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**Some  
Good News**

# Dear Friend,

Six months ago I had a very different expectation of what 2020 would look like. Although the year itself has been nothing like what I imagined, the work that World Hope International has been able to do with your support over the past six months is exactly what I hoped for.

I'm grateful that, because of your support, World Hope International has good news to share from the past few months, and we are excited to celebrate those stories, moments, and victories with you. Some highlights from the past few months are:

- We are celebrating an incredible, historic breakthrough in anti-human trafficking in Sierra Leone! In December, our team trained border officers on identifying trafficking and only a few weeks later, those officers busted a major trafficking ring and rescued nearly a dozen women. Because of this, the survivors were able to see a measure of justice when the traffickers were convicted and sentenced—a first in Sierra Leonean recorded history!
- We are excited to share that we are putting the finishing touches on our water plant in Haiti! This project will use Tesla batteries and a solar array to harness the power of the sun and make the surrounding ocean water drinkable. Not only will it provide a reliable, steady source of clean water to residents of La Gonâve, Haiti, but it will also provide opportunities for local microenterprise and supply the only local hospital with clean water at long last.
- We are thrilled that Jahoo Gibbon Camp, our community development and conservation project in Mondulkiri, Cambodia, turned its very first profit earlier this year! This social

venture is not only empowering the marginalized, indigenous Bunong people of the region to make a sustainable living, but it is also helping to protect the endangered wildlife in the region and conserve the forest.

- We were able to host our annual Enable the Children beach day outing again in Sierra Leone this year; a gathering in which children living with disabilities and their families, along with the larger community, are invited for a day of fun and celebration. It's a great way of reducing stigma and strengthening community understanding, awareness, and acceptance. Two WHI Board Members, Diane Tager and Jim Mannoia, and WHI Board Chair, Mike Chambers, joined the celebration—along with a BBC reporter who interviewed several of the children.

Although COVID-19 has disrupted a great deal over the past few months, I know I am greatly encouraged by the work we have been able to accomplish before and since the pandemic broke out. I hope you enjoy reading through some more good news in this newsletter and I thank you for your continued support and partnership with us. Together, we will continue to bring good news and build hope across the world.

With HOPE,



John Lyon  
WHI President & CEO



## The Global Goals for Sustainable Development

The 17 Global Goals, outlined by the UN in 2015, have been taken up by nearly every country in the world. Also known as the Sustainable Development Goals, they are the blueprint to help countries and organizations partner together to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all and to be able to universally measure that progress along the way. The life changing goals address challenges faced globally, including ending extreme poverty; giving people better healthcare; and empowering women, girls, and other vulnerable populations. They are all interconnected, and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve them all by 2030. Check out which goals each of our projects tie into!

## SIERRA LEONE

# Well Drilled at School Brings Hygiene & Happiness

World Hope International completed the provision of a water service system for a primary school in Bombali District, Sierra Leone. WHI went back to the school to see how it's going and talk with the school headmistress, Mrs. Rita Fatu Conteh, about the school's journey to clean water.

When Mrs. Conteh first began to work as Headmistress of Our Lady of Fatima primary school, the school's only water came from a small, hand-dug well installed by the entrance to the school compound. Unfortunately the hand-dug well only had water from July to October and so for the majority of the year, children had to go in search of water for drinking or even just for handwashing.

Although she and the School Management Committee tried to fix the problem, they were unable to solve it and had to continue sending the children elsewhere for clean water.

"One day we received a team from World Hope International staff ... of all discussions and what transpired thereafter, there was one thing that struck me most, [...] the question 'What support do you want in the school?'"

"Without delay and, on behalf of the school, I told the team it was water that we desperately needed. I expressed to the team how long the school has been struggling with this water issue," Conteh said.

World Hope responded, sending in our geophysical survey team first, then our drilling team, and finally, the pump installation team.

*"We are happy and now have the guarantee that our lives and that of our pupil[s] are saved from water related disease outbreaks and I am very much optimistic that this water provided us will change our lives and lifestyle."*

—Rita Fatu Conteh, Headmistress



## Did you know?

As with other wells we drill in response to community requests and needs, the drilling of a good and sustainable well involves a number of steps, including:

- Survey for a potential site
- Drilling of a borehole water well
- Construction of a protected well fence
- Hand pump installation
- Training of water management committees
- Chlorination of well to remove any initial contamination

"We were not too convinced of getting water until when the installation team finished their own part of the project. That day was a heavenly day in this from teachers down to the least pupil, happiness all over," Conteh shared. "We are happy and now have the guarantee that our lives and that of our pupil[s] are saved from water related disease outbreaks and I am very much optimistic that this water provided us will change our lives and lifestyle."

