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# Dorian: Relief When and Where It Mattered

At the end of the summer, the northern islands of the Bahamas were devastated by the catastrophic Hurricane Dorian, which hovered for days over the islands, exponentially increasing damage day by day. Through our strong coalition of partners and as a result of strategically prepositioning emergency supplies over the summer, World Hope International was able to respond immediately to the crisis and get on the ground by September 2.

Before Dorian devastated the North Bahamas, many communities and settlements were spread across cays and were only narrowly connected to parts of larger islands. With the surge from the storm and the massive wind and water

destruction, most of these communities were cut off from the support of larger towns—many of which were also destroyed and in need of aid, too.

*“I can’t begin to describe the need that remains in Abaco, which I suspect will go on for some time. I can only express my thanks to my co-volunteers Jon and Harrison for the honor it was to work with for the past week and the privilege that World Hope International has afforded me to try and make a difference for the people of Treasure Cay.”*

— Lewis, Relief Team volunteer

*“Scared, excited, under-prepared, hopeful, intimidated. Those are some of the feelings I felt. I was going to make clean drinking water for people whose lives had been stripped away by the strongest storm to hit the Bahamas. How was I, a young pastor, and mom from Canada possibly going to help? Within hours of arriving in Marsh Harbour, we had our Katadyn water purification units running. Then people began to come. That is when I realized that the simple act of making clean water was enough. We were providing people with something they could not live without. We were allowing a demolished community the chance to rebuild, simply by creating clean water. By the end of the week, I felt empowered and passionate about helping people. I knew that what I was doing with World Hope International was life-changing for the people I gave water to, but it changed me as well.”*

—Deborah, Relief Team volunteer



Our partnerships with SolRelief, YachtAid Global, Airlink, and Katadyn Group enabled us to reach these communities and set up stations to produce clean water for the survivors—and an incredible team of volunteers from across North America rose up to establish and run the clean stations with us. Instead of bringing

*“When I arrived in the Bahamas and was able to look past the devastation and see everyone coming together to provide help it was beautiful.”*

— Ken, Relief Team volunteer



water that gets offloaded is little and they don't know if it will continue, so when we just went there and made water, they relaxed."

In addition to making clean water and thanks to the tremendous outpouring of support we received, we were also able to procure and deliver 300 pallets of supplies for both emergency relief and the long process of building back better. World Hope will continue to help the Bahamas recover from this disaster through a new partnership with Tesla, through which we are providing temporary renewable energy with Mobile Powerwall Units to critical emergency services in The Bahamas, including the World Food Programme's Distribution Centre in Marsh Harbour, the Hopetown Fire Station and Health Clinic, and the Man-O-War Cay Health Clinic and Distribution and Command Post Centre. With the ongoing support from donors and churches, we are also excited to help the devastated communities rebuild their homes and churches.



in loads of single-use plastic water bottles, which ultimately create a second crisis for post-disaster communities because of the plastic pollution, we used Katadyn Outdoors reverse osmosis water treatment systems—that can purify salt water into drinking water—to provide safe and clean water for drinking and for sanitation purposes, like bathing, laundering clothes, and even flushing clogged toilets. The aquifers were running 24/7—using solar power by day and generators by night—to produce the clean water. The team then filled up the reusable Smart Bottle Inc bottles with the freshly produced drinking water for those in the community to come and pick up and filled portable onion storage tanks with clean water for sanitation.

World Hope's WASH Director, Keith Norris, stated that "there was really an attitude shift when we got there and people knew at least they'd have water. They had baths, they could drink, they felt more at ease. It had a huge psychological impact for them. They lost their homes; they didn't have anything. Bottled



## Cyclone Idai – Mozambique

In mid-March, Mozambique was hit by cyclone Idai, causing devastation for the people, destroying their houses, fields, and livelihoods. World Hope International partnered with three other organizations, Amazon, Katadyn, and Airlink, to bring relief and sent a team of six volunteers to help fight against the aftermath effects of the cyclone. The team distributed 550 water filters across 6-8 communities that could be used to clean the water and protect survivors from the second crisis of a cholera outbreak.

World Hope's volunteer team leader, Orai Lehman, described the importance of World Hope's partnerships with Katadyn and

Amazon, who supplied the water filters; "Having those connections and those partnerships gave an immediate resource that was available to help with one of the biggest needs, which was pure water. Because in the case of a catastrophe like that, one of the greatest needs is to supply water—the cyclone destroys the existing water systems and contaminates even wells and that kind of thing. So immediately, there's a huge danger of waterborne diseases, such as cholera. Having a resource like a connection with institutions that are able to supply the filters, gives just an immediate connection that was a great help in this case, as is in many other similar cases."



