

# WORLD HOPE

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A photograph of a woman with dark hair tied in a bun, smiling warmly while holding a young child. The woman is wearing a green and white striped shirt with a black cutout at the neckline and a gold necklace. The child, with dark curly hair, is wearing a bright blue dress and has their finger in their mouth. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

**Celebrating our  
Global Family**

# Dear Friend,

25 years ago now, World Hope International was founded by a strong, passionate woman, Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, who happens to also be my mother. For years, she traveled around the world and met with people who had survived devastating experiences like war and famine or whose resilience and faith saw them through difficult circumstances and vulnerable situations to overcome, to grow, and to give back to their own communities. And out of those experiences, my mother wondered, where are the people of Jesus? This is where He would be, and where we of faith should be, too; walking among those who are hurting, vulnerable, and in search of hope. And so, by faith she founded World Hope International, and with the support of people like you, World Hope International continues to grow today.

**And now abide  
*faith, hope,  
love, these three;*  
but the greatest  
of these is love.**

—1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

I am grateful to have the unique opportunity of carrying on my mother's legacy as President and CEO of World Hope International — and I am even more grateful to see the impact of the good work she started grow exponentially around the world; a legacy of love and hope.

In this 25th year, our clean water and energy program is taking off, bringing safe access to clean water to even more people around the world. Not only are we continuing to bring clean water to rural regions, but we are partnering with other organizations to ensure clean water access in urban communities like the slums of Monrovia, Liberia, or Anse a Galet, Haiti. We're working smarter, and being mindful of the impact of our work on the environment, innovating with solar power and designing for economic and environmental sustainability.

Where COVID-19 saw a spike in domestic violence and sexual exploitation, we are taking on new projects that provide prevention, protection, and prosecution, including a new project with the University of Georgia and both the US and Sierra Leone governments. We're expanding our work in global health, working to identify root causes of infant and child mortality so they can be stemmed; supporting La Gonave Wesleyan Hospital's human and physical infrastructure; and partnering with other hospitals and clinics to ensure they can provide quality care and have clean water, power, and the resources they need to serve their communities.

And most importantly, we continue to work alongside vulnerable communities and individuals around the world, partnering with them to provide tailored, long-term solutions that will enable them to transform their worlds. It is thrilling, too, to see children and youth whose lives were impacted through World Hope programs years ago becoming leaders in their communities today — and the next generation is stepping up to carry on the mission and vision of World Hope International.

Thank you for being part of our global family and joining with us as, together, we promote human dignity and provide opportunity and hope.

With gratitude,



John Lyon  
WHI President & CEO





## FAMILIES INVEST IN THE FUTURE TOGETHER

# Peace Island, Monrovia

In the slums and informal settlements of Monrovia, Liberia, high rainfall, poor drainage, and lack of sanitation facilities have resulted in major water contamination challenges. To meet the growing need for housing, basic services, and infrastructure, interventions are needed on the community level and market level — as well as improved policies.

The slum community of Peace Island was founded in 2005 on unused, forested land in Liberia's capital of Monrovia. The community was founded and is made up of some of the poorest citizens of Monrovia. Because the community was built from the ground up, there was a lack of infrastructure for these citizens — including a lack of clean water. World Hope

partnered with Habitat for Humanity (HFHI) and OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) on a new water, sanitation, and hygiene initiative that will uplift and transform Peace Island into the community it was envisioned to be.

The project provided increased access to safe drinking water for more than 36,000 residents through the building of a stand-alone mini-water system — which includes a distribution network to 70 per cent of Peace Island residents.

"Water is life," said Viola, a Peace Island resident, upon the opening of the new water system, "We suffer for water, being here, and today we are getting water, so today I am very very happy."

To further WHI's investment in the residents of Peace Island, WHI and HFHI, in collaboration with the Liberian National Housing Authority, retained a Liberian contractor for the construction of a community social space in Peace Island. Built sustainably with solar power lighting and tanks for water supply, this community space means residents can assemble for meetings, conferences, workshops, and other social events.

The new community center also includes accessible restrooms that will foster a community-wide policy rethinking the relationship between people living with disabilities and their communities — and even be the beginning of a development-based framework for inclusive construction and policy.

"I prayed to God that Peace Island should be more than this. We, the citizens of Peace Island, should know now we are

supposed to live life... Now we are prepared to live life."

## RELATED PROJECT:

### A Decent Place to Live: Slum Upgrading in Greater Monrovia

- Goal: To improve the living conditions of vulnerable households in Peace Island in line with the Slum Upgrading and Affordable Housing Frameworks and Government of Liberia's Pro-poor Agenda for Development and Prosperity

#### SDGs:





# FAMILIES CARE FOR EACH OTHER

## Child Sponsorship

All children deserve a hopeful future and a life of dignity and opportunity, but children living with special needs face even more barriers along the way. At World Hope, we believe in the power of investing in children and future generations. That's why, in partnership with our Enable the Children program, World Hope also offers specialized Child Sponsorship opportunities that provide children living with disabilities and/or special needs a qualified, compassionate caseworker and an individualized plan that includes any therapy needs, training, or specialized equipment. The impact of sponsorship can be seen in a child named Zaldy.