## RELATED PROJECT: Clean Water Wells, Global

- Increasing access to clean water around the world
- Drilling since 2004!
- SDGs:





## PAPUA NEW GUINEA On the Road to a More Secure Future

*World Hope International traveled to Papua New Guinea in January 2020 to celebrate the opening of The Nomad Mougulu High School, which we are partnering with Strickland Bosavi Foundation to establish and resource. One member of the visiting team, Tim Weatherall, was invited by the community to take pictures and learn and share stories that were told during their visit — and here is his experience listening, learning, and trying to capture the richness of culture and the challenges and dreams of the community...*

I'm in Mougulu, in the lowlands of western Papua New Guinea. It has taken a remarkable and unpredictable three days to get here, traveling thousands of miles to capture this very moment.

It's an extremely remote place that is tropically hot, yet green and full of life. We are untouched to some extent. One of the

few places left almost untarnished by the modern world until very recently. Apart from an airstrip that only works when the weather is just right, we are five days travel by foot from any major settlement, shop or advanced healthcare.

So, it is with this backdrop I first sat perched on one knee, leaning in, straining to listen

to softly spoken broken English, camera in hand, held at my chest, trying my hardest to look as much like a floorboard as I can. I was hoping to disappear, to be an invisible fly on the wall, to listen, to hear unfettered truth, frustration, anger, hurt and joy. I'm here to try and understand what these people are living through.

In this rough and dimly lit community hall sit teachers, parents, community leaders, and young people. Some have travelled up to two days' walk to be here, all eager to hear what Sally Lloyd, CEO and Director of Strickland Bosavi Foundation and a Volunteer Community Development Worker for WHI had to tell them about the new high school.

As I look around, I was amazed at the diversity of the group sitting here, people from six to 86 sit huddled together. Sally addressed the crowd and we raised hands when asked what grade we are moving into. The high school will start this year as a day school without boarding facilities for Grades 9 and 10, that's stage two. A number of the students look older, they are young adults, not the teenagers I expected.

### **“Why do you want to come to the high school?”**

During our trip, a group of students moved to huddle around Sally as she asked them to tell their stories.

“Why do you want to come to the high school in Mougulu? What do you think will be better about a school here?” The answers that followed broke my heart.



One girl quietly introduced herself as Anne. "I have finished grade 8 but I had to stop. I did not have the money for school fees."

"How much are the fees?" Sally asked.

"1200 Kina," — the equivalent of \$369 USD. That is all it costs to educate and house Anne for the whole academic year.

*We all sit in silence as we hear how Anne now lives with her older brothers who have no means to support or provide for her daily needs, let alone find \$369 USD a year to continue her education. A local school will allow her to live in free accommodation with the support of her wider family.*

### **Between Hope & Opportunity: The Challenges in Getting Access to Education**

On top of the challenging cost, we learned that Anne's school, which lies a full week's walk away, was rendered unusable by the 7.2 magnitude scale earthquake of 2018.

The epicentre of the disaster lies at the foot of distant mountains but its destruction will impact generations to come as the government and NGOs struggle to repair decimated infrastructure.

Sally asked, "Where are your parents? What do they do?" She calmly replies, "My father, he died... My mother left."

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### **Addressing Conflict & Abuse**

We move around the group until we reach some young men. They look to be in their late 20s. They tell story after story of a school life filled with conflict, fear, and abuse.

By traveling almost 186 miles to school, these young men become totally removed from family and a heritage that not only protects them but provides important cultural structures for discipline, respect and life together.

When men from this area have to travel the five days by foot, they will inherently move through land that is not of their people. This poses many issues for the young men with payback violence and extreme tribalism still an ever-present undertone of life here. Unfortunately, the schools are not in the lands of friendly tribes and physical altercations are a constant reminder of this tension. The men tell of having to leave the library as they study at night, driven out by violent members of other groups.

"There is fighting, always fighting. It is very hard for us to study."

Multiple times they have had to close their books and flee to relative safety, locking themselves in dormitories or hiding where they can. Unable to study or even participate in social life for fear of retaliation and violence, they live an untenable existence in these local yet foreign places without community, loved ones, security or safety.



### **Access to Education Provides Opportunity and Hope**

This high school project is vital to the future of these young people. Without this, young people will continue to be subject to horrors that no young person should face.

The ability for them to attend a local high school will not only impact them individually, removing the most obvious obstacles from their education and development, but change the community for generations to come. Education leads to better health outcomes, economic development and a lasting legacy of meaningful impact.

### **Addressing Gender-Based Violence**

What was soon obvious is that this awful reality also applies to young girls and women who travel so far for school. They are even more vulnerable to violence and abuse and the stories told by the young people here truly sickened me.

I am deeply saddened by the sheer number of young female students who will not, or are not allowed to, travel to school for fear of emotional, physical or sexual abuse. Young girls return from school pregnant, bruised and broken. Preyed on by men in

opportunistic crimes taking advantage of young women without the security and protection of family and community.

