

# HOPE FOR LIBERIA



Hi Friends,

I (Joe) was born on a small island off the coast of Portugal in the middle of the ocean. There wasn't much industry in our little community. You were either a **fisherman or a farmer**. Growing up, I always heard the stories of how my grandfather started working on a farm at the age of five.

Being raised in a big city like Toronto, I was never exposed to agriculture on a large scale. Like many people, I knew that the food I was eating came from a farm, but I never gave it much thought. I just enjoyed eating my food. I tell you this, because after more than 50 years of hearing about my grandfather the farmer, now it appears that it's my turn. Let me tell you the story of how a city boy ended up leading a ministry that would buy a farm in Africa that would **help create jobs and give people a sense of pride and sustainability**.

Like many things in my life over the past few years, it all **started with a dream**. Upon returning to Canada after my first trip to Liberia,

I received a dream to **buy land and build a thriving community**. That's exactly what you've helped us do over the past three-plus years!

The **Community of Hope** has been established and this well-known community is even used by taxi drivers as a landmark when giving directions. We have a **well** on the site that provides clean water for over **4000 people each month**. We built a church and community centre being used on an ongoing basis by people in the area.

Our **school with over 300 students** has been rated as one of the **top ten school facilities** in the entire country. Even as I write this letter, we are in the midst of building the **House of Hope orphanage** that will house nearly 100 children (see progress photos below).

The dream for our farm arose out of need. Feeding all those people in the community, **providing two meals a day for 330 students**, proved to be very expensive and challenging for our team on the ground. The logical solution was to purchase land and grow our own food. And that's exactly what we

are doing. Even though we own much more, we decided to start farming the first 15 acres to begin.

After many months of intense labour and commitment, I am pleased to let you know that the team has just **harvested the first vegetables** from the crops. We have acres of **lettuce** and **cucumbers** that we are picking. Everyone is so excited and thankful for **Hope Farms**. The next phase we are raising funds for is **\$12,000 to prepare the land and plant rice**.

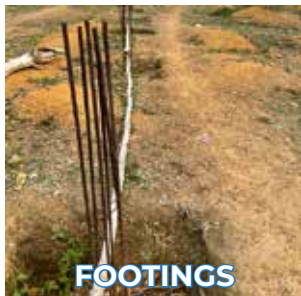
We have accomplished so much, and we know that there is still much to do. We are confident that the **Lord will help us complete what He directed us to start**. Thank you for all of your continued love, prayers, and financial support.

Don't forget to turn this page over to **see the many projects** you have helped us complete over the last two months.



Joe & Karen

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HOUSE OF HOPE ORPHANAGE

Current Progress

# THANK YOU!

Here is how your donations have helped in the last two months . . .

School Tuition  
for Orphans



Water Pump  
Replacement



Food and Clean  
Water for Orphans



Oven for Baking Food  
for our Students



Exam Fees for  
Students from Blind  
Community



Training for  
Farmers



Fertilizer and  
Farming Supplies



Continuing to Build  
the Orphanage



## WAYS TO GIVE

**MAIL:**  
Cheque to

**E-TRANSFER:**  
give@hopeforliberia.com

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hopeforliberia.com/give

**PHONE:**  
1-877-274-1970

## HOPE FOR LIBERIA

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*Giving via an E-Transfer allows the most money to be sent to Liberia as there are no fees taken by the bank.*

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**Yes!** I want to bring HOPE to LIBERIA!

I would like to give a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to give by: Cheque  Visa  MasterCard

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**Payment Frequency:** Once only  Monthly

*If you choose monthly, authorization can be cancelled at any time upon your request.*

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