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returning to the local school, the new school year began with teachers visiting the community for lessons instead. Then, in November, typhoons and flooding destroyed houses and crops in his community.

While the disappointments and setbacks could feel hopeless and overwhelming, World Hope's Child Sponsorship partnership in his community means that Zaldy and those like him have continued to receive support and encouragement through everything. To prepare for teachers visiting, a multi-purpose building was cleaned and painted to use for school lessons. Students received school supplies, tutoring, and health screenings, and a regular feeding program ensured children were adequately nourished. Students

also received important training on child protection, COVID-19 prevention, and anti-terrorism to prevent recruitment into rebel forces. Families were supported with seeds and fertilizer for farming and regular activities were planned in a partnership with the local church to encourage students. His community ended the year with the joy of celebrating Christmas together, complete with games and a meal.

When asked about the most memorable moment in childhood, Zaldy shared, "It was when I first received a new bag, notebooks, papers, colors, and pencils from the sponsors. I also received a pair of new uniforms that I can use. I will never forget how happy I was at that time because I seldom received new things. My parents cannot afford to buy me a complete set because we have no money. There's not

enough budget to buy things for me and my twin brother."

WHI's Child Sponsorship program shows the power of investing in children. With the Child Sponsorship program, we believe it takes their family, teachers, leaders, and other community members — and you, to ensure that a child has hope for opportunities in the future.

### RELATED PROJECT:

#### Child Sponsorship

- **Goal:** World Hope International's Child Sponsorship program works around the world to remove barriers to education.

- **SDGs:**



we are the village

worldhope.org

It takes a village to ensure that a child can grow up safely, securely, & with **access to education** and hope for **opportunities** in the future.

World Hope's child sponsorship program is set up to remove barriers to education for children, and you can join their global village for as little as \$40/month.



**START SPONSORING NOW!**





## FAMILIES HEAL TOGETHER

# Human Trafficking Exploited by Hope

The search for opportunity, for the chance to make a good living, is something most people can relate to. Unfortunately, as often as people find good jobs and opportunities, this search — especially when it includes labor migration — can also result in exploitation and enslavement, or what is frequently referred to as “human trafficking.”

In 2020, World Hope’s Anti-Trafficking and Gender-Based Violence Team in Sierra Leone served nearly 1,000 survivors, including children and adults — many of whom were exploited through migration. One of them was a 28-year-old young woman who only dreamed of making a better life for herself and her family.

According to this survivor, she was working at home one day when a man she knew in her neighborhood told her about a job opportunity abroad to work as a housemaid. Excited, she told her family about it. Her family decided to sell a piece of land they had just so that they could pay for her travel expenses. She was promised a good salary while working there. She travelled from Sierra Leone to Guinea by road because there was a ban in place by the government for women intending to work as maids in middle eastern countries.

On reaching Guinea, however, she was handed over to a man she had never met, who took away all her travel documents. After

two days, she travelled from Guinea to her destination in the Middle East, accompanied by this stranger — who then handed her over to a man she now refers to as her “agent.”

The next day, a woman picked her up from what she refers to as “the office.” She started work at this woman’s large house, with her hours set from 5:00 a.m. straight through to 1:00 a.m. She never received any salary as was promised and received little — and sometimes, no — food. Whenever she felt sick, her madame would still ask her to work, telling her that she had already been bought. She was never allowed to leave the house or use her phone.

One day she became so sick, her madame was afraid she might die and so returned her to the office. At the office, seeing no help for her to return home, she ran away. On the streets, she was arrested by the police who, realizing she was sick, referred her for medical care. At the hospital at last, she was able to contact her family, who now borrowed money to pay for travel expenses and get her back home. Once home, her family realized she needed help, so they took her to a local organization known as the Advocacy Network Against Irregular Migration (ANAIM). This organization was formed by returning migrants themselves who had suffered exploitation, in order to raise awareness and support others who end up in exploitative situations whilst working overseas. ANAIM then referred her to World Hope for care.

A World Hope social worker was assigned to do a preliminary assessment and the young woman was picked up and admitted at the World Hope Recovery Centre. She was highly traumatized and needed a safe space to heal.

At the Recovery Centre, there were many episodes of nightmares and sleepless nights. Weekly counseling sessions and relaxation exercises were done with her to help. After about a month in the Recovery Centre, she was more present, participating in activities at the shelter and experiencing fewer episodes of nightmares.

Although she continues to heal at the Recovery Centre, her story is similar to so many others trapped by trafficking, who simply sought opportunity and instead now suffer exploitation and enslavement. Human trafficking must be ended.

