



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 reports that prices are rising very rapidly. The April ledger shows expenses of \$678. This includes 3rd term school fees of \$113 for twenty children. School lunches were \$48.
- All of the children are healthy. They had their first-ever health checkups in March. Medications the doctor recommended for illnesses that occur during the rainy season have been purchased.
- The children's diet has been upgraded to include milk, eggs, sardines, and butter for breakfast on Sundays.
- The Easter outing at the beach that was sponsored by the Sierra Leonean sponsors was a big success.
- Abdul reported in a phone conversation last week that the children are very happy. Praise the Lord!
- The experiment with drip irrigation during the dry season went very well. This needs to be expanded.

Prayer List

- The Sierra Leonean sponsors need financial blessings. Many of them are not getting their salaries on time--some who have the heart to support the children have not been paid for three months now. This is a critical issue for House of Hope.
- FWWOC Sierra Leone has decided to take a second offering every Sunday for House of Hope until things get better for sponsors. Pray for breakthroughs and abundance.
- The Rotary Foundation International proposal for drip irrigation, well rehab, and rainwater harvesting needs more funding because rules for matching grants have changed. Pray for \$3,750 of additional contributions from Rotary clubs.
- Please pray for wisdom about the best approach to sanitation at House of Hope. This is an ongoing problem and a long-term health issue. We are researching ecological sanitation solutions such as "arbor loos" and composting toilets, which could contribute to the success of our agriculture as well as solving the sanitation problem.
- To adequately support the children, we need more sponsors here and in Sierra Leone.

A Key to Health and Prosperity



VIP latrine—The area where House of Hope is located lacks even pit latrines.

The Global Sanitation Challenge

An estimated 2.6 billion people — half of the developing world — lack access to adequate sanitation (almost 40% of the world's population) A Study conducted by Water Aid concludes that diarrhea caused by poor sanitation is killing many more children than HIV/Aids, tuberculosis and malaria combined. It is estimated that improved sanitation facilities could reduce diarrhea-related deaths of young children by more than one-third. If hygiene promotion is added, such as teaching proper hand washing, it could be reduced by two thirds. It would also help accelerate economic and social development in countries where poor sanitation is a major cause of lost work and school days because of illness. Girls in particular – especially when they hit puberty – miss out on schooling because of the lack of clean and safe latrines.

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