One day while we are at Mougulu a girl returns to the mission station by plane, delivered back to her home on medical evacuation. Her face bears a bandage covering the cuts she received at the hands of men who had ambushed her, along with her father and brother, on the road as they trekked to start the new school year some 186 miles away. The men beat her family members before attempting to sexually assault her. Amazingly they each escaped, battered but alive and able to seek help nearby. Even more sobering is the realization that this is not a unique occurrence.

This continues to happen whenever these young people are forced to travel outside their community, displaced hundreds of miles, to hostile environments, just to continue their education.

This is why I continue to support World Hope's efforts to support access to education, to empower communities to build a secure future, and to provide hope.

### **RELATED PROJECT: The Nomad Mougulu High School**

- Providing access to life-long learning and vocational opportunities for students
- Launched 2020!

• SDGs:





THE PHILIPPINES

## In Profile: Adesty Dulawan

World Hope International is staffed and led by an incredible team of passionate professionals around the world — one of whom is Adesty Dulawan, WHI’s Clinical Supervisor. She spends her days tackling the issue of online sexual exploitation of children in the Philippines. How does someone get involved with such a challenging and deep issue? How do they begin to make a difference?

“My career choice started initially as simply being interested with people—how they live their lives, how they think, and how they respond to situations. Eventually, I realized that I want to be a vessel of healing and hope and being a counselor is an avenue to do so.”

Adesty will tell you that she got involved in the most ordinary way possible: an opportunity came up and she was willing to take it. In early 2018, she came across a WHI job posting for a clinical supervisor role at the Protecting At-Risk Children Vulnerable to

Exploitation (PAVE) project, which was created in response to the growing epidemic of the online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC)—a global problem with an epicenter in the Philippines. PAVE aimed to strengthen systems already in place for identifying and caring for these survivors.

But how did OSEC come to be such an issue? The answer is intuitive: OSEC is as young as widespread internet and high definition video. As internet use becomes more accessible and a part of everyday life around the globe, the potential to abuse it also grows. One of the challenges confronting those who are working to address the issue is the lack of an established precedent for clinical care of OSEC survivors.

It was absolutely overwhelming at first. There was a huge need to help these children, and yet one of the first problems Adesty encountered was how to go about providing that help. Her previous experience and education had equipped her with tools

and scenarios to recognize and respond to a variety of traumatic situations, but OSEC was something entirely different. “The children

come to us not really presenting the typical trauma seen in sexually abused children,” Adesty related.

*“My favorite part of my job is doing therapy with the survivors and seeing them heal from their painful past. Nothing is more rewarding than witnessing them being restored from being victims to being survivors.”*

—Adesty Dulawan,  
Clinical Supervisor, WHI

As they engaged with their research, Adesty and the PAVE team began creating a toolkit for understanding the needs of each child and matching the appropriate combination of therapy to each case. Developing the tools was only half the battle however; it was time to pass the knowledge and training on to the overworked social workers directly involved with the OSEC survivors. Adesty and the PAVE team implemented ongoing focus groups, coaching opportunities, and group trainings. The successes these training sessions brought were encouraging and



Although OSEC has tragically increased with the onset of COVID-19 and many more people homebound, Adesty and her team of social workers are continuing to help survivors, making phone calls and developing new tools, materials, and resources for survivors and survivor caregivers. Before The Philippines went into lockdown, Adesty and her team of social workers even helped their OSEC clients adjust to mandatory stay-at-home orders by helping them with errands and shopping.

allowed her to engage with some of the other challenges in the area of OSEC.

For Adesty, one of the biggest challenges in addressing OSEC in the Philippines has been pushing for family-based care—which means that children can reintegrate into the community after they have experienced successful intervention. She works hard with her team to identify solutions that will work best for the child survivors and take into account their community and existing structures.

When she isn't working to address OSEC and equip social workers, survivors, and their communities with the tools they need to succeed and heal, Adesty enjoys reading books

and travelling to see sights and experience different cultures.

### RELATED PROJECT: Protecting At-Risk Children Vulnerable to Exploitation in The Philippines

- Paving the way to a brighter future for child survivors of OSEC (the online sexual exploitation of children)
- Started Oct 2017
- SDGs:



Since 2017, World Hope International (WHI) has been working in the Philippines to introduce therapeutic interventions for survivors of Online Sexual Abuse of Children (OSEC)—a complicated form of abuse which continues to impact survivors in a detrimental way long after they have been removed from the abusive situation.

Sofia\* wrote that she already forgave her abusers and would encourage them to change for the better. She told them “not to lose hope, and to make use of the second chance given to them.” She also said she has learned now to “seek for justice/help, and if you are an abused person, you must report it to the authorities, especially if you discover that you are a child experiencing OSEC.” Finally, she charged her family to “be strong despite the difficulty of the sudden life changes due to the untoward incidents. Depression happens, but these trials are temporary,” and that we should all remember “that a person’s trust, faith, and hope in God will help conquer [these trials].”