## The Possibility to Live Their Best Lives

*For a few hours on two different days in August, children in World Hope International (WHI)'s Enable the Children (ETC) program got to watch, talk to, and play with some of the best soccer players (also known as "footballers") in Sierra Leone.*

At the invitation of the team's manager, the ETC staff, kids, and some of our families were able to watch a soccer training and then interact with many of the national team players.

Initially, the ETC team, along with six children living with disabilities, were honoured to get an invitation to watch the Sierra Leone National team practice before their first away game in Liberia, but it didn't stop there!

The national team, known as the Leone Stars, came around the kids and were amazed at what our children could do.

During their visit, the kids enjoyed meeting several members of the team, including the captain, Umaru 'Zaingalay' Bangura, and the Sierra Leone Football Association (SLFA)'s President, Isha Johansen.

"The kindness of the national team imparted value and love to our kids more in those few hours than many had experienced by their communities for years, and in many ways, that is how life is. Simple acts done in sincerity and kindness many times make the most impact," noted Anna Vines, ETC Program Director and Physiotherapist.

It was such a positive time that a second, larger soccer event with the National team was immediately organized for that Sunday following, where even more children from the ETC program were invited.

National Team luminaries including the team captain, and players Kei Kamara, Mustapha Dumbuya, Musa 'Tombo' Kamara, and Simion Kaku were among the team stars who played on the field with 25 of our kids at the Football Academy grounds.

As ETC program director, Anna Vines, puts it, "It was exciting again to see how sports can tear down the walls between disability and ability. Sports has the ability to transcend the physical and connect people over a common enjoyment."

In fact, during the series of events, Isha Johansen announced that the SLFA has identified World Hope International as one of the main charities it will support, adding,

***"These young kids have defied their physical and/or mental disabilities, using football to chase their dreams and 'stay in the game.'"***

*—Isha Johansen, President, Sierra Leone Football Association*

"The unimaginable football skills and talents of these kids (girls and boys), despite their mental and physical disabilities, is further proof of the power of football—breaking barriers."

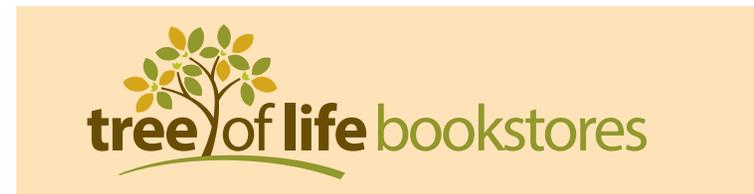
WHI is grateful to the SLFA and the Leone Stars players for making time and excited to build on these relationships and use love of soccer as a bridge that connects the people of Sierra Leone in very unique ways.

"I want every one of our kids to know they are special and to have play and joy in their lives. Integrating sports and sports therapy in our program gives a space for this in addition to breaking barriers," Anna shared. "They should have the chance to live their best lives. They have that right. I hope that as a program we can support Sierra Leone's participation in the Special Olympics and Paralympics. We have a vision for this which is truly exciting."





# Community Led, Market Driven: The Bettah Bakery



If you had the opportunity to better your life, would you? For a group of women in Sierra Leone, the answer to that is a resounding “yes.”

While the lives of women in Sierra Leone have improved in many areas, the pace has been slow. According to the Sierra Leone 2015 Population and Housing Census, 28% of women are the sole or main income producer and decision-maker with no education and paid employment, and 66% of women do not have the ability to read and write in any language.

Through a corporate sponsorship by Tree of Life Bookstores, World Hope International

has constructed a bakery, introduced business training, and launched a new, women-led business in Makeni, Sierra Leone, called the “Bettah Bakery.” Officially dedicated and commissioned on Monday, July 26, in a ceremony well attended by many community members and local church leaders, the bakery affords women the opportunity to gain leadership and business skills, establish a bakery, and link the business to market. The objective? Empower women to generate income to support their families’ daily needs.

The name—Bettah Bakery—was chosen by the Wesleyan Church women leaders who operate the bakery. This is a name in the local language, Kjkrio, meaning “women

must get up to improve themselves.” They designed the logo to have a heart with wings ready to fly—showing the empowerment of women through their income generating bakery.

World Hope believes every person should have the opportunity to live a life of dignity; to not only survive but to prosper, to have the ability to provide food, shelter, and education for one’s family. The bakery, which has four departments—Production, Marketing, Finance and Administration—is open Monday to Saturday from 8am – 5pm. It currently specializes in rolls and loaves and produced about 250 loaves per day in the first week. The women hope to create other types of

bread and pastries in the future and increase their production according to the demand.