2020 saw exciting strides in Sierra Leone as the country worked to address human trafficking. Immigration officials at 26 border posts were trained on human trafficking, the anti-trafficking law revision was finalized (and should pass into law this year), and the country had its first trafficking conviction, all of which World Hope’s team was able to support.

As we enter another year, World Hope is committed to continuing to pursue the Three Ps — Prevention, Protection and Prosecution — not only in Sierra Leone where this one brave survivor’s story centers, but around the world.

### RELATED PROJECT:

#### Recovery Center

- Goal: To provide holistic care to survivors of human trafficking.

- SDGs:





## FAMILIES HELP EACH OTHER

# Emergency Relief

**W**e mobilize our network of local and global nonprofit, corporate, church, and logistical partners when disasters strike. Acting fast before, during, and after an emergency and collaborating creatively with diverse partners has meant we can assist the vulnerable when some of the greatest disasters strike.

We also build the capacity of our local staff and volunteers to respond quickly and efficiently and work with impacted communities to help them build back better and become more resilient.



### Freetown

In March, a fire devastated Susan's Bay, one of the poorest slum communities in Freetown, Sierra Leone. 7,093 people were affected in 1,597 households. World Hope is supporting the Sierra Leone Ministry of Social Welfare's ongoing protection work, addressing psychosocial, child protection, and gender issues at the Bay.

### Barbados

World Hope International (WHI) will be offering Disaster Preparedness Training, with the first training taking place in Barbados in July. Incorporating the Barbados military, first responders, US and British Embassy personnel, pastors, and civic leaders, the training will help leaders build synergy before a disaster strikes. Trainers from the US State Department and county fire departments experienced in disaster relief and rescue will lead sessions in disaster response and logistics, swift water rescue, and water and sanitation assessment. A virtual training will also be held in the States later in the year.



### St. Vincent

On Friday, April 9th, the Caribbean island of St. Vincent was rocked by an explosive eruption from La Soufriere volcano. World Hope responded with clean water and emergency relief supplies of water and hygiene supplies donated by Amazon, Map International and Elum Wellness, with logistics and transportation supported by Jet Blue, Carnival Cruise, Kestrel, and Lift Non-profit Logistics.

### Colombia

Following a devastating Category 5 strike of Hurricane Iota, we deployed 4,300 lbs of emergency water desalination/treatment equipment and three technicians to support water supplies for the people of Providencia and Santa Catalina, Colombia, in coordination with the Colombian government and navy. The team trained Colombian Navy and local partners on how to manage the water systems and the water point has been up and running since December!



### Honduras

Great things happen with strong partners. Last fall, we supported the Red Cross of Honduras, Sol Relief and Ecumenicas por el derecho Decidir to support those impacted by two back-to-back hurricanes. Amazon donated supplies, while Dole and Brink Truck Lines supported the logistics to get these supplies to Honduras.

## FAMILIES CELEBRATE TOGETHER



*"This is what I hope and pray the next 25 years will look like; continuing to build hope around the world. Empowered people empowering other people. Listening to our callings. Being the hands and feet of Jesus to those near and far and striving to overcome evil with good." —DR. JO ANNE LYON*

Together, we are lighting the world with hope! Since founding in 1996, we have operated in over 40 countries, creating vital access to clean water and quality education; rescuing and protecting men, women, and children from human trafficking and gender and sexual-based violence; responding to disasters; addressing health crises, and so much more.

*"Since childhood, though, God has put in my heart a sense of justice for the vulnerable and voiceless. Throughout my life, I have sought to live this out — but there came a huge turning point in my life in 1985..." —DR. JO ANNE LYON*

The past 25 years have been hard but beautiful, challenging but rewarding.

We went to work in countries where we were invited; where we had existing partners and relationships that in turn provided us with immediate infrastructure and accountability. We responded when and where it mattered. And from the very first moment, it was gifts from people like you who made it all possible.



Have you checked out our new Founder Series? In a special monthly series celebrating 25 years of World Hope International, Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, World Hope's Founder, is sharing some of her thoughts from through the years; asking questions, sharing stories, and reflecting on opportunity, dignity, and hope.

**Celebrate 25 years with us — look for ways to get involved, engage, and celebrate! [WorldHope.org/building-world-hope](https://WorldHope.org/building-world-hope)**

## *Celebrate 25 years of World Hope International as a founding member of the Lyon Leadership Society!*

We want to honor the generosity of donors like you and to celebrate your commitment to World Hope International and alleviating poverty, suffering, and injustice in the world with us.

Learn more at [WorldHope.org/lyon-leadership-society](https://WorldHope.org/lyon-leadership-society)





# Expanding Reach: Introducing Radio Fry Fry

Last year, World Hope launched VOS 88.9 in partnership with the Wesleyan Church of Sierra Leone. This summer, WHI is expanding from the regional station to launch the first national Christian radio station in Sierra Leone, Radio Fry Fry!

