

HOPE NOTES

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The Power of
Education through the
lens of our 3 pillars.



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CEO Tanya Nace: Transformational Impact

I have been traveling to our projects around the world and connecting with donors across Canada – and the best word I can use to describe the impact is “transformational.”

Vulnerable children and their families in developing countries have shared with me how their lives have been transformed because of this special partnership. I hope that you are encouraged to read about the impact of your prayers and generous giving.

I have seen the thread of education connecting all that we do.

- Children staying safe while travelling to school.
- Survivors from trafficking having the opportunity to learn again
- Teachers at our sponsorship schools furthering their education
- Solar power allowing children to use laptops for the first time
- Villages learning how to keep their deep borehole wells in good condition, so they last for many years to come.

Having access to educational opportunities is transforming thousands of lives around the world. Thank you for your prayers and generosity! Together we are motivated by our love for Christ to walk alongside the most vulnerable children and their families.

With hope,
Tanya

Tanya



A NEW STORY THROUGH EDUCATION

Globally, as reported by UNESCO in 2022, 244 million children worldwide, down from 258 million in 2018, lack the resources and opportunity to attend school*. This number is shrinking, but not quickly enough. Much progress is needed, but every child helped, ignites hope in some of the hardest places around the world.



Isaiah grew up in Liberia with his four siblings. Their parents worked hard to support the family, but it was difficult to provide enough for daily needs and to pay for all their children to attend school.

WHI's Child Sponsorship program came alongside the family and helped support Isaiah in his educational journey.

Isaiah was first sponsored by the program when he was in Grade 3. In his first year, he excelled and was promoted from Grade 3 to Grade 5. After completing grade 6, Isaiah moved to a larger urban centre to continue his education.

“Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths of your feet and be steadfast in all your ways”

Proverbs 4:25-26 (NIV)

Because he moved, Isaiah was no longer eligible for sponsorship. However, he was awarded a scholarship at the end of his first school year and continued to earn scholarships through high school because of his academic achievement. He then began teaching to support himself as he continued to further his education.

Isaiah went on to complete post-secondary education, earning a diploma in Computer Science, an Associate Degree in Education Administration Inter-Digital Computer School, and LICOSESS Teacher Training Program. Then in 2022, Isaiah graduated from the University of Liberia with a bachelor's degree in Geology.

When asked about his educational journey, Isaiah has this to say, “I personally can attribute every success or stage I have reached in my life to the intervention of World Hope because that was during the foundational stage of my life. The timing of the World Hope Program was a turning point for me. I am the first child of my parents who completed both secondary and [post-secondary] education.”



THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PROTECTION AND EDUCATION

Protection and education go hand in hand. When either is threatened, the other is at risk. World Hope works to increase protection and equitable access to education for the vulnerable.



In Sierra Leone, Sarah* went to live with her grandmother because her mother would leave her home alone for days at a time. This negatively affected her school attendance because she had to work in order to feed herself. She moved in with her grandmother, and though life was still a struggle, Sarah was able to attend school because people provided what she and her grandmother needed in exchange for their work.

When Sarah was 13, she met a man who promised to provide for all her needs if she agreed to be his girlfriend. He provided her with food, clothes, and school fees, but sexually abused her in return. Eventually, a woman who had been observing the situation informed the police. When the police intervened, they discovered that Sarah was pregnant. She was admitted into the World Hope Recovery Center where she received therapy and care.

**“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit”**

-Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

Now, Sarah has been reintegrated into her community. With the help of an extended family member and her mother, who watches over the baby, she has returned to school. Sarah is excited that she has the opportunity to complete her education. She has hope for her future.

WATER MANAGEMENT TEAMS ENHANCE SUSTAINABILITY

Did You Know?

According to a National Library of Medicine Study, in 2022 diseases related to water, sanitation and hygiene accounted for 20% of all deaths in Sierra Leone.