For the time being, the women market the loaves and pastries at churches, schools, and to individuals. They formed a Project Management Committee of seven women and an advisory team comprised of five senior personnel from Wesleyan Church of Sierra Leone, with a dedicated financial officer who monitors the sales and payment of staff. The women are already working on management, marketing/advertising, training, and sustainability plans for the coming year.



## Partnerships & Innovations

Something incredibly special can happen when a company decides that what happens halfway around the world from it matters—and that it can make a positive impact. For some companies, that can mean a philanthropic partnership that empowers a community through opportunity, protecting the vulnerable and reunifying families along the way.

That is exactly the kind of impact that Simple Green Smoothies, a woman-owned business helping people fuel up with healthy and affordable smoothies, wanted to make.

In 2018, Simple Green Smoothies began a partnership with World Hope International with a dream to end human trafficking in Cambodia through mushroom farming. So

far, they've raised \$10,000 and helped 7 families start their own mushroom growing business—and they're just getting started.

World Hope has been on the front lines of the fight against human trafficking in Cambodia for nearly two decades and a critical part of the fight to help rural families, especially women-headed households, prosper economically. As a woman-founded, woman-owned company that draws on #plantpower, Simple Green Smoothies determined that WHI's women-empowering, mushroom cultivation project—also plant based!—was the perfect match.

Jen Hansard, co-founder and CEO of Simple Green Smoothies, was in a vulnerable situation herself when her children were little.

*“I think we all want to feel good in our heart about what we’re doing and what we’re buying, and when you come to us and we can help you with your own health—but it doesn’t stop there; we’re gonna help you make the world a better place halfway around the world in Cambodia, too—that’s crazy cool. I’m thankful we’ve been able to do this as a company.”*

—Jen Hansard, CEO,  
Simple Green Smoothies

She was able to start her own wellness brand to help her family out of their financial crisis, and after hearing about WHI's Mushroom Cultivation Project, Jen committed Simple Green Smoothies to making a \$10k gift to WHI; company to company, woman to woman, and plant to plant.

Today, Jen continues to be passionate about helping other mothers do the same thing and is committed to the women of Cambodia through WHI's Mushroom Project.

“We are passionate and committed to raising at least \$10k a year to help the Mushroom Cultivation Project,” she shared.

In January 2019, Jen took her Simple Green Smoothies team to Cambodia with WHI to meet the women and families whose lives have been impacted by her company's commitment, and Simple Green Smoothies will invite anyone who raises \$10k with them this year on their next “Rawkstar Adventure” in Cambodia to see the mushroom project in action.

Mushroom farming has had a large impact on the lives of rural Cambodians, adding over \$2,000 to farmer incomes annually and enabling them to stop travelling to urban areas for work, save for larger purchases, and pay off existing loans. WHI uses market-based solutions like the Mushroom Cultivation Project to fight human trafficking and gender-based violence (GBV) and to unlock opportunities for people to lift themselves up out of poverty.

**If you are interested in joining us as a corporate sponsor, contact our Executive Director, Tanya Nace, at [tanyanace@worldhope.org](mailto:tanyanace@worldhope.org).**



# Making Advances Against Live-Streamed Child Sexual Abuse

Since 2017, PAVE has been caring for survivors and training both government and NGO social workers and shelter workers on how to provide the best care and therapy for survivors of online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC) in the Philippines. PAVE stands for “Protecting at Risk Children Vulnerable for Exploitation” and is a project which World Hope International (WHI) partners on with the Salvation Army, Cure Foundation, and Love 146, all organizations running various shelters for survivors. Specifically addressing livestreaming exploitation, PAVE is centrally located to work alongside shelters and local social workers to provide proper care and research for best practices in clinical care for treating OSEC survivors.

Livestreaming often happens in the context of a family, where a potential buyer of online exploitation will contact the parents, or sometimes someone else known to the child, to make a deal with them. Because of this, the practice of online sexual exploitation of children tends to spread within communities when the families become curious about

how their neighbours are suddenly increasing their income. This adds difficulties to the reintegration of survivors, since often, returning to their homes and communities is no longer safe for them.

Haley Clark, WHI’s Director of Anti-Trafficking and Gender-Based Violence, highlights another difficulty when working with survivors of online sexual exploitation, noting that, “One thing I like to bring up is the uncomfortable topic of pornography. People have a misconception that pornography doesn’t cause harm because the person doesn’t have direct contact.” She continues, noting, “However, the survivors say they have this feeling that they are being abused over and over again because it is out on the internet forever. This reality increases the depths of their trauma.”

