

# HOPE NOTES

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Clean Water  
& Energy



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**Celebrating 25 Years of  
Opportunity, Dignity,  
& Hope**



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# A message from our CEO, Tanya Nace

For 25 years WHI (Canada) has been empowering opportunity, dignity, and hope in some of the most vulnerable communities around the world, partnering with thousands of donors to impact millions of lives all in the Way of Jesus. Our vision today is as clear as it has been since day one. While methods and locations have changed, the heart and purpose behind World Hope has not. Thanks to your generous giving, partnership, and prayer, we look forward to seeing transformation take place among the poorest communities for many years to come.

Interestingly, when we give sacrificially and with the right heart, we ourselves are transformed. I was moved by the words of Henry Nouwen, *"Those who need money and those who can give money meet on the common ground of God's love."* It is with this heart that you have been giving to people living in poverty, sickness, and enslavement.

May God bless you for your kindness and generosity. May God bless you for your heart for the forgotten. May God bless you for your passion to see transformation take place. You are a gift to World Hope and together we will work to see opportunity, dignity, and hope transform vulnerable communities for years to come!

**"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."**

**2 Corinthians 9:8**







# THE TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER OF CLEAN WATER

At the Alfred K. Brown Wesleyan School in Liberia, a water tower system upgrade is providing safe water access for the school and surrounding communities. The water tower was constructed with a 1,500-gallon tank outfitted with an inline chlorination system. Solar panels provide power to pump water to the elevated tank, allowing safe water to flow to collection spouts. A water committee maintains the water point. With better access to safe water, the health and well-being of the community has markedly improved.

To keep the water point from being contaminated, the water committee fenced in the area and has developed protocols for proper practices. Everyone pays a reasonable and fair amount to access safe water.

Now that the school and community have a safe water point, children and adults alike have been educated on best practices about sanitation and hygiene. Flush toilets and handwashing stations have been installed at the school and are being used regularly. This knowledge is transforming lives. What an incredible difference access to clean, safe water makes!

Safe water access is a human right. Every year about 3.5 million people die from lack of access to safe water supply, sanitation, and hygiene.\* (United Nations) ***Together, we will continue to see this statistic drop.***



**Those who are gracious  
to the poor lend to the Lord,  
and the Lord  
will fully repay them.**

Proverbs 19:17 CEB



## BREAKING STIGMAS, EMPOWERING CHANGE

Down Syndrome is a genetic disorder caused by a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21, leading to developmental and intellectual delays. It is also characterized by distinct facial and limb features, and low muscle tone. In Sierra Leone, there are many negative perceptions and myths surrounding children born with Down Syndrome. They are often called "devils." These misconceptions can be distressing, contributing to stigma and exclusion.

### DYK?

Each year approximately 3,000 to 5,000 children are born with Down Syndrome.  
(United Nations)

The Enable the Children (ETC) team in Sierra Leone provides advocacy services and works diligently to educate families, communities, and schools about the truth of Down Syndrome. **Holistic rehabilitation is giving children and their families hope for their futures.**

Adonis was diagnosed with Down Syndrome and developmental delay when he was just 8 months old at Ola During Children's Hospital. At the time, he was unable to sit independently, crawl, or control his muscles due to significant muscle weakness.

Following consistent therapy interventions, Adonis has shown remarkable progress. He can now walk independently, a milestone reflecting his tremendous improvement. Encouraged by his success, his family has taken the next step, enrolling him in school, ensuring he continues to thrive.



Every person living with Down Syndrome has unique strengths and talents. With the right support, inclusion, and encouragement; they can lead happy, fulfilling lives.

# MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP WITH MAP INTERNATIONAL

In clinics and hospitals around Liberia, medicines and medical supplies often run out. Working together with MAP International, World Hope International is providing hospitals and clinics with needed supplies to better care for those in need. Supplies distributed include: medications, medical supplies, and equipment needed to care for vulnerable children and their families.

The medical distribution team arrived at one clinic in Western Liberia to find that they were overwhelmed with patients. They arrived just in time to replenish the shelves with essential medical supplies.