For therapists charged with the daunting task of helping children heal, for children fighting trauma and searching for peace and happiness, and for communities ravaged by this terrible form of trafficking, this new therapy tool is beginning to bring healing—and hope.

*\*Name changed to protect her privacy*



*In a courthouse in Freetown, Sierra Leone, on Tuesday, February 11th, after being found guilty on 30 counts, two women were sentenced to prison for trafficking-in-persons (TIP) and money laundering. They were initially convicted in a landmark case on Thursday, February 6th — the first human trafficking conviction for Sierra Leone!*

One of the accused, Fatmata Kamara, was convicted on 30 charges and received a sentence for 20 years in prison. The second accused, Kadiatu Kargbo, was found guilty on two counts and sentenced to 8 years in prison. They were caught in a breakthrough trafficking bust in January while attempting to traffic young Sierra Leonean women across the border.

World Hope International (WHI) attended the hearing along with the rescued survivors,

nine of whom have been sheltered since their rescue at World Hope’s Recovery Centre.

Also present for the hearing were representatives from the United States Embassy in Freetown as well as representatives from the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the International Organization for Migration.

Following the conviction on Thursday, State Prosecutor Adrian Fisher, Esq., shared that he was confident a strong sentence would

be passed down and stated that “World Hope International has done brilliantly in the success we have had [in this conviction].”

One of the reasons there have been no trafficking convictions since 2005 is because survivors of trafficking are often approached in their communities and either pressured or paid off to not testify against the accused.

“If we can’t secure victims, you aren’t going to get convictions,” Fisher explained. “If we’re gonna fight this thing, we need to secure victims.”

**By sheltering survivors of this trafficking attempt at WHI’s Recovery Centre, the survivors were not only able to receive trauma care, but were also protected from these attempts to silence them.** All of the women attended the trial with WHI’s Recovery Centre staff and were prepared and willing to testify.

**“This case is a perfect example of all aspects of anti-human trafficking work: prevention, protection, and prosecution,”** shared Haley Clark, WHI’s Director of Gender-Based Violence & Anti-Human Trafficking programs. **The training of border guards led to identification of the trafficking attempt (prevention), World Hope was able to shelter (protect) the survivors, and years of working with the Government of Sierra Leone on prosecution and anti-trafficking legislation and awareness led to the conviction and sentencing on February 8th (prosecution).**

“Our hard work on Trafficking-in-Persons has paid off today and it was a big day for Sierra Leone,” Saidu Kanu, WHI’s Country Director for Sierra Leone, stated right after the sentence was announced. “After many years of training

law enforcement officers and engagement with the government and judiciary, the first Trafficking-in-Persons conviction was handed today. This is a cause for celebration and kudos to our staff who provided care and accompanied the survivors to court.”

As Fisher noted, “There’s nothing sweeter than putting a bad guy in jail; knowing they’ll never hurt anyone again.”

But for the women who were rescued at the border from the trafficking attempt, it was also a sobering day. When the historic conviction was first announced on Thursday, the women “were shouting ‘we have won the case—thank you to WHI!’ and laughing and dancing for joy,” according to WHI’s Recovery Centre Counselor, Fanta Conteh.

As the case dragged on, they had begun to fear that perhaps there would be no conviction and were elated by the news. However, the women were quiet as the sentences were announced. One sobbed bitterly and shared that one of the accused who had recruited her for this “opportunity abroad” had been her friend.

The judge also announced that the survivors would not be compensated, as the agent who used the convicted women to recruit the survivors was not himself caught. These agents are often the masterminds behind the scenes and, in this case, the money the survivors paid for their opportunity to work abroad was wired to him. One of the accused said he is in Ghana.

They will have to find and arrest this agent whom the convicted traffickers were working for in order for the survivors to get compensation—and the judge asked the Fisher as Prosecutor for the case to try to get him.

“Exploitation like human trafficking is terrible because not only is it enslavement, but it also preys on the victim’s hopes for the future and steals their dreams, their trust, and their opportunity,” stated Saidu. “Now there is a message from the Government of Sierra Leone that this is not acceptable.”

The survivors must now begin the task of moving forward and figuring out what life will look like for them after this. One survivor shared that they wish the sentence had been for 50 years and another noted that “If anyone tells me about having a program overseas again, I will hit that person with a big stick.”