One of the challenges in addressing systemic poverty and inequality is the limitation of not being able to be everywhere. Radio, however, enables community-led outreach and programming to extend right into the privacy of people's homes or into their commutes and travels, to build hope and promote a better way of living that audiences can choose to tune into at will.

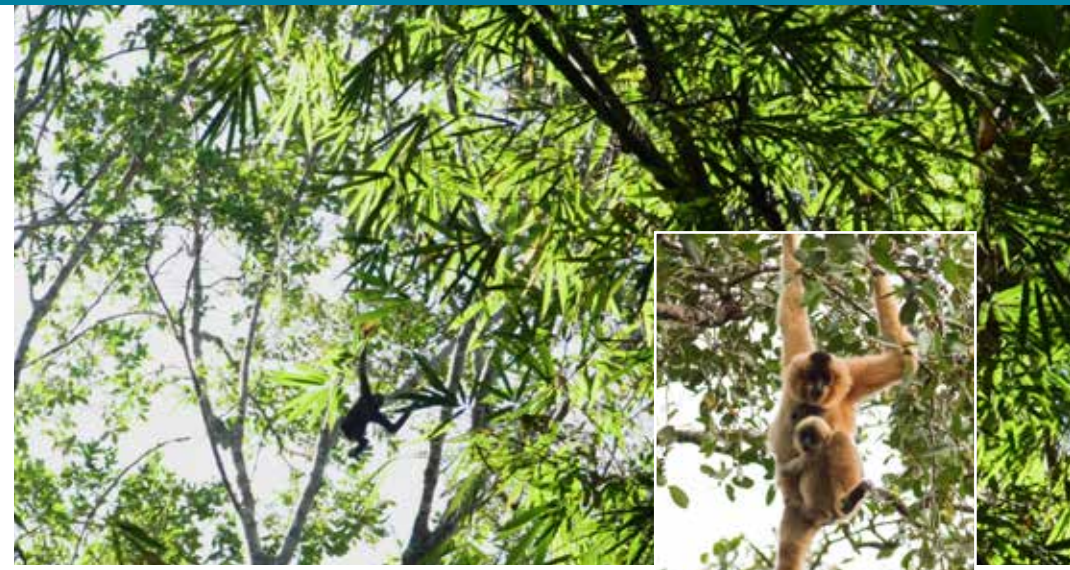
Radio can also be a powerful voice for reducing discrimination against minorities as well as people living with disabilities and other groups that have been marginalized.

According to the United Nations, radio is "a low-cost medium specifically suited to reaching remote communities and vulnerable people, offering a platform to intervene in the public debate, irrespective of



people's educational level. It also plays a crucial role in emergency communication and disaster relief."

Radio Fry Fry is a visual national interactive faith-based radio station that will build hope by producing and airing content that creates a society in which each and every person is celebrated as a unique and valued creation of God. Stay tuned for more information about it on our website and social media when it goes live!



## Informing the Future

WHI has been able to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic globally by pivoting scopes of work and current projects and by strategically adopting projects that empower, protect, and build resilience during this time. In exciting news, a new partnership for WHI's Jahoo project is working on research focused on understanding the origins of and preventing future coronavirus outbreaks.

Jahoo, a community-based ecotourism project managed by World Hope International (WHI), is working with the Institut Pasteur du Cambodge (IPC), a private research institute, to implement a research project into the emergence of new coronaviruses. This new mission is working toward an integrated surveillance of potential zoonotic Betacoronaviruses in the wild animal value chains of Cambodia.

More than 70% of zoonotic emerging infectious diseases events are caused by

pathogens from wildlife origin, according to Georgetown University's Center for Global Health Science and Security. Among the pathogens responsible for these emergencies, beta-CoVs can be responsible for severe and fatal human infections, as we have seen in the past year with COVID-19.

Together Jahoo and IPC are taking the crucial steps to understand, predict and control the risk for zoonotic infections. The main objective of this project is to provide new knowledge on wild meat trade chains in Cambodia, document the diversity of Betacoronaviruses (beta-CoVs) circulating through these chains, and develop a flexible and integrated early-detection system of viral spill-over events.

World Hope is committed to high-impact interventions that improve the health, wellbeing, and survival of women, children, and families now and in the future.



# A New Generation OF HOPE

**A**s we celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we are excited to look ahead to the next 25 years and the future of building hope in the world. The mission of World Hope is passed from one generation to the next as we continue our work and invest in children globally.

Here are some stories of the next generation stepping up to make a difference in the world and taking on the vision and the mission of opportunity, dignity, and hope.

## FROM SPONSORED CHILD TO *Teacher*

**K**ate was a beneficiary of the Child Sponsorship program and now is sharing her story and journey made possible by Child Sponsorship. Here is a snippet of her story, in her own words...

