

God instructs us to "... look after orphans and widows in their distress" James 1:27

# ORPHAN HOPE

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## A NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW HOPE SCHOOL BACKPACKS POURING IN

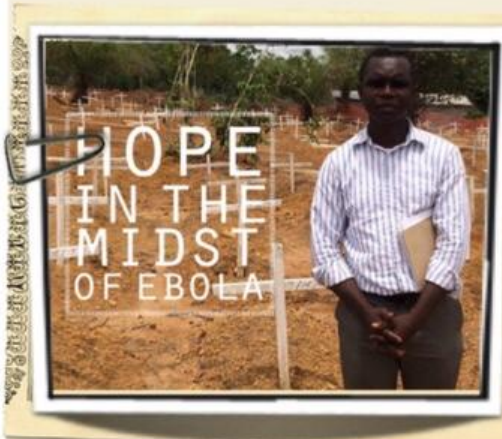
He will wipe away all their tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain. All of that has gone forever. Revelation 21:4



"I've been filling backpacks since kindergarten", a young middle school student says excitedly after a Containers of Hope presentation at Heights this past October. "It wasn't until this day that I finally got it. What you said hit me". The enthusiasm of one so young realizing what filling a backpack really meant was overwhelming. Another young girl runs up full of energy and passion and speaks her heart, "I would like to make a bracelet to put into each backpack our school fills!" And so she did. The day all the backpacks were returned filled by the students of her school she handed us a bag full of 300 colorful and carefully made bracelets. Students and parents alike continue to show passion and gratitude for being given the opportunity to serve others. It still amazes us that these compassionate servants are thanking us when we are the ones so very thankful to be graced by some of the most giving people we have ever met.







*David Yleah serves in Liberia as a co-chair of the Decommissioning Team alongside representatives of the WHO and USAID. He shares his heart, "I have teary eyes as I enter this post".*



*Crosses marking graves of children who died of Ebola*

## LIBERIA HAS MANY NEW CHALLENGES - POST EBOLA

While Liberia may be deemed "Ebola Free", many challenges have been left in it's wake. More than 10,500 Liberians were infected with the virus, half of those died. The children remaining, as the newest of orphans in a country which has seen its fair share of death by tragedy, are ostracized by their villages from a fear that they too might get this life choking virus. "Ebola Orphanages" have now opened their doors to take in these children who have suffered too much. We at Containers of Hope are honored to know David Yleah, a young man who has heard the cry and answered the call to return to his country. With a Masters in public health, he is working with Liberia's Department of Health implementing strict procedures to rid his country of Ebola. During one of his deployments, he wrote: I was at the ELWA-3 Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) when a 9 year old boy was released to go home. At 9 years old, he is about the height and stature of my six year old son. After his release from the ETU where he had been admitted, he stood on the grounds in a red t-shirt, tucked into his blue jeans, wandering the grounds, quite excited to be released from the tarpaulin tents in which he had been housed for two weeks. He stirred in oblivion, looking at the sky, the unfamiliar environment and the strangers who had come to assess the compound. For this lad, his triumph over a deadly and unseen enemy was not greeted by joy, excitement

nor jubilation of family members. You see, no family member was on site to receive him, because his entire family were now quarantined. I wanted to embrace him, to congratulate him, to take him home, to bring him with me to the U.S.. But I also feared the consequences, the challenges, the fear that he had been in the "RED ZONE" where I am not allowed to go. As I watched the boy, I kept thinking what must be going through his mind and what life in Liberia would look like for him in days and months to come post-Ebola." "Many lost both parents to Ebola, as well as Uncles and Aunts and even siblings to an unforgiving virus. Despite their victory over Ebola, stigma runs high in their communities often landing them in orphanages and Survivor Centers.

### WELCOME TEAM LIBERIA 2016

Numerous applications, months and months of prayer, and a full day of personal interviews and our "Team Liberia 2016" has been chosen! Phone calls have been made and our first Team meeting will introduce this team to a journey of their lives. The passion of so many wanting to "Go and Do" continues to humble us at Containers of Hope. This team will be in preparation for the next 5 months and after numerous meetings and detailed information we will depart LAX March 21, 2016 for a two week journey into the heart of one of the poorest countries on earth. Please keep us in prayer as we head into the most forbidding areas of Africa delivering your gifts of love.