The United Nation Children’s Fund (UNICEF) has declared the Philippines as the global epicenter of livestreaming exploitation of children. OSEC is so common here largely due to the wide use of English and access to the internet. Because OSEC is more com-

mon in this area, it is in high need for aid, but it is also the best location to learn about OSEC and how to best address it. There is little known about this currently, and there is great need for research to be done because of its recent growth caused from increased use of technology and internet access.

Having worked with WHI before, providing counselling services to children affected by the earthquake in Haiti and conducting research on WHI’s Anti-Trafficking work in Sierra Leone, Dr. Keri Bassett, Psychology Professor at Roberts Wesleyan University, spent 10 days in the Philippines to do just that. Bassett has her B.A. in Psychology, from Houghton College, and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Biola University in La Mirada, California.

Dr. Bassett’s experience in both counselling and research, along with her passion, has allowed her to conduct multiple research projects filling this grave need in the world of human trafficking and exploitation. Increasing the understanding in this field will allow social workers and psychologists to provide better clinical care to survivors.

“I know there are students who are studying and wonder what they can do to help. It’s

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—Haley Clark, Director of Anti-Trafficking and Gender-Based Violence

*“One of the biggest things people can do is prevention activities to educate people about what is happening, especially since most customers are American. People aren’t aware of this new form of sexual exploitation, but it is being driven by our neighbors.”*  
—Dr. Bassett

important to know there are clinicians, but there is also a need for researchers. It is rare to find people with clinical skills and research skills. There is a need for people who understand both because of the huge need for research,” she shares.

Through interviewing social workers who either work for or were trained by the PAVE program, Dr. Bassett conducted detailed research on the techniques of how to counsel survivors, as well as assessing the different risk factors that are associated specifically with OSEC. Bassett was also able to witness the positive effects of the work PAVE is doing and reported; “A lot of the social workers found the training very interesting and very helpful to learning things they’ve never considered before.”

Learn more online about WHI’s anti-trafficking and gender-based violence work and read a story of one woman’s experience surviving trafficking. You can join our efforts in combatting human trafficking and gender-based violence by making a gift to the Hope Fund, which allows us to fund projects like PAVE and respond when and where it matters. Your gift today is the gift of hope for someone tomorrow.

# The Best & Safest Water Ever

World Hope International drilled a new borehole in the Bo District of Sierra Leone, a project that included construction of a fence to protect the well, the hand pump installation, the training of the Water Management Committee (WMC), and the chlorination of the water in the well.

The 75-year-old Baoma community stands along the Sewa River (one of the major rivers in Sierra Leone) in the Lugbu chiefdom in Bo District. The community has a total population of over 380 inhabitants, including women and children. Mr. Masaquoi, a retired schoolteacher, was nominated by the town chief to share about the new well and the impact it is already making on their community and surrounding villages...



“For 75 years no support has ever come to this village. God has used you to bring us sanity by providing water and training on sanitation and hygiene sufficiency to this community. **Since the time of our great ancestors, this commu-**

**nity had never received any support of such kind. World Hope International is the first organization to enter this land with equipment of such kind ever in the history of this community.** We have tried several requests through the governments, but no help came at all. But whatever God has destined will surely come to pass.

Today, this is Baoma, a typical traditional community enjoying the same facility that other citizens of this same country have been enjoying. The present generation is going to enjoy this facility on onto our great children—by then we will be called ancestors, as of those who lived before our time.

**In time past, Baoma was the host to any water related disease outbreak prevalence like typhoid, cholera, diarrhea, and vomiting, etc. Women and children are most vulnerable to any outbreak of the above-mentioned diseases. Every year we have to lose active women and potential growing children.**

During the early dry season (December, January February) each year, we have to sail in a boat across the Sewa in search of better-quality water than the river. As you can see that is another District (Bonthe District Main Land). In the adverse dries (March April), these local wells will dry up and we and our hosts will have no alternative but to both meet at the river to collect water for both drinking and other domestic purposes.

**Remember, the Sewa river is a multi-purpose river with a lot of activities carried in it like mining, fishing, laundering, and bathing.**

This is one evidence of the activities that taking place that contributes to the unsafe of this water that is causing a lot of trouble

on us as a people dwelling in different locations along this river. In any case and so far as water is concerned, we the people of Baoma, I can say we are free from water related hazards that has been troubling us in the past. In many dry seasons we were hosted by the Bonthe people, this time round we are going to host them and give the best water and safest water ever.”