I'm Kate Collin R. Lina. I grew up in a Christian family; my parents are both pastors. Last year, the first semester of my internship began: on and off Campus Practice Teaching. In November 2019, I was awarded a Certificate of Completion and got the highest points in my Practice Teaching. March 2020 should have been our graduation ceremony but the school decided to postpone the event. There's still no specific date when our graduation day is, but I'm looking forward to wearing my black robe, marching down the aisle, being on the stage, and receiving my diploma.

To the WHI and CS personnel and to my sponsor, thank you so much for supporting me financially from my Elementary, Secondary and Tertiary level. Thank you for your constant love, support and prayers. I'll pray for you constantly and I would love to return your kindness through teaching and imparting my knowledge to the students, here at BMAI.

Child Sponsorship (CS) is important because so many lives have been changed, and I am one of those. Through the CS program, children are given hope to dream and achieve their goals in their lives. It brings brightness and hope in their eyes that they can hold and lift their diploma on stage saying "I AM A GRADUATE OF..." and undoubtedly, a fruitful future awaits them.



The biggest impact of the Child Sponsorship Program in my life is I was able to finish my studies and achieve my dream to become an educator/teacher. Their financial and moral assistance was truly a big help to my studies as counterpart to my parents.

I would like to show my students what kind of future awaits them. God showed me how to and helped me to love teaching. Today, I am truly excited to teach and use what I have learned, impart my knowledge, and let my students see the beauty of learning. I feel excited about meeting my students, how to deal with their differences, and to know their abilities. I have so many plans that I love to do with my students, I want to be a part of their success in the future, and help them to be mentally, physically, morally, and spiritually prepared when they are ready to face and deal with real life situations. I praised God for everything that I have and will achieve in life. To WHI and CS personnel thank you for everything, you are God sent to me, and to all those children under CS program.



# Ensuring Solutions FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

World Hope International has been committed to working in Haiti since 1999 and the health and sustainability efforts have been making a true impact on the communities WHI serves. WHI is taking a systematic approach to health systems strengthening on the island of La Gonâve, by working in partnership with La Gonâve Wesleyan Hospital with the goal of establishing it with the staff, training, and equipment to meet the demand for healthcare services on the island. These upgrades will enable the hospital to achieve energy independence for at least 10 years, reducing the overall carbon footprint of the hospital and creating a low-maintenance, low-cost, sustainable source of electricity for the hospital.

In partnership with Build Health International, World Hope International

has provided the hospital with a brand new solar energy grid. This will allow the hospital to become 100% energy independent, cutting energy costs and allowing the hospital to focus its funds on the providing for the community.

Simultaneously, WHI is doing community-level interventions such as providing clean water in surrounding communities. This includes the solar-powered water farm that was launched last summer in partnership with the Givepower Foundation, which supplies 20,000 gal-

lons of clean, desalinated water per day in Anse-à-Galets, the largest and most populated region of the island.

***“If we had something that could desalinate and treat the salty water here on the island, then we would always have clean water then because we would always have the sea,”*** Yvon Pierre, the Director of Human Resources at the local hospital, commented when the water farm was in the early stages of development.

The direct and immediate impact of this project is the introduction of a reliable clean water source that will serve the community for at least 20 years. Additionally, the installation of this unit supports the local economy by hiring local contractors, operators, and delivery people — and

members of the community are sick less often thanks to access to clean water.

These investments in La Gonâve help to build more opportunity, dignity, and hope for the next generation, so that they can sustainably possess the tools for change in themselves, their families and their community.

***“Before, we were taking a long time to find water, but the GivePower project put water closer to us,”*** shared 14-year-old Lovedarly. ***“Now, we are drinking this potable water and we are not sick. We have more time to study and do our homework. When I get older, I would like to go to university to learn a lot of things. What I would like most is to be a nurse. We say a big thanks for doing us a lot of good.”***





# Equipped FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP



*“I was able to get my school learning materials and return back to school out of the soap-making and selling and the capacity-building skills trainings we have.”*

of resources and jobs accessible to women and girls. The soap-making project, though, was set up precisely for that; to help the most vulnerable girls in the communities become equipped, empowered, and economically stabilized.

After completing the robust training and setting up their soap-making businesses, the majority of the girls in the program have already been able to return to school. The proceeds from making and selling soap were just what they needed to be able to purchase necessary school supplies, pursue their education and dreams, and continue to build a better life for themselves.

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Last year, 45 adolescent girls from 10 villages in Sierra Leone were selected for a special soap-making and selling training program implemented by World Hope International and funded by the IFC. The girls acquired basic business skills — including marketing, saving, and budgeting skills. They also received human rights and women’s empowerment information and resources to help safeguard them from trafficking and sexual or gender-based

violence. Not only are they now producing handmade herbal soap and selling it, but they received entrepreneurship training during the program as well, and they are making use of what they learned!

