nd level to water damage during the heavy rainy season. Recently, LO/HP, Inc. sent funds to install a ceiling in one classroom shown below in the beginning stage. This room will be used to house over 800 text books and teacher guides, computers, a printer, projectors, hanging charts, school supplies,



and other educational/instructional aides which will arrive in Liberia in June. The remaining *3 classrooms are still vulnerable* to rain damage. *Your donation can help us provide a ceiling for these rooms, one of which will eventually be used as a computer lab.* We are in need of the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u># Pieces</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u># Pieces</u>	<u>Unit \$</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wood 2x2x14	60 pcs	\$2.50US	\$250US	Nails	2 boxes	\$35US	\$70US
Ceiling Sheets	35 pcs	\$6US	\$210US	Transportation			\$25US

Total for the “Ceiling Installation for 2nd level Project”\$635US

ENMA School Needs Wall Paint

While all classrooms and hallways have recently been plastered, there are currently no walls that have been painted. We need the following for this painting project.

<u>Item</u>	<u># Pieces</u>	<u>Unit \$</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u># Pieces</u>	<u>Unit \$</u>	<u>Total</u>
Paint 5 gallons	7 buckets	\$75US	\$525US	Paint rollers	10 pcs	\$4.50US	\$45US
White wash	2 pks	\$10US	\$20US	Paint brushes	10 pcs	\$2US	\$20US
Gasoline (thinner)	4 gallons	\$5.47US	\$21.87	Labor			\$150US

Total for the “Painting Project”\$781.87US

ENMA School & the SIC Orphanage Needs Ceramic Floor Tiles

All ENMA floors are bare cement slab and most of the floors at the SIC orphanage are covered with linoleum floor mats which must be replaced frequently due to regular tearing with use. The total number of square footage to cover both the school and orphanage are listed below. Will be seeking donors to provide the ceramic floor tiles and the tile adhesive to install them. LO/HP, Inc. will pay the shipping costs. ***Help us...Help Them!***

The floor measurement for each level of the ENMA school building is 39x39 feet totaling **3,402 square feet** for this facility. The floor measurement for SIC main house bedrooms and office is **1,153 square feet**, the SIC back porch is **90 square feet** (outside tiles); kitchen building is **397 square feet** (inside) and **196 square feet** (outside tiles) and bathhouse is **336 square feet**. All medium to large ceramic tile donations are welcomed. The total square footage for inside areas is **5,288 square feet** and **286 square feet for outside areas**.

Your donations will make a difference! **T**ogether, we can finish what was started!

Adopt An Orphanage for "A Month"

A seed was planted deep within my heart at age 10 by a funding drive to raise money to feed children in undeveloped nations sponsored by UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund). Their television projection of starving children, with no clothes or shoes, and sores on their bodies left an undeniable desire within me to want to do something to help them. I answered the call and became one of many neighborhood children who went door-to-door seeking donations to help the less fortunate.

Little did I realize that as an adult I would be given a chance to significantly improve the quality of life for a great multitude of children, youth and young adults in extreme poverty like those previously seen on the television. Destiny occurred during my first visit to SIC in 1990 when I fell in love with its founder, a great woman of faith, the late Mother Eliza Neufville, heard her vision and saw her plight. With little to nothing, she did her best to feed, educate and care for orphaned, abandoned, abused, neglected and/or impoverished children. That very day my life's journey took on new meaning and I vowed to become an avenue for funding to meet their daily needs.

Many people, churches and civic groups have expressed a sincere interest in helping the poor, but are unable to make a long term or life-time commitment. ***Let me suggest that you help us by sponsoring SIC for 1 month.*** Get involved, you won't regret it. The satisfaction in knowing that your gifts provide for their care is immeasurable. Let me share a few pictures of "***my adopted family***" in Liberia. ***They can be "your adopted family" too!***



SIC Orphanage Family - **Staff: 10**
Residents - **Males: 10 Females: 19**



Meals in the Kitchen Building



Birthdays



Play Time



My Little Ones



Older girls show off their new shoes.



Learning new skills with gifts from America.



SIC children sending emergency food to rural relatives during COVID outbreak.

In addition to the monthly salaries and stipends totaling **\$570US** that LO/HP, Inc. provides, so much more is given monthly to ensure that everything is provided to meet SIC's needs: daily meals with proper nutrients, clothing, shoes, bedding, hygiene items, toiletries, medicine, and other basic necessities for quality of care, as itemized below:

FOOD ITEMS

Daily market	\$90US	Red oil	\$25US	Baking powder	\$10US
Fish	\$50US	Can Milk	\$21US	Tomato paste	\$10US
Chicken	\$25US	Onions	\$10US	Juice	\$10US
Pork	\$25US	Dried Pepper	\$15US	Coal	\$40US
Rice (12 bags)	\$180US	Salt	\$10US	Transportation	\$40US
Beans	\$60US	Flour	\$30US	TOTAL	\$840US
Gari	\$45US	Sugar	\$55US		
Maggi cubes	\$18US	Butter	\$25US		
Vegetable oil	\$36US	Yeast	\$10US		

PERSONAL ITEMS

Girl's personal	\$10US	Tooth brushes	\$6US	Toilet paper	\$15US
Deodorant	\$10US	Bath soap	\$13US	Bleach	\$10US
Hair grease	\$10US	Iron ball soap	\$18US	TOTAL	\$117US
Toothpaste	\$10US	Tide soap	\$15US		

OTHER BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Educ. Transp.	\$240US	Trash pickup	\$25US
Mosquito spray	\$15US	Rat poison	\$10US
TOTAL	\$290US		

Clothing, shoes, underwear and monthly funds for educational scholarships and school expenses are not listed above. Nor is medicine or medical care, nevertheless, it is provided upon the request by our Nurse on staff. LO/HP, Inc.'s monthly grants to SIC typically cover the needs listed above. However, sometimes we struggle providing everything they need and some months due to donation levels we simply cannot accommodate every desire to give. However, with your help, together *we can maintain our provision of services* to those most in need *with the quality of care you would want for your family members, loved ones or friends.*

If you are unable to sponsor the full operation of SIC for a month, consider sponsoring one of the categories above. For those who join us on any level, you will receive a Certificate of Appreciation for your sponsorship and pictures taken during the month of sponsorship.

Will You, Your Organization or Civic Group Sponsor SIC for "A Month?"

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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, unwed mothers, educational opportunities, medical care, stipends for the Blind & the disadvantaged at every age in urban areas and rural villages. **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 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) _____