In another remote town in Southern Liberia, a pregnant woman was rushed to a medical clinic only to find that they were out of supplies needed to administer crucial medications to her. Desperate and anxious, the team explained to her husband that the closest hospital with appropriate supplies available was 2 hours away. As he was headed out the door to make the journey on foot, a medical distribution team arrived at the clinic with exactly what was needed, bringing with them hope and relief. Shortly after administering medication to ease mom’s pain, a baby girl’s cries were heard ringing through the clinic. The entire community rejoiced, *a miracle had unfolded in their midst.*



## How does ETC make a difference for children living with disabilities?

Physical Therapy	Strengthens muscles and promotes early developmental milestones.
Occupational Therapy	Supports daily activities such as speech development, self-care, and school readiness.
Locally Made Equipment	Provides custom chairs, splints, commodes, and standing frames to support independence in daily life.
Psychosocial Counselling	Supports families emotionally and helps them navigate societal stigma.
Community & School Sensitization	Raises awareness and ensures schools are inclusive for children with disabilities.



## CARE FOR THE VULNERABLE

Over the past few years, more and more children and youth have unrestricted access to the internet. This can be a wonderful thing. Information about so many good and helpful things is just a click away, but there is also a dark side to this kind of access. Predators lurk in the dark corners online and operate in the shadows, executing evil against the vulnerable.

This is what the Lord Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.'

Zechariah 7:9-10 NIV

In Cambodia, there has been an upward surge of online crime. Because of this, the WHI team in Cambodia recently kicked off a program to care for those who have been harmed by online scamming and trafficking. Partnership with WHI Philippines ensures the team in Cambodia is trained to both educate citizens and communities to recognize the signs of and to prevent trafficking and abuse, and for best practices in caring for survivors from rescue to reintegration.



"Our commitment to preventing these crimes remains strong as we raise awareness among parents, families, schools, and communities. We are duty bound to respond to those who call for help,"

Emelita Goddard shared with the news outlet covering the announcement of the new program in Cambodia.

Online sexual exploitation along with any form of trafficking of persons causes deep trauma that survivors carry for years. With proper intervention, survivors have hope for the future and the opportunity to reframe their trauma, restoring dignity.



**PRAY**



For the social workers who help survivors heal.



## SPONSORED CHILD GIVES BACK

Jean serves as a field officer with WHI at a Wesleyan school in Haiti where he is also the educational director: the same school where he was a beneficiary of the Child Sponsorship program. In his teenage years, Jean witnessed many of his peers be drawn into gangs and tragically lose their lives because they did not have the opportunity he did. These experiences impacted him deeply. After graduating, he desired to serve in the place that nurtured him, to be a positive influence on the next generation.

Jean is driven by a deep desire to be a positive force in the lives of children, to be a guide and mentor to many who are growing up without a father figure. Jean's personal experience as a beneficiary of the program gives him a better understanding of the challenges children face and how best to support them through these difficult times. With so much uncertainty, child sponsorship is a beacon of hope, stability, and care.

Jean is deeply grateful for the Wesleyan School and the sponsors who gave him the opportunity to receive an education rooted in Christian values. He is convinced that this solid foundation guided him to follow the way of Christ and has shaped him to be the person he is today.

**"In our challenging context, keeping children in school is our greatest hope for building a brighter future and breaking the cycle of violence and instability."**

Jean also leads a Wesleyan Church that he helped plant. Their mission is twofold: to welcome members to the Church who have been displaced by armed gangs, and to continue the vital work of evangelism, offering spiritual hope and guidance to those in need.

**"I would like to sincerely thank WHI for its tireless efforts and the profound impact it has had on my life. Your work continues to inspire transformation and hope in places where it is most needed."**

The Lord is close to  
the brokenhearted and saves those  
who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18 (NIV)



## GLIMMERS OF HOPE

Amidst the gang violence that is ravaging Haiti, there is a glimmer of hope for residents. World Hope International is working in partnership with The Wesleyan Church in Haiti to provide food and hygiene kits to displaced and vulnerable families. For two women on the Island of La Gonâve, Haiti, this generosity was the answer to their prayers.

One woman, who was sick and confined to her bed, recounted the moment when a Wesleyan Church leader visited her. "While I was sick in bed, a church leader came to my house to invite me to participate in the food distribution, this was God's work for me. Thank you for choosing me as a beneficiary."

Another woman, who cares for three disabled family members,

shared how vital this support was for her, it was a lifeline. "The program might not continue for others, but it should continue for me," she said, her words reflecting the critical importance of this assistance in her life.

Food and hygiene kits have been distributed to **4,900** people in Haiti serving **990** families in **11** communities, **72** churches, and **6** refugee camps. Your generosity provides comfort and relief to those facing immense challenges. Though Haiti is a country full of unrest and uncertainty, the light of Jesus shines brightly when His people give generously to serve those in need.

Thank you for your generosity in giving to World Hope. We focus on transformational development in the way of Jesus in some of the least developed countries in the world. You are making a difference in the lives of thousands of people every month!

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