Several of the girls selected to participate in the project had previously dropped out of school as a result of poverty. Some of them already faced stigma and pregnancy as a result of the cycle of poverty and the lack





For many of these adolescent girls, learning how to make and sell soap was only the beginning. Not only did they seize the opportunity to participate in the training program, not only did they learn all the steps in producing homemade herbal soap and then how to package and sell it, but they also soaked up everything they could about entrepreneurship. They completed the training set up and equipped to make and sell soap and to manage money and marketing—and with the ability to assess and safely navigate additional markets, too.

After setting up their soap production businesses, some of the girls identified other items needed in their localities and began to acquire and sell them, as well.



*“I can now boast of selling dried fish for the community people and beyond out of the business skills and business planning trainings.”*



*“I am selling things that are needed with our localities out of the soap-making and selling and the saving money and budgeting trainings.”*

These girls shared that, before the soap-making and selling project, the majority of things needed by their communities were not available locally. Now, with the business skills they developed from the soap training and the resources that selling soap has afforded them, they have been able to identify, acquire, and sell these additional items needed within their communities along with making and selling soap. They know what the needs are and they are empowered to act on it.

Equipped and economically stabilized themselves, they are now able to smartly resource their own communities while continuing to build a better future for themselves. This investment in these young women will empower them and their community for the next generation.



## Never Too Young TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Kaylee and her mom, Soomin, first visited Enable the Children (ETC) in 2018 as part of a short-term trip with their church. Wanting to return, Kaylee subsequently began selling baked goods in order to raise funds, hoping to revisit ETC in 2020. Although the trip did not go ahead due to the worldwide travel shutdown, Kaylee was happy to hear that she could contribute towards the ETC truck need with the money she's been saving! Her bake sale money went towards a new truck for ETC.



# In Profile: Bintu

**M**eet Bintu, WHI's Gender Empowerment Field Officer who has made it her mission to fight for gender equality in Sierra Leone.

## What do you do at World Hope International?

I am the Gender Empowerment Field Officer. I started working with World Hope in October 2019. I have worked on a few main projects — COVID-19 support to adolescent girls and mobile power (MoPo). However, my job encompasses many areas. I train women and adolescent girls to become entrepreneurs, how to save their money and budget, and non-violent communication skills. Many people in our country still hold traditional gender-stereotyped views, so we train women on gender-based violence to empower women to speak up when violence occurs. They do not have to accept this treatment. Our team teaches them human rights and empowerment. For example, teaching women about certain laws that can protect them from entering a marriage forcefully.

We want women to have equal rights and be involved in community development programs and in all aspects of decision making in Sierra Leone.

## Who or what inspired you to work as a Gender Empowerment Field Officer?

When I went to university, for my first degree I studied social work and one focus was on gender roles. However, I grew up in a rural setting and I used to see the ways women are marginalized. So, since then I've wanted to make a change. I want to find ways for women's voices to be heard. That was my motivation to study social work. I continued my education and got my master's in peace and development in 2019.



## What are you most proud of doing?

I love working in the field with women and girls. I enjoy walking alongside women and girls and seeing changes happening in their life. This motivates me to continue doing the type of work I am doing.

## What advice do you have for the next generation of young girls in Sierra Leone?

My advice to the women and young girls in Sierra Leone is to have self-confidence. Women disqualify themselves from jobs here in Sierra Leone because the traditional stereotype against women is dragging them down, so they don't have the confidence that says "I can do this."

I want to advise them that they should be confident. I work with other women in our Mobile Power project working with technology and they are amazing at their job. Continue to push yourself and don't sit around waiting for other people to push you.

## What does the International Women's Day slogan, #ChooseToChallenge, mean for you in your work life?

I have chosen this job so I can challenge gender stereotypes and the pull-down syndrome that we have against women in our country. I said to myself, "I will challenge this and fight it." My dream is to see a female president. Right now we have females in the cabinet, but I want to see more women in positions of power. This is the path I have chosen and I will continue to challenge these things.

**Read the full interview on our blog!**

# Hires & Promotions

## Wellington Kollie, Operations Director, Liberia

Wellington Kollie is a native-born Liberian and non-profit management professional with more than 30 years of experience in the public, private,



and non-profit sectors. At World Hope, Wellington directs programs and strategy within Liberia. Prior to this, Wellington was World Hope's Program Manager in Liberia for five years. Wellington has also held various technical and administrative positions, including line, middle, and top level, in government, private, and non-profit organizations throughout Liberia. Wellington draws on his experience in accounting, finance, media, and management for his position with World Hope. Wellington holds a bachelor's degree in Management with an emphasis on Human Resources and a minor in Accounting.