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**2015/16 FOCUS**

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL TO  
HELP LIBERIA OUT OF POST  
EBOLA DEVASTATION...  
WE WILL BE PROVIDING:**

- BACKPACKS, CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CHILDREN OF EBOLA ORPHANAGES AND HARD TO REACH VILLAGES
- REPAIRS FOR THE LORD'S PRAYER BUS
- REPAIRS FOR THE MAIN GENERATOR AND GENERATOR HOUSE DESTROYED BY HEAVY RAINS AT THE LORD'S PRAYER ORPHANAGE
- RESTOCKING GOODS FOR THE STORE NOW THAT LIBERIA IS EBOLA FREE
- TEACHER SUPPORT
- INVESTMENTS IN EXPANDING THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

God has been faithful in keeping the children of The Lord's Prayer Orphanage safe from the deadly Ebola Virus. Many outside their walls lost entire families and have been left without support. We would like to be there for them.

**WOULD YOU HELP US HELP THEM?**

**WITH SINCERE  
APPRECIATION**

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| Giving Children Hope              | Whittier Christian             |
| Stussy Clothing                   | Maybrook                       |
| Friends Christian Middle School   | Whittier Christian Home School |
| Heights Christian Jr. High School | La Habra Rotary                |
| Whittier Christian School Uptown  | Sonora Honor Society           |
| Whittier Christian High School    | Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald         |

**BEYOND THE BOOKBAGS**

**2014/15**

One of the main focuses at COH has been backpacks and bibles for orphans and vulnerable children, opening the door for evangelizing and yet God has used COH for so much more. The donations we have received this past year have provided:

- 260,000 Rice/Soy Meal packets
- \$60,000 of Ebola Treatment Medical Supplies
- Shoes/Clothing
- Educational Supplies
- Computers - Computer Lab
- Agricultural Seeds for Farming Operation
- Sewing Machines

For The Lord's Prayer Orphanage:

- Orphanage Upgrades
- Painting Supplies
- Generator Fuel
- Internet Connection and WiF for the year
- Auto repairs for Orphanage Van

For The Lord's Prayer Academy:

- Uniforms
- Books
- Large Capacity Copy machine
- School Supplies
- Supply of paper







Dear Friends,

As we reflect on this past year and process the devastation in our world, we realize how much harder we need to work to complete the job to which God has called us. Backpacks and bibles have been put into the hands of over 50,000 children around the world and we have seen smiles where once were blank stares, given hugs to the unbugged and love to souls where once there was emptiness. These bleak days make it all too apparent the swiftness to which we need to respond to the call to "Go and do." We have watched Ebola leave destruction in its wake on a country that was only beginning to see its way out of the devastation 14 years of civil war had left. The news shows us suffering beyond compare, evil that knows no limits, and now is the time for action. We need to turn to Jesus and the example in which He lived here on earth. He cries out for us to "love one another." It seems all too simple and yet there are children in forgotten places of the world who have never felt love. We have the utmost honor to give a child this gift for the first time in their lives. We have been blessed to see the

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



giving hearts of so many. It is because of your continued partnership we are able to reach out to these beautiful children. "If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" I John 5:17 Won't you answer His call? We humbly ask that you consider giving for the children of Containers of Hope. Help us reach beyond the backpacks to provide for the future of these forgotten children. It is our prayer that we would be instrumental in bringing love to the forgotten children of Liberia, restoring this country and her people, and giving all the choice to know the saving grace and hope found in God's only Son, Jesus. In Him they will find hope, peace and love!

May God continue to bless you and your family and may you always feel His warm embrace as you sit in the quiet of the day and rest in His presence.

It's ALL about God's children,



Todd and Jana Williams

PLEASE CONTINUE TO  
PRAY FOR THESE  
CHILDREN AS THEY THANK  
GOD FOR ONE MORE DAY TO BE  
ALIVE

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