



# 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

- Living Water International installed a hand pump on our well at House of Hope giving our children and others in the neighborhood a much safer water supply.
- We have new sponsors for Isatu Kamara and for Rugiatu Karbo. Thank you, sponsors. These children are blessed to have you in their lives.
- We have been praying for additional partners. Now an organization in the UK, Word of Life Mission, made up of Sierra Leoneans living in the UK has started contributing to House of Hope. Pamela, one of their members, was visiting in Lungi and saw the House of Hope sign. She called Pastor Abdul to check out the ministry and has begun helping.
- The well rehabilitation and toilet system at St. Monica's school has been completed. This is a major upgrade, which should improve the health of children in Tardi village. This system with flush toilets and a sealed septic tank is ultra-modern by rural Sierra Leonean standards. It is a side-benefit of our involvement at House of Hope. Thank you to Ruth and Robert Search and their Living Water International team.
- Sierra Leonean sponsors have increased their giving, which enabled the purchase of part of the school books and uniforms the children need.
- Six children will take the national NPSE examination that will determine their eligibility for junior secondary school. This is extremely important for their futures. Please pray for their success.

## New Toilets at St. Monica's School



What a transition from no sanitation facilities to this toilet with separate facilities for boys and girls and a sealed septic system.

## Christmas Party at House of Hope



It doesn't take much to make these children happy—food, music and a place to dance. Looks like the whole neighborhood showed up for the House of Hope Christmas party.

## Rotary Project

After numerous setbacks and detours, it looks like some version of our proposed water and agriculture project in Lungi will be funded. The Moline Rotary Club, with the support of other local clubs, will apply for a Global Grant under Rotary's new Future Vision pilot program. The Moline Club has committed to proceed with whatever local and district funds we can get if the Global Grant doesn't receive funding. It's a lot of work!

The project, which will be focus on a "school garden," has the potential to increase the food supply in the village because it will enable year round crop production. Simple technological innovations like rainwater harvesting and drip irrigation can make a huge difference. The well rehabilitation component will be managed by Living Water International.

The village chief has promised land for the agricultural project and his support for organizing the participants. We have a consultant at the Ministry of Agriculture for technical expertise. Shaka Turay, who is a member of FWWOC SL, has agriculture experience and will lead the project. But, introducing even small changes in a subsistence economy and culture has many opportunities for failure, and the management challenges are daunting. Please pray for wisdom as we proceed. We desperately need God's help!

*Please tell someone about House of Hope. The story is at [www.fwwoc.org/hope.htm](http://www.fwwoc.org/hope.htm). Art and Suzanne are available to speak to churches and organizations.*