## Mathew Ndote, Country Director, Liberia

Mr. Ndote is a humanitarian development expert. He possesses a unique blend of entrepreneurial spirit combined with an innovative business acumen for designing partnerships for collective impact and a deep passion to serve the world's poor. His ample



background, growing up in the semi-arid countryside of Kenya, curiosity, and fascination about what is important for poor people have shaped his commitment to serve humanity. Throughout his professional career, he has designed and implemented high-performing projects that influenced systemic change and made a mark in the lives of communities across Kenya, South Sudan, North Sudan, and Liberia.

Prior to joining World Hope International in Liberia as Country Director he led the design and implementation of Habitat for Humanity International's branded urban development program. During this time, he contributed enormously in the development of policy guidelines and frameworks including the slum upgrading and affordable housing framework, the relocation guidelines, City Development strategy, and the National Urban Policy among other works piloting innovative housing solutions with the public, private sector, and communities.

Before Habitat, he served at ACDI VOCA bringing to a smooth close one of the fast-moving and challenging USAID/OFDA-funded post-Ebola Economic Recovery and Cash Transfer program. He was the Program Manager at Mercy Corps for eight years. He is known for his contribution to the development of policy frameworks for the agriculture and health sectors. His career has deep roots in the microfinance sector and micro-enterprise development. He is a founding Director of Aim Global agribusiness company and Aim Global fitness Centers in Kenya and South Sudan. Mathew is a graduate of Egerton University. He ties together 20-years of international

development experience and a wide scope of skills ranging from humanitarian program portfolio management, coordination, planning, budgetary control, donor compliance, project tracking systems and team building.

## Heather Hill, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer

Heather Hill is a transformational communications leader with over a decade of experience in the nonprofit, public, and private sectors. Heather's work has



been featured in *The Washington Post* and on Fox5 TV. Notable awards include, 2018 Alumni Appreciation Award and 2019 finalist for the Washington Women in Public Relations Emerging Leader Award.

Heather has served in communications at the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. Heather is passionate about Human Rights and is currently the presiding Chair of the Human Rights committee on the Board of Directors for the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA). In this role, Heather leads a team of dedicated members in collaborating with State Department and UN officials, the diplomatic community, as well as local NGOs, think tanks, and agencies to publish articles and reports, host events, and advocate on vital human rights issues.

In her current role at World Hope International, Heather heads the marketing and communications for the global alliance, leading the media, marketing, advertising,

website, and communications efforts across 20+ countries. Multilingual and multicultural, Heather leverages her lifetime of experience living and working across four continents to skillfully navigate complex, global strategy.

Heather holds a master's degree from Vermont College of Fine Arts and a bachelor's from Houghton College, for which she now serves on the Alumni Board.

## Maria Gabriela Urbaneja, Water & Energy Director for West Africa

Fresh from graduation in 1994, Maria started her public service at the Corporation of the Municipality Services of Caracas, Venezuela, her home country. From then on, and with a gap of five years in the UK doing postgrad studies, Maria has been working as a public servant in her Venezuela in different roles, from managing the operation of the electricity high voltage grid, running as president a couple of public electricity companies and deputy minister of energy twice, from 2006 to 2010 and then again from 2010 to 2012. She was the first woman to hold such posts in her country.

During her tenure as deputy minister of energy, she had the opportunity to participate in quite a few of the energy-related cooperation projects and activities in South America, Central America, and the Caribbean promoted by the ALBA mechanism and engage in negotiations with public-private partners, and communities. She acquired extensive knowledge in public policy follow-up and control from her post as Public Policy Follow Up General Director from the Executive Vice-Presidency of her country.



In short, her life has been public service all the way, and her faith is all about serving others and applying all she has learned through nearly 30 years of experience as an engineer, manager, and community leader to empower people--especially women--and build high-performance teams to solve community problems and improve the lives of people in need, which in turn improves her own life greatly every day as well.

## Kyle Burrichter, Research and Ecotourism Assistant

Kyle is a graduate of Houghton College with a degree in international development. As the Research and Ecotourism Assistant,



he oversees gibbon habituation and research at the Jahoo Gibbon Camp in Cambodia, helping expand and improve the progress being made. His other responsibilities include improving bird knowledge at Jahoo, a crucial step to attract more tourists.

Working on the biology and research side of Ecotourism Kyle's roles include training guides, supporting visitors, maintaining trails, and publishing research. His hands-on approach and role is helping to further this ongoing community-based development project. Kyle previously worked leading outdoor and wilderness adventures for high school and college groups.

## Brigitte Dalton-Sesay, Station Manager, Radio Fry Fry

Brigitte is the new Station Manager for Radio Fry Fry, where she is responsible for managing the station's programming and

operations. Prior to joining Radio Fry Fry, Brigitte was the Deputy Managing Director for Africa Young Voice (AYV), where she was responsible for company operations and team management and provided strategic direction for the institution. Before that, she served as the Human Resource Director responsible for staffing, training and development, performance monitoring, problem solving and employee counselling. She has also worked as a news anchor and a presenter for various shows.



