



House of Hope

Sierra Leone, West Africa

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

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Sponsor Update

- The Chapin Living Waters drip irrigation kits arrived. The seedbeds were already prepared. Seeds were nursed in flats, and the seedlings are almost ready to be transplanted to the irrigation garden. Abdul writes, "Massive work is going on in the agricultural wing. More grounds have been prepared and so many seeds have been nursed. Am beginning to see lot of prospect in this sector. . . . and we are making a lot of progress."
- Security at the house has been improved. A security guard monitors entrance to the compound and helps watch the children.
- Sister Adama, one of the two House of Hope mothers who has been taking care of the children since October, will be reassigned to a pastoral ministry, either in the new Kambia church or the far east Freetown branch of FWWOC Sierra Leone. Please pray for someone to replace her.
- Pastor Abdul reports that the sixteen Sierra Leonean sponsors are "doing fine," but he has not been able to recruit additional sponsors. The sponsors are planning an Easter treat for the children since the Christmas party turned into such a nightmare when Mariama's baby died.
- Abdul's mother, who emigrated to London, is in Freetown for a visit. She is the one who donated the house and land to the ministry. She brought a "lot of goodies for the home" including more seeds.
- I would like to begin collecting educational resources to ship to House of Hope. These resources could be used by our children and also as a resource for other children in the village.

Fundraising



It has been almost a year since our Moms for Hope fundraiser (the baby clothes sale). I (Suzanne) would like to do something that is less work and could possibly involve more people. The idea I have is to make simple bracelets using one to three beautiful West African trade beads and ask a lot of people to distribute them to friends and relatives for a small donation to House of Hope. Any thoughts on this idea?

How God Rescued the Twins



These beautiful twin girls are not House of Hope orphans, but they were rescued by House of Hope and their lives are a testimony to God's goodness and faithfulness. Their young, unmarried mother was driven from her home when she became pregnant. The ministry found her in the streets, helped her through her pregnancy, and allowed her to stay at a small cottage on the House of Hope grounds in exchange for helping with chores around the house.

A Muslim man named Mohammed was hired as caretaker of the House of Hope before the children moved in. A little over a year ago, the church held a retreat for leaders at House of Hope. Mohammed listened to the teachings and gave his life to the Lord. He changed his name to David. Then he and the mother of the twins fell in love and began making plans to marry. When Carolyn and I visited Sierra Leone last April, David was busy helping the twins' mother take care of them and was obviously delighting in them. Praise the Lord!

Have you written to your child lately? Since writing is a hassle, let's make a video. I would like to record a video greeting from each sponsor family on Sunday, March 22. I'll be available with videocamera in hand before and after church. I think the children, and the adults there too, will enjoy seeing and hearing us.

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