**“I think a strong message has been sent. It’s a start to get to the masterminds, and these women could have been trafficked again if they had not found themselves in the recovery shelter,”** shared WHI’s Trafficking-in-Persons Protection Manager, Miriam Fullah. **“They now understand the seriousness of the situation they were in.”**



## RELATED PROJECT: The Recovery Centre in Sierra Leone

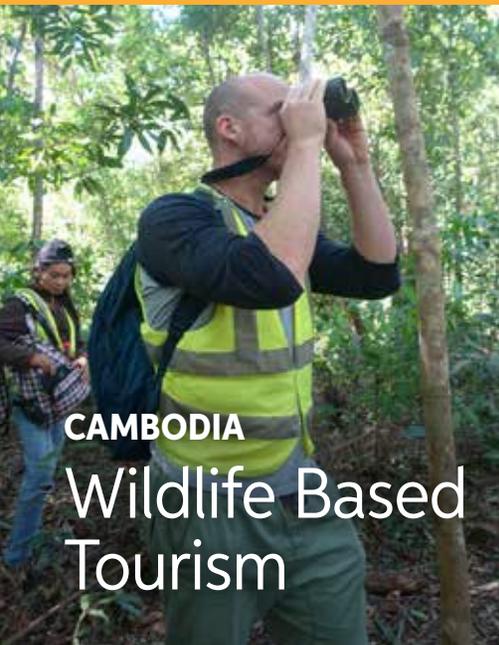
- Creating a safe space for survivors of human trafficking and building the pathways to prevention and justice
- Started March 1, 2013

• SDGs:



Looking at what’s next for Sierra Leone as a country after this case, Saidu shared, “It is my hope that these long sentences handed down will send a strong message to would-be traffickers and that this case helps get the revisions to the Trafficking-in-Persons Act of 2005 that we helped work on passed into law in the near future.”

*In additional exciting news, our WASH team in Freetown successfully hit a good aquifer of drinkable water at the Recovery Centre earlier this year after several days of drilling! Not only has it meant they finally have water, but it has helped the women and girls isolate and manage the COVID-19 lockdown in Sierra Leone, too.*



## CAMBODIA Wildlife Based Tourism

*World Hope International (WHI) is excited to share about its management acquisition of the Jahoo Gibbon Eco-Tourism Camp, which is located in the beautiful mountainous region of Mondulhiri, Cambodia.*

From this boutique jungle accommodation, tourists can take a guided tour led by a local Indigenous Bunong guide, deep into thick rainforest to spot the rare ‘Southern Yellow-Cheeked Crested Gibbon’ in its natural habitat. Equipped with a melodious musical call, these striking vibrant apes can be spotted in the lush Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary — known to be the primates last stronghold.”

Partnering with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), World Hope works for the Forest custodians, the local Indigenous Bunong, to help protect this unique Gibbon species, as well as foster a sustainable future for the community.

Respectfully adopting the Bunong word ‘Jahoo’ meaning female Gibbon, World Hope is working alongside the Indigenous Community Committee (ICC) towards a low

impact, eco-tourism plan, enhancing both the previous business model and camp facilities for future visitors. WHI Eco-Tourism Manager Kyle Winney reveals that **“The overall goal is to create a model of wildlife-based tourism that is successful in accomplishing both wildlife conservation and providing a means by which to support sustainable community development and serve as a model for replication throughout Cambodia.”**

As a social venture initiative, all revenue remains in the community, staff are employed from the community, food, supplies and materials are purchased locally and a Community Development Fund (from tourism fees) supports sustainable development activities.

“The ICC are quickly recognizing that the forest and its wildlife, especially the gibbon, are

an important community asset that needs to be protected, whilst Jahoo Gibbon Camp needs a sustainable business model to be successful in the long-term,” says Kyle.

**Tourism fees are directed to a Community Development Fund (CDF), which is used by the community to improve local health, sanitation and education services.** The fund is also used to support protection activities such as community patrols and boundary demarcation as well as conservation awareness raising in the community. The fund links the protection of nature to the community’s development resulting in improved attitudes and behaviors for wildlife conservation.

Guests can choose to sleep in a traditional Bunong house or in one of Jahoo’s jungle tents.

With a new ICC committee recently elected, Kyle eagerly recalls “It was positive to hear the ICC say that Jahoo benefits need to be recognized by the whole community.”

Jahoo cook Nahn Kon says she has seen much benefit for the community since commencing employment with Jahoo, sharing that “The community has been able to pay back the loan for the community hall building, people have been able to afford to buy ploughs for the rice fields and there are more jobs for locals at Jahoo.” Kyle adds “The ICC also wants a stronger representation of Bunong cultural heritage at Jahoo — the use of traditional materials will be integrated into building design, and folk stories will be incorporated into the tour itineraries.”

Since WHI’s management appropriation, new business processes are already taking shape with the implementation of a new online booking program, new financial systems and the appointment of Bunong campsite manager Chanhea Ten.