**The people of Baoma are grateful for the installation of the well, “which has remedied us from several of the water diseases prevalent, that have killed a lot of our people in the past.”** They are also thankful “for the good work and the training we received on how to take care of this good water provided to us.”

Mr. Masaquoi also noted that the presence of these services (the Water Management Committee training and the well itself), although new, already has had a great impact in the lives of his people, particularly given that

1. The facility is close to the community
2. The water is safe and good to drink
3. The water is readily available at any given time for use
4. Having the well promotes sanitation and personal hygiene (hygiene takes effect when water and sanitation facilities are available)

Goal #6 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is to “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.” Clean water and the power it has to transform communities and the lives of individuals is an important part of World Hope International’s work around the world.

## Did you know we do webinars?

Keep an eye out online and in your inboxes for invitations to join our webinars. We hosted our first webinar this year. One webinar we hosted was on “Extreme Sports Charity Fundraising” and featured Rev. Wes Dupin and Ron Bussa from Daybreak along with professional sailor and athlete, Sara Hastreiter. Another webinar addressed “Earth, the Environment, and Emergency Response” and featured World Hope US CEO John Lyon as well as John Wright from our partner, Katadyn, Group, Liz Bloomfield, from our disaster response partner, Airlink, and moderated by Canadian Executive Director, Tanya Nace.

Webinars are free, recorded live, and can be viewed or listened to after the event on our website. We have an exciting line-up of webinars planned for 2020 and hope you find them informative and beneficial!

## Don't Miss a Single Story!

Like these stories? Sign up for our e-newsletter online to receive stories like these directly to your inbox each month! The Impact E-Newsletter also includes invitations to events and calls for volunteers.

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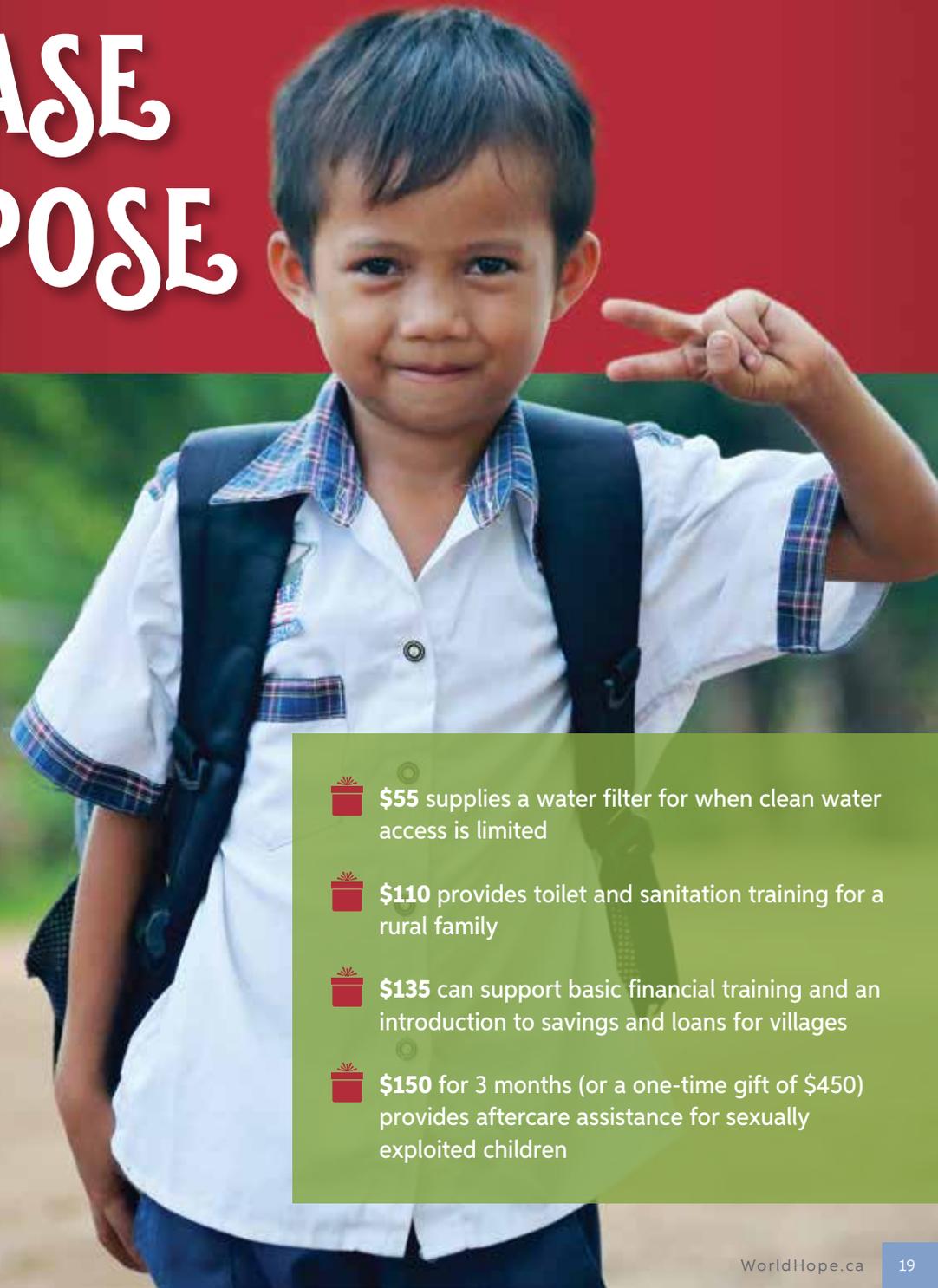
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She was quick to adjust to her new life at Hope House. Katya was confident they wanted God’s very best for her. Her Hope House family celebrated Katya’s decision to be baptized this Fall. In her testimony she said, “All my life I hated my father, but now I have a good Father.”