Brigitte is co-founder of a reality TV singing competition called Vocal Drift Inspire, a Christian music talent agency which seeks to unearth new talents and find Sierra Leone's most talented vocalist each year. She is highly involved in her local church and volunteering within her community. Brigitte holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in International Education and Development.

## Tori Chan, Health Director, West Africa

Tori Chan has served with World Hope International in business development roles in both West Africa and Asia. Tori has an MPH, Global Health and MPA, Health Policy & Management from NYU. She has experience working on the development and management of health programs, including working in Sierra Leone with Welbodi Partnership during the Ebola outbreak and





Liberia with Partners in Health where she worked closely with the MOH to strengthen country's diagnostic capacity and establish a new cadre of health care workers, biomedical technicians.

Tori is an experienced non-profit and public health professional with 9+ years working with international organizations, charities, and foundations. She worked with World Hope from 2015-2016 as the International Grants & Partnerships Manager based in Sierra Leone and now rejoins World Hope again in 2020 as the Business Development and Partnerships Manager, Asia. Her expertise is in partnership development, project management, research, and grant writing. Prior to re-joining World Hope, Tori worked

with Partners In Health based in Liberia where she worked closely with the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders on laboratory systems strengthening and community-based disease surveillance projects. She also has experience in philanthropy, previously working with ELMA Philanthropies on their humanitarian and relief portfolio, helping to identify and fund underreported humanitarian disasters around the globe. Other organizations she worked with include World Vision International and the Women's Foundation of California.

Tori holds a BA, Art History from the University of California, Riverside and an MPH, Global Health and MPA, Health Policy & Management from New York University.

## Ways to Give

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Learn more online at [WorldHope.org/give](http://WorldHope.org/give) or contact Nancy Green, Chief Development Officer, at [nancygreen@worldhope.org](mailto:nancygreen@worldhope.org) or 703-923-9414 X131.

## A Life of Legacy

When I was in the eighth grade, Jo Anne Lyon and I were in 4-H together and became friends. Later she and her family moved and I lost track of her. The next I heard of her she was in charge of World Hope International and I knew that she would do a good work and it would be a great venture for our denomination.

As I learned about this, I was able to make small donations to some of the projects. When I learned of the water projects, that pulled at my heartstrings and I realized that someday, I hoped to be able to pay to build a water well. Years later, my husband and I were able to donate to this project and since his passing, God has made it possible for me to be able to continue this.

As a child, I lived on a farm and our water source was a cistern in the ground where we collected rain water from run-off from the roof of our house because well water in our area was undrinkable. In drought times, farmers had to haul water from town in a truck with a water tank secured to the truck flatbed. As a result, we did not waste water and I could sympathize with those who had a scarcity of good clean water and that became the charity that I wanted to support. I feel a sense of satisfaction and thankfulness to God who has supplied my needs and more, to allow me to help others have this need met for them.

—Barbara Faulkner



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## Walk 4 Hope

From April 17th – 30th, World Hope USA joined World Hope Australia to raise awareness for the ETC program and money to help children around the world have the resources they need to thrive! Our amazing World Hope community grabbed friends, small groups, or even rallied their whole community to join us as we did our Walk 4 Hope! We are so grateful and inspired!



*"Our boys cycled for hope to raise awareness about boys and girls with disabilities in Sierra Leone who need our help. Big thanks to those who have come alongside us and supported this cause!" —Tai Symons, TX*



*"This is the 1st time reuniting since our climb to Mount Everest Base Camp. That fundraiser forever changed my life. Helping raise awareness and funds for clean water accessibility so that many lives are saved was a step I took toward one of the hardest things I ever did in my life. I continue to give back to World Hope International and am doing the Walk for Hope fundraiser!"*

—Monica Fernandi, VA

## Celebrate with the Global WHI Community!

Join us as we celebrate our 25th anniversary through a series of events. Some of the events will be focused on projects and opportunities, others on advocacy and action—and more! Keep an eye on our calendar of events as we add more events and details throughout the year.

**Event sponsorship opportunities are also available – contact us today.**

### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**AUGUST 5:**

**Hoover Walk (NC)**

Stay tuned for more information on this annual walk for water in North Carolina!

**AUGUST 12-19:**

**We Are the Village (Virtual)**

Don't miss our virtual celebration of breaking down the barriers between children and access to quality education. It's not too early to save the date — or plan a watch party with us!

**SEPTEMBER 25:**

**Lipman Memorial Golf Tournament (TX)**

The Gary Lipman Invitational Golf Scramble has set records in each of the last six years. Since 2011, the tournament has helped drill 98 new wells serving over 70,000 people. Save the date for another great event and the opportunity to bring clean water to even more people!



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