Working closely with the ICC to develop their role as community leaders and build foundations for community-led action towards transformation change, Kyle looks forward to seeing more consistent work and improved skills for local staff, and believes “more job opportunities will come as business improvements are made and tourists visits increase, this will also lead to more local development activities through the CDF.”

### RELATED PROJECT: Jahoo Gibbon Camp in Cambodia

- Ecotourism supporting nature conservation and sustainable community development

- Launched in 2014

- SDGs:





## BOSNIA Living Better Than Yesterday

In the thick of challenging times, a light of hope is emerging in Livno, Bosnia through the partnership of World Hope International and the local technical high school, Srednja strukovna škola Silvija Strahimira Kranjčevića (SSK). One community member reflected, “our world is changing and there has been an exodus of people. It’s hard, negative and no one is believing in the future. It’s difficult to find something positive.”

Positive energy is rare in Livno and it is crucial to help create an environment of hope for the future of the community and its young residents. It is for this reason that WHI is excited to work alongside businesses and educational partners to help create a community poised to flourish. This is where Saša Grabovac comes in. WHI Bosnia Director, Joshua Carter and Saša have been partnering closely for a few years.

Saša is the Director of SSK and even though high school is not required in this region of Bosnia, the technical high school still has the largest student body population in the city.

The school is active in the community and seeks to drive change and provide opportunity to its students. The SSK teaches trades such as gardening, English, tourism, coding and cooking to prepare their graduates to

join the Bosnian workforce. They also reach out to their community to make a difference.

WHI partners with SSK to run a soup kitchen. The students learn how to cook and serve meals, so rather than baking food to be wasted, they opened a soup kitchen to provide healthy meals for families in need.

Recently, a class of students with intellectual disabilities were learning to bake pastries. They were excited to try out the new commercial oven that was purchased by WHI for the soup kitchen. The students buzzed around with excitement as their teacher taught them to roll, cut, and butter the dough before they went to see the new stove being installed. A few hours later the experiment was complete with tasty croissants ready for a family in need!

As Saša shared, “We fight every day. Here in Livno, we must have something excellent because we want our citizens to live better than yesterday.” Local partnerships with leaders like Saša are essential for WHI as we work to facilitate change and provide opportunity for a better future in Bosnia.

SSK is a place of hope because students are not only learning valuable trades for future careers but they are being taught the importance of giving back to their community.

### RELATED PROJECT: Education Resource Center, Bosnia & Herzegovina

- Empowering, encouraging, and resourcing local educators, students, and community members
- Established in 2016
- SDGs:



## CAMBODIA Potable, Piped Water for Communities

Last year, World Hope International signed onto a commitment through Global Water 2020 for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in Healthcare Facilities. As part of our commitment, we aim to improve WASH in healthcare facilities in Cambodia. By the end of 2019, we successfully completed piloting our TapEffect social venture in Monduliri Province, Cambodia, where the pilot **connected 100 households, two schools, and one healthcare facility in the province to treated, clean water.**

Now, TapEffect is scaling up and moving out of the pilot phase. In early March, the TapEffect team began laying down pipes that will connect 3,000 households, eight schools, and four healthcare clinics in Cambodia’s Banteay Meanchey Province—with the taps on track to start running by August 2020.



### The impact

Communities using TapEffect will be able to connect their local hospitals and clinics, providing clean water on-site to improve the water, sanitation and hygiene conditions in their health facilities. Having tapped water in schools and homes also enables sanitation best

## Did you know?

Because families pay \$50-100 per year in many communities across Cambodia just to access water trucked in from dirty and dangerous sources like rivers and ponds, the TapEffect team thought they might pay an affordable rate for water that is safe and clean—and tapped right to their homes and healthcare facilities.

- Advances in technology have led to improvements in smartphones, internet coverage, pumps, and piping infrastructure worldwide. **TapEffect leverages these advances and employs locally.**
- It's an **affordable, basic “design-build-operate” piped water model** that builds on the existing infrastructure supply chain.
- TapEffect **installs a water pump and water treatment facility; builds a piping grid with water-usage meters** to connect houses and facilities; and uses smartphones and **mobile technology for data collection, analysis, and water billing.**
- Ultimate goal: **designing scalable portfolios of small piped water systems that are investment-ready** and can be installed across Cambodia and SE Asia.
- **TapEffect water is filtered, chlorinated, and drinkable from the tap**—with the systems subject to random and independent testing.

practices and education and reduces the risk of contamination, improving community health.

Piped water in Mondulkiri schools not only helped children stay in school, but the increased sanitation education and clean water, coupled with the new ability of community members to cook and serve meals on-site for the children in a sanitary manner, resulted in a **school dropout rate plummeting from 22 percent to zero.**

N. Dep, a mother of six and school feeding program cook, shared that her children regularly suffered stomach problems, bouts of diarrhea, and she lost a child. Now, not only



*COVID-19 monitoring taking place outside one of the HCFs in Banteay Meanchey Province, where WHI will be bringing tapped water*

*TapEffect team continuing to lay pipes down to connect Banteay Meanchey Province to clean water*



do the children get hot food, but they have learned to wash their hands routinely, wash their dishes and utensils, and enjoy access to clean water for safe drinking and other sanitary needs. They also stopped getting sick.

