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NOT A CHARITY . . . JUST PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

As many countries begin emerging from a four-month mandated quarantine, life is slowly starting to get back to "normal". COVID-19 has deeply impacted billions of lives all around the world. For those of us who call North America home, even though it was difficult, we were very blessed to live here as we were going through one of the scariest health pandemics in modern history. We had to be careful, but we were still able to go out and buy our groceries for days, or even weeks at a time.

It is a very different situation in Liberia. As COVID-19 made its way onto the African continent, it eventually made its way into West Africa, even all the way out to Liberia. Pre-coronavirus daily life was already tough for people in Liberia, but now, the situation for the average person has become even more dire.

Poor communities and villages have been hit the hardest. Many villagers rely on trade in order to earn enough money to purchase the very much needed bags of rice. This is an ongoing problem as the

coronavirus has been spreading and like many other countries, the government has issued strong stay-at-home orders.

Church services and other large gatherings were suspended for several weeks. The government has even imposed a strictly enforced curfew to help curb the spread of the virus. The markets and banks are only open for a few hours each day. *For many people, it seems like an impossible situation.* Liberia has already endured two terrible civil wars, the HIV crisis, the Ebola outbreak, and are still battling with malaria, typhoid and cholera on a daily basis.

For many Liberians, life was made a little bit easier because of your generosity. We were able to raise thousands of dollars and purchase hundreds of bags of rice and water. Please visit our Facebook page to see the many stories and hear the many thank yous from the people we helped. It has been such an honour and privilege to be one of God's channels of blessing to Liberia. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/hopeforliberia>.

Community is everything in Africa. You know the old adage, "It takes a village...". I've seen that happen with my own eyes and all of us are tied together in the great community of God. Words aren't always enough to express how much your giving means to the people of Liberia. I want to leave you with this quote from the great Nigerian poet, Chinua Achebe.

"A man who calls his kinsmen to a feast does not do so to save them from starving. They all have food in their own homes. When we gather together in the moonlit village ground it is not because of the moon. Every man can see it in his own compound. We come together because it is good for kinsmen to do so."

Chinua Achebe:
Things Fall Apart
1958

Warmest regards,


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Giving by e-transfer allows the most money to be sent to Liberia.



