



House of Hope

Sierra Leone, West Africa

Food, Clothing, Shelter, Education, Christian Love—A Future—A Smile on Their Faces

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Highlights

- Pastor Abdul visited the school the children attend and received an excellent report. All of the children have significantly improved their academic performance since they moved to House of Hope a few weeks ago.
- Our Christmas fundraising efforts were very successful, especially the House of Hope gift certificates. We were able to send \$1,200 a few days before Christmas. With this they were able to replenish the depleted supply of staple foods to last for at least two months, buy shoes and clothes for the children, provide Christmas gifts for the two house mothers, and sponsor a Christmas party.
- A designated gift was given to purchase rice for families that have served as guardian families to bless and honor them for helping the children.
- When Mariama collapsed after receiving the news of baby Adama's death, the children began praying and fasting and didn't stop until she regained consciousness three days later.
- The bucket kits for drip irrigation have arrived in Freetown. Abdul has done research and purchased good quality seed and has completed the preparation of the ground for this pilot project. They will be growing carrots, tomatoes, peppers, and lettuce. Please pray for the success of this experiment. If it is successful, it has enormous potential to improve food security, not just at House of Hope, but for other people in the village.
- We have new leads on potential sponsors.

Living Water International

Suzanne attended the Living Water International (LWI) Sanitation and Hygiene course last weekend. The LWI team in Sierra Leone has agreed to help maintain the well at House of Hope and the community well. They are doing wonderful work. Their water analysis of the area near House of Hope revealed that there is "no sanitation." This means that that the people don't even have latrines. Lack of safe water and sanitation is the main cause of the extremely high under-five mortality rate in Sierra Leone. Please learn more about the water crisis at the LWI website <http://v2.water.cc/> Be sure to watch the videos.

In Memoriam

Adama Habba Age 15 Months



When Carolyn and Suzanne visited House of Hope in April, baby Adama was seven months old. Her 14-year-old mother, Mariama, nursed and protected her baby and then played with the other children. We learned that Mariama had been repeatedly raped in the guardian home where she was staying. The man threatened her to prevent her from telling Pastor Abdul what was happening, so no one knew until she was pregnant.

When Mariama moved to House of Hope, the man who abused her refused to let her take Adama because he is an ardent Muslim. He moved to another town, and the baby was in the care of his wives. We didn't realize this until the tragic news came on Christmas day.

As the children and church members were happily preparing for Christmas, a messenger arrived to announce that Adama had died and to deliver her body for burial. Pastor Abdul buried her that day amidst great grief at House of Hope.

Two days later, we received an urgent message that Mariama had collapsed and was hospitalized. She remained in shock and unconscious for the next two days. Then Abdul moved her from the government hospital in Lungi to a private hospital in Freetown where she received treatment that revived her the next day.

Praise the Lord that we already had the money available to help cover her medical care. She is healthy and back in school. Abdul is following up on the cause of Adama's death and ways to deal with the man who is responsible. Please pray for a great recompense of souls saved in Lungi in the aftermath of this tragedy.

Please tell someone about House of Hope. The story is at www.fwwoc.org/hope.htm.