### What's next

Water is considered an essential service in Cambodia even amid the COVID-19 crisis, so the TapEffect team is still working and doing split shifts from 6am–2pm and 2pm–10pm in order to complete the laying of new pipes. If they were to pause, the work would be delayed many months due to the upcoming rainy season.

TapEffect staff are also helping the Cambodian Ministry of Health monitor the wellbeing of current and onboarding customers. One TapEffect community operator providing COVID-19 awareness and sanitation best practices to customers actually has



*N. Dep cooks for the school feeding program now that they have clean water on-site. With access to clean water and sanitation, her own children are no longer getting sick.*

a background working as a nurse. It will take 300 truckloads of soil to raise land above the flood line for the new water treatment plant, but the effort is worth it. Few things are more extraordinary than dependable, potable water in one's home and local healthcare facilities.

### RELATED PROJECT: TapEffect in Cambodia

- Affordable, accessible, clean, piped water
- Established in 2017
- SDGs:





## Growing Opportunities for Others

While living in Brookings, Don and Sally, both active in the local Wesleyan church, met World Hope International founder, Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, through their pastor, Tim Purcell in the late 1990s. Jo Anne was visit-

ing Pastor Purcell and it was her vision of World Hope that stuck with Don.

Donald (Don) Taylor was born in 1937 and grew up on a small farm in western New York, just south of Buffalo. It was on this farm that Don, and his two brothers, would find their interest in agriculture and later in economics. This would lead Don to support World Hope International.

As Don entered adulthood, his oldest brother took over the family farm. Don decided to continue with agriculture in another way. He attended Cornell University, then entered graduate school at the University of Minnesota where he studied Agriculture Economics.

During this time, he met his wife, Sally, who happened to be his roommate's cousin. Sally went to Iowa State University, then worked for a year after university to save up money for a trip to Europe. She would not meet Don until she came back from Europe in 1962.

After graduating, Don began a career in teaching and research. He spent half the time studying agriculture and economics in Asia and half the time in Brookings, SD teaching at South Dakota State University. He had many papers published over the years about agricultural development in China, the Middle East, Malaysia, and South Dakota.

**“What attracted me,” Don said, “especially at the time, was that Jo Anne Lyon’s vision could bring immediate relief and aid to people but also bring development aid. The focus was not only meeting the immediate needs but to prepare them so they could meet their own needs down the road.”**

Don and Sally have been financially supporting World Hope since 2002 through various programs and continue to do so due to World Hope’s economic and agricultural development programs and their partnerships with other NGOs and the government.

**“[We] responded positively to World Hope’s ability to partner with other agencies and carrying out their work and for the effectiveness in raising support for a variety of donors and sometimes the government,” Don said. “It’s a reflection of a very good reputation that World Hope has in the larger community.”**

Don and Sally are both retired and live in Ames, Iowa, near their daughter Stacia and her four boys.



## Faith, Family, Philanthropy and Legacy

We want our lives to make a difference, but what impact will we make as we pass our values and valuables to the next generation? How can we make smart and effective asset-based giving choices during times of crisis like COVID-19? No matter what stage of life you’re in, it’s never too soon to begin thinking about your legacy.

Did you know you can maximize your philanthropic gifts to the Kingdom and World Hope International by:

- ✓ **Making charitable gifts of assets rather than cash?**
- ✓ **Selling your appreciated assets and not paying a dime in capital gains taxes?**
- ✓ **Disinheriting the IRS with your estate plan?**
- ✓ **Transforming taxes into charitable gifts?**

planning tool called “My Legacy Planner” from The Giving Crowd. This is a secure, easy-to-use system that, in less than 15 minutes, will help you see how you can leave a lasting legacy and significantly reduce or eliminate taxes that you may not even be aware of. It also provides valuable information on ways to realize powerful tax benefits available when you are able to give out of assets rather than your checkbook.

My Legacy Planner costs nothing and it’s completely confidential. We will know that you used the system which is important to us so that we can say “thank you” and get your feedback. Otherwise, all the information you enter is hidden from us. You can get started by visiting [worldhope.mylegacyhq.com](http://worldhope.mylegacyhq.com).

