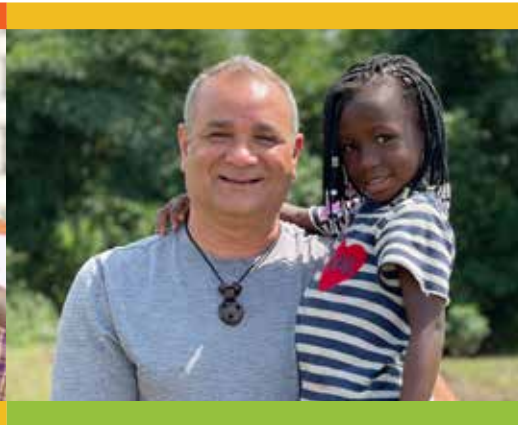


# HOPE FOR LIBERIA



**Hi Friends!** Usually this letter is written by Joe, but I (Karen) thought I'd **pop in and share my Liberia experience**. At the end of November and into the beginning of December, I travelled to Liberia for **my first visit** with Joe, who was there for his ninth time! We were honoured to bring along **Paul and Sophia Cabral**—our very dear friends who also happen to be our daughter's in-laws.

What I couldn't wait for was to visit the **Community of Hope (COH)**. It's one thing to see it in pictures, but to actually stand on the property was something entirely different for me. There is such a sense of **peace** at COH that was astounding and palpable amongst all the hustle and bustle of the city. Driving through the streets was quite an experience and made me thankful for Pastor Sam's masterful driving skills (and also made me never want to complain about our Canadian roads...or my husband's driving skills ever again)! (Shhh... don't tell him!) ;)

On the first school day of our visit, we attended a student assembly

where the **children were thanking Hope for Liberia for all your support** and everything that has been provided for them. Over and over, we heard the words, **"You've given us hope."** We're excited to see a much brighter future for so many children.

One of the surprise projects we wanted to do for the school was to set up a **basketball court** for them in front of the school (see *the photos below*). We picked up the kits with **posts, backboards, hoops and nets** which was quite the feat getting through the airport and all our connections—thankfully they made it all in one piece.

When we announced that we were building the court at the student assembly, they **erupted into cheers**. The very next day was a Liberian holiday so we got to work on painting the lines and digging through the concrete pad to anchor the posts. I also cut out the **Toronto Raptors' logo template** so we could bring them **a little bit of Canada**. The children were so excited over the next few days to play as we completed the work.

And the community has been able to enjoy it as well...what a great opportunity for outreach!

During this trip we also **visited the blind** community and delivered new walking canes along with several bags of rice. We **visited with and ministered to a couple** who lost their little girl in a car accident only a month before. We **brought about \$6000 worth of donated medications** to be distributed. We got to stand on the **foundation of the orphanage**. As I'm writing this, the walls are going up (check out our website and socials for the latest views). Joe and I co-spoke at a special Friday night service that was kicking off a week of prayer and fasting. We got to **minister to other ministers**. Ministry in Liberia can be difficult and discouraging and **these precious and dear pastors need our prayers**.

What I am so thankful for is all of you who have made all these things possible. We continue to be amazed at what has been accomplished in such a short amount of time. **We can't thank you enough for all you have helped us to do. Bless you!**



# THANK YOU!

In 2022, here are just some of the projects you helped us accomplish . . .

Helping the Blind



Providing Tuition



Starting a Farm



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Help for the Ghettos



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Continuing to Build



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