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Globally, 2021 was another difficult year. COVID-19 continued to spread around the world. Travel remained restricted. Many families struggled to be able to gather together. The financial toll on businesses and homes continued. And yet, in the midst of all of this, Hope For Liberia saw a **40% increase in giving** as compared to the previous year. God has been so faithful and your unwavering support has made all the difference in the world.

I (Joe) am usually the one who writes the reports for these newsletters, but for this issue, I thought it would be good for you to **hear directly from Pastor Sam** (pictured with me), who is on the ground in Liberia and is in the best position to convey to you how much of an impact **Hope for Liberia** is having.

*"In this 21st Century, access to quality education in Liberia is still a luxury that more than **60%** of school-aged children can't*

*afford. As a result of that, most children (sometimes as young as 5 years old) **have no option but to sell in the streets** in order to help parents feed the home.*

*"On the other hand, those whose parents can afford to send them to school (whether standardized or poorly run schools) often face the issue of transportation. Children will have to **walk to school sometimes 2 hours in each direction**. Those who ride transport motorcycles often risk accidents on a daily basis because of reckless bike riders.*

*"In the midst of such despair 'Hope For Liberia' has brought real hope to Liberia and Liberian children with the construction of a **modern 14 classroom***



school building for the 'I-UNIK' International Mission School at the Community of Hope, Careysburg.

*"Since opening in November, the school has enrolled more than **200 students from nursery to 9th grade, most of whom are orphans or children of blind or disabled parents**. Hope For Liberia provides transportation for these students to and from school from as far as 45 minutes away from the school. This is a huge relief for parents who don't have to worry about their children's safety anymore.*

*"The school also **feeds these students breakfast and lunch** which means so much more to them. In homes, **just one good meal a day is a major challenge** for parents. This has also increased the interest from the children to learn and for parents to want to send their children to school.*

"In addition to academics, the school offers tailoring, art,

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pastry, and masonry with the addition of auto mechanics to be added in February.

“These were intended for the students at the beginning, but adults are expressing real, genuine interest because there are **no such opportunities for said learning in the entire district** where the school is currently at. The impact of the school in this district cannot be overemphasized because parents cannot stop expressing thanks and appreciation.

“The impact of the school and all that it offers is also felt by the children of soldiers at the **Camp Sandee Ware Military barracks** (one of the largest in the country responsible for logistics command and training) as well. Lack of close proximity to schools, and the long distance kept most of

these soldiers’ children from going to school, but I-UNIK, through Hope For Liberia has changed that narrative.

“**More than just a school, the Community of Hope has now become a real community centre for training and rehabilitation.** In September of 2021, my high school alumni association used the facilities for their thanksgiving service and planning meeting.

“From December 26–30, 2021, Overcomer Camp—a national Christian institution for developing and mentoring young Christian leaders—had its annual youth camp at COH with over 80 young men and women in attendance. These young people were excited to see such facilities outside of the city and **fell so much in love with the environment** and all

that it offers—electricity, safe drinking water, a good sound system, warm fellowship, etc.”

I hope Pastor Sam’s report has encouraged you. It sure has encouraged Karen and me. To know that God is using us to play a small role in what He is doing in Liberia is one of the greatest and most rewarding experiences of our lives.

We’re asking you, our faithful friends and partners, to **consider supporting Hope for Liberia on a monthly basis.** Together, we are changing Liberia . . . one life at a time!

We are so thankful for all your amazing support. If you made a financial contribution in 2021, your tax receipt is enclosed with this letter.



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