Education is not only for children. Learning is happening on many levels and in many areas in Sierra Leone. When deep borehole wells are drilled and water kiosks or spring boxes are built, leaving them unmaintained and hoping they continue to work is not an option. It takes teams of people committed to keeping them clean and in good working order to ensure that the water keeps flowing and that it is safe.



“For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.” - Isaiah 44:3 (NIV)

Globally, World Hope International is committed to ensure sustainability and promote dignity. Water Management Teams are established each time a water point is set up. Members are chosen from each community, men and women alike, to learn the skills needed to properly manage the site.

This capacity-building initiative not only enhances local expertise but also fosters a culture of self-reliance and empowerment for current and future generations, helping to fulfill World Hope International’s mission. As a member of a Water Management Team reflected, “The training... has taught us to personally take care of ourselves.”

EMPOWERING GIRLS

We can probably all remember squirming through health class when the teacher began talking about “our changing bodies.” But we probably never imagined the negative impact not receiving this type of education can have. For some girls in Cambodia, puberty can result in school absences because they haven’t learned about menstrual cycles. Fear and cultural misconceptions regarding menstruation can create a lot of confusion for young girls who are entering puberty.

The World Hope International Cambodia team provided learning sessions for 12 girls in grade 4 (ages 10-13). The girls learned about the normal development of their bodies. And topics included female biology, what to expect through puberty, and how the girls can manage their periods. They learned that they can continue to attend school during their menstrual cycles and these sessions have reduced fear and confusion.



Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. Isaiah 61:7 (NIV)

Female development is nothing to be ashamed of. Through these educational opportunities, young women and their families are being empowered to embrace the changes that are happening in their bodies, giving them dignity to grow and learn without fear of participating in class and in life.



The girls are now part of a supportive and encouraging community as menstruation is beginning, and where there was once shame and confusion, there is now clarity and understanding. At the end of the training, the girls were provided with practical supplies that will help them to take care of themselves.

LIFE-SAVING JINGLES



Cervical cancer screening saves women's lives. Because finding and treating cancer early is so important the World Hope International health team in Sierra Leone works with community mobilizers to help more women hear about and access screening.

Cervical Cancer is the 2nd most common cancer in women in Sierra Leone and is highly treatable when caught early.

Community Mobilizer, Milton, better known as “Stuntman” is a local musician who creates and sings jingles that help to educate women on the importance of being screened.

With Milton’s jingles more women have taken the opportunity to be screened, which means less women are dying from cervical cancer.

CHAMPS | CHILD HEALTH AND MORTALITY PROGRAM SURVEILLANCE

The CHAMPS team in Sierra Leone are committed to their research and the care of families. This research is helping reduce the frequency of stillbirths and under 5-deaths in Sierra Leone.

One mother whose child died, moved out of the district in which CHAMPS was conducting their research. The team wanted to ensure she benefited from the follow up the CHAMPS program provides; so, they put in the effort to visit and interview her and offer comfort in the district she moved to. Getting there involved driving on rough roads, walking some miles, and crossing a river. When the team arrived, she happily welcomed them and said that she would spread the news about the work of CHAMPS in her community. As the team departed, she thanked them for coming all the way to the district she was now residing in.



One team member recalls: “We just smiled and said to her that, **we as CHAMPS, we cross rivers, hills, and mountains in reaching the last person to make sure that he/she benefits from our program.**”

THE PHILIPPINES

Led by an all-Filipino team of experts in trafficking prevention and trauma-informed survivor care, WHI Philippines is a trusted organization that has received national recognition for its work with survivors of trafficking and abuse.

A **“Healing Home: Psychosocial Intervention for Families”** training was conducted in March. The training is designed to equip social workers to provide families with knowledge on the nature, types, and impacts of abuse; using positive communication and positive discipline; acquiring skills on identifying and expressing emotions healthily; enhancing emotional connection in the family; and setting family goals.



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