Katya recently graduated with the highest marks in her class and is working as a successful hairdresser. Through the Lord’s provision someone from the church owned a hair salon and paid for Katya’s tools and gave her a working station for free. Katya is very thankful for the prayers of her supporters and sponsors. She feels like her time at Hope House has provided her with a real family.

## Katya’s Story

**K**atya was a young child when her father passed away and her mom re-married. Her stepfather abused her and one day Katya had enough. She was so full of rage that she picked up a knife in the kitchen with the intent of hurting her stepfather. Fortunately, Katya didn’t go through with it.

She was then sent to an orphanage. When she was too old to stay there her only option was to leave and work on the streets as a prostitute. At this point a pastor stepped in and invited her to join the Hope House program.



## Interview with a Board Member – Canada

**S**erving as a board member is the best way for me to use my giftings to help those in need. Although I may not have the skills of an engineer, a horticulturalist or a health care professional; **I am honoured to be a part of the behind-the-scenes oversight of an organization that is passionate about providing opportunity, dignity and hope.**

I am excited that WHI initiatives have the power to transform entire communities. For example, something as relatively inexpensive as drilling clean water wells can singlehandedly change the lives of so many people for generations to come!

When I give to World Hope, I feel humble accomplishment. Although I may not be the one in the field doing the heavy lifting, **I know that through my steadfast giving to World Hope, I am an integral part of the mission.**

Being of Sri Lankan heritage, I feel that I have a greater appreciation for what the less fortunate are facing around the world. I am thankful that my children were born here in Canada, into a very comfortable life. I want them to realize how truly blessed they are to have the opportunities that they have in front of them. **My involvement with WHI and our decision to give generously as a family is our way**



**of keeping grounded and sharing the abundance that the Lord has poured into our lives.**

If you’re looking for an organization that is truly focused on building solutions that not only empower those in need but also equip them for sustainable, long-term success — then please consider giving to WHI. A gift of any size makes a difference and I would also encourage you to consider World Hope in your estate planning.

*Richard Arulpooranam, Secretary Senior Labour Relations Strategist, Member Labour Relations, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa, ON*

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# AWARDS & ACCOLADES



*“Wherever in the world God’s children are suffering—whether on the streets of American cities, or in the networks of human trafficking of South East Asia, or in the orphanages of post-Soviet Eastern Europe, Jo Anne wants to know why the Church is not doing more about it. Instead of turning away in discomfort or helplessness, she mobilizes people to do something about it in the name of Jesus.”*

—Dr. Shirley Mullin, when presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Jo Anne Lyon (pictured left)

## Lifetime Achievement Award

On May 11th, Houghton College President, Shirley Mullen awarded the Willard J. Houghton Medal to World Hope International’s Founder, Dr. Jo Anne Lyon. “The Houghton Medal is a presentation we make to individuals who have embodied in particular and powerful ways over the course of a lifetime the commitments and aspirations that are at the heart of a Houghton education,” Mullen said, adding that “It is Houghton’s Lifetime Achievement Award and the most selective award we give.”

“I was deeply honoured to have been given the Lifetime Achievement Medal of Honor

Award from Houghton College,” Dr. Lyon shared. “I could barely hold back the tears as Dr. Shirley Mullen read the citation.”

Dr. Lyon was recently elected to Vice Chair of the Board of the National Association of Evangelicals and serves on the boards for Bread for the World, Asbury Theology Seminary, the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, and the Council of Faith of the World Economic Forum. She also served on the Council on Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships under President Obama and on the Board of Houghton College prior to becoming General Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church.

Houghton College awarded Dr. Lyon the Houghton Medal “not only for her accomplishments—which are impressive, but also for her spirit. She brings to whatever she does bold imagination, a kind of holy impatience, and absolute fearlessness,” Dr. Mullen read from the citation. “After seeing the armless victims of the Sierra Leone Civil War in a refugee camp, she imagined an organization that could mobilize resources to send artificial limbs to that country. Thus was born World Hope. Wherever in the world God’s children are suffering—whether on the streets of American cities, or in the networks of human trafficking of South East Asia, or in the orphanages of post-Soviet Eastern Europe, Jo Anne wants to know why the Church is not doing more about it. Instead of turning away in discomfort or helplessness, she mobilizes people to do something about it in the name of Jesus. That’s what I mean by holy impatience.”



## Executive Director Receives MAOL

In August 2019, our Executive Director, Tanya Nace, graduated from Indiana

Wesleyan University with a Master’s in Organizational Leadership. We celebrate our leaders growing and developing to continue impacting the most vulnerable populations around the world.



Saidu Kanu (left), WHI Sierra Leone Country Director, receives the Outstanding International NGO Leader of the Year Award

## Outstanding International NGO Leader of the Year

On July 6th, Saidu Kanu, WHI’s Sierra Leone Country Director was honoured as the Outstanding International NGO Leader of the Year at the National Development Awards held in Freetown.

At the event, African Consulting Group recognized public service personnel, civil society, NGOs, and politicians who have played an important role in advancing the social and economic development of Sierra Leone. Those recognized were highlighted for their contributions towards creating a fairer, sustainable, peaceful, and prosperous future for all Sierra Leoneans. There is no surprise that Kanu was selected for his excellence, commitment and innovation.

# RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

## Yarmouth Wesleyan Pledges 10 Wells

Yarmouth Wesleyan Church has raised funds for their first 4 deep borehole wells. They are committed to drilling 10 wells in West Africa with World Hope! Senior Pastor AJ Plazier shares, "I love partnering with World Hope to drill wells because it gives our church an opportunity to combine gospel truth with tangible needs."

## Nackawic Well Walk

This year Tanya Nace participated in Nackawic Wesleyan's annual well walk. Over the years they have raised money for 80 deep borehole wells. Pastor Ryan Farrell has the vision and the church has the passion to provide clean water to

those who do not have access! Thank you Nackawic Wesleyan for an amazing day!

## Ride for Refuge 2019

Ride for Refuge is a cycling and walking fundraising event that helps charities continue to provide refuge and hope for the most vulnerable. This year World



Hope International had three teams participate in Waterloo, Calgary, and Ottawa. Together they raised over \$3,000!

## Office location change

To lower overhead costs World Hope has entered an office share relationship with the Atlantic District of the Wesleyan Church. We are excited to partner with them in this way. We are the same organization but have a new address: 1830 Mountain Rd. Suite C. Moncton, NB E1G 1A9.

## Interns Join World Hope

This Summer we had the privilege of hosting two interns: Courtney Hallett



Broadmoor Baptist Church team in Ukraine

and Haven Rhoda. Courtney said her internship with World Hope International, "... was as an opportunity for me to learn about communication in a workplace environment where I could try new things meet new people. My supervisor, Heather Hill, taught me to get out of my comfort zone and learn how to communicate with people around the world. This internship changed the way I see world and I am extremely thankful for and blessed by the experience."

## Southgate and Broadmoor Travel to Ukraine

Southgate Community Church and Broadmoor Baptist Church both took teams to Ukraine this year. They worked with both the Hope House and First Step Centre projects. Thanks to Broadmoor,

the First Step Centre kids got new backpacks and school supplies just in time for the beginning of their school year. Broadmoor's team leader, Gray Pace said, "Being a part of the world in Ukraine through World Hope was such a privilege. Spending time making crafts and playing sports with the kids at First Step Centre was an exciting and fun filled experience for us all. The girls at Hope House 1 and 2 are beautiful young ladies thriving because of all the staff who pour themselves into loving and caring for them."

Interested in hosting a fundraising event with us? Contact our office at [info@worldhope.ca](mailto:info@worldhope.ca).



# MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS!

## Deborah Gilbert, Donor Engagement Coordinator

Deborah Gilbert serves as the Donor Engagement Coordinator at World Hope International. She helps people and churches match their passion and capacity with opportunities to make a difference globally through giving to World Hope and beyond. Deborah has always loved helping people find ways to connect their gifts and talents with projects to help others. She is an ordained pastor in The Wesleyan Church and serves as the missions pastor at Cornerstone Wesleyan in Halifax, NS. Deborah has a BA in Religion from Kingswood University.



## Heather Bandy, Donor Services and Administrative Specialist

Heather Bandy is the Donor and Administrative Services Specialist at WHI Canada. She is passionate about community



development, cultures, and serving others. Prior to joining World Hope, Heather worked in Durres, Albania for five years, where she provided leadership development for university students and helped manage a local anti-human trafficking business. Heather holds a BA in Intercultural Studies and Theology from Indiana Wesleyan University and is currently completing a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Los Angeles Pacific University.

## NEW GLOBAL ALLIANCE HIRES

### Kristopher Meyer, Chief Operating Officer

Kris Meyer has almost three decades of operations, planning, and assessment experience across a wide sector of government and non-governmental work. A retired US Navy Commander, he supported World Hope International's disaster relief water production deployment to the Turks and Caicos immediately following Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017 and facilitated



WHI's medical volunteer support to the US Navy's USNS Comfort hospital ship missions in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2018. Kris has a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School of Government, a Master's in Human Resources from Towson University, and a BA from the University of North Florida. He is Project Management Professional certified and has completed additional training programs with USAID, OFDA, Naval Postgraduate School, and Defense Acquisitions University.

### Zachary Lawless, Director of Development

Zachary leads WHI's grant positioning, pursuits, and acquisitions for WHI. With 10+ years of business management experience, including 7 years in business development, Zachary has led business development efforts across several relief and development sectors in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and Latin America for several organizations, including Samaritan's Purse and World Vision. With Samaritan's Purse, Zachary lived/worked in Liberia to lead post-Ebola recovery new business efforts. Most recently with World Vision, Zachary managed the USDA McGovern – Dole Food for Education portfolio out of the Food Security and Livelihoods department in Washington, DC. Obtaining degrees in Intercultural Studies and International Development coupled with working



on projects in 25+ countries, Zachary is committed to designing projects that best meet the needs of vulnerable populations in developing countries in hopes that transformative, sustainable, and holistic development can be attained.

### Kelsey Rwayitare, Chief Legal Officer

Following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, Kelsey drove her beat-up Pontiac down to New Orleans and joined the United Way in the rebuild effort. She lived in a tent city with displaced locals, cared for children in a FEMA trailer park, and learned the necessity of active community service. Kelsey went on to serve in the areas of poverty alleviation, human rights, and women's empowerment, specifically by legal consulting for the Supreme Court of Rwanda, advocating for Habitat for Humanity, representing immigrants in their quest for political/religious asylum, and teaching in Central Africa, Japan, and Germany.

Upon graduating from law school, Kelsey joined Collins Aerospace where she led teams in multi-million dollar negotiations (over \$1B in revenue) and equipped women leaders as the Women's Forum Co-Chair. Kelsey joins World Hope International's team as General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer.



# TOGETHER, LET'S UNLOCK THE POSSIBILITIES



Generous donors have committed to giving \$40,000 by year-end and they have challenged us to match that amount by December 31st. Will you make a gift to The Hope Fund today to help us reach our year-end goal? Whether you are a long-time partner reflecting on your passion and ability to make an impact or you are considering partnering with us for the first time, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining us in this challenge for a better world.

When you make a gift to The Hope Fund, you are helping us continue to provide access to clean water, medical services, shelter, safety, training, resources, education, and economic opportunities. When you make a gift, you are empowering us to strategically strengthen our programs so we are able to provide solutions when a challenge or opportunity arises. And by investing in The Hope Fund, you are enabling us to respond to crisis locally, nationally, and internationally when disasters and emergencies break out—and to build resiliency ahead of time.

Together, we can make a difference when and where it matters and unlock the possibilities for a better, brighter future for the vulnerable; a future running over with opportunity, dignity, and hope.

## WAYS TO GIVE:



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[support.worldhope.org/  
unlock-2019/](https://support.worldhope.org/unlock-2019/)



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World Hope International  
(Canada)  
1830 Mountain Road, Suite C  
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### Call toll-free:

877-482-1499

*\*In order to receive a charitable deduction for the 2019 tax year, your gifts must be completed by midnight on December 31, 2019.*

### Questions about any of these options?

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