**Because of your generous and planned gifts, WHI’s legacy to provide those in need with opportunity, dignity, and hope will remain strong now and in the future. Thank you for your partnership!**

**Questions? Contact us at [legacy@worldhope.org](mailto:legacy@worldhope.org) or 703-923-9414 X131**

World Hope International is excited to introduce a new online philanthropic and estate



## THE BAHAMAS Building The Bahamas Back!

After our initial response to Hurricane Dorian in The Bahamas last fall, World Hope International committed to staying longer and helping the local community and local church rebuild. We are so grateful for the seven churches that volunteered to serve with us over the past few months in this labor of love.

In addition to running Tesla solar-powered stations in healthcare facilities and other vital services locations in The Bahamas, we were able to repair roofs, conduct drywall repairs, install vinyl flooring, trim, and baseboards, and fix gutters. Thanks to supporters like

you, we were able to prioritize work for those living with disabilities as well as the elderly, unemployed, and single parents.

One painfully leaky roof that took two days to repair was for an elderly woman who is single and takes care of her disabled son. Another house completed was for another elderly woman who has CKDu (chronic kidney disease). Her house had finished peel-and-stick, but she did not have enough money to complete the shingles, and peel-and-stick should only be on a house exposed to UV rays for 30 days at most before it begins to crack, so this quickly became a high priority. She



**21** roofs over **55**  
people's heads repaired

**30** tons of shingles  
installed

**24,600** square feet of  
shingles laid

**56** volunteers signed up  
to serve

**4** outreach cookouts  
for several hundred  
community members  
coordinated and hosted

**4** Tesla solar-power  
stations in 4 communities

**2** churches were  
significantly repaired

told us that she had been praying for weeks for some help to finish her roof and we found her at this time and were able to complete the job.

Another roof we repaired was for a woman who had about five feet of water in her house during the storm and sustained non-structural roof damage. She is an EMT on a local ambulance, but did not have insurance after the last hurricane that hit The Bahamas. The stories go on! Thank you for helping us to not only provide much needed power and repairs in the wake of Dorian's devastation, but enabling us to encourage, empower, and provide sustained disaster relief in The Bahamas.





## HAITI A Solar Solution to Water Scarcity



Scan this and see for yourself the tremendous impact that this community-driven project is about to make!

**“I had this idea that if you could just build a water cistern that can save the water and have it when it’s dry, that would be good. Having ocean water be drinkable would help so many people.”**

These are the words of Jeanot, a night watchman in Anse-à-Galets on the island of La Gonâve, Haiti, a year ago. This year, his dream is about to come true, as World Hope International, in partnership with GivePower, prepares to turn the tap and launch its new, solar-powered water desalination and distribution center on the island.

After a year of preparation and long hours of laboring on the barren land, the solar panel array, Tesla batteries, and pump are ready to go. Electrical, plumbing, and other finishing touches are now being applied. Soon 20,000 gallons of clean water will be produced straight from the sea.

Not only will the sale of the water allow the installation to be entirely self-sufficient, covering the ongoing maintenance of the equipment and salaries of the local technicians and staff, but now, clean water will also be regularly supplied to the only hospital on the island—something made more important than ever in the time of COVID-19.

## Vision Trips

*Reflection from Dorothy Dunn,  
Celebrate Community Church  
Vision Trip 2020 Member*

**Sunday, January 26 Monrovia, Liberia,  
Site of Community Well dug by WHI**

“There are times when we walk into someone’s life and it rocks our world. That was what I experienced when I went to Liberia with my church, Celebrate Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to see our partnership with World Hope International. There I met a woman called Lucy.

Her passion was so deep she could only speak in staccato — loud, quick, almost mad, but not quite. There was a rumor in Lucy’s settlement that there was gold and diamonds underneath the ground and based on a future “hope,” no one would give up a piece of their very small yard for



a water well and pump. But there was a righteous woman named Lucy who gave her land for the health and well-being of her people, so that they would have clean water and it would be a blessing to all.

This is the wail of a righteous woman: ‘And no one would give their land for water — promise of gold and diamonds. I said, NO, NO we need water! You can take my land for a well. And here it stands, you are welcome! Thank you, thank you! I thank God for all of you! I’ll keep the well clean, I will greet you. My land and well — your water, drink.’”



## EXCITING NEWS!

On March 4th, Dr. Jo Anne Lyon was inaugurated as the new Vice Chair of the National Association of Evangelicals. About 350 people from across the United States attended the event, which was held at the Capital Turnaround in Washington, D.C. She is the first woman to step into this position. We are grateful for her ongoing service, leadership, and voice at World Hope International and beyond.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Save the Date & Participate!



### Running to Make a Difference in Lives

Hope Water International ([hopewaterinternational.org](http://hopewaterinternational.org)) and Daybreak Community Church of Hudsonville, Michigan, as partners with World Hope International will have 80–100 runners competing in the Grand Rapids Marathon ([grandrapidsmarathon.com](http://grandrapidsmarathon.com)) on October 18th. This race includes a full and half marathon as well as a kid's marathon and marathon relay. In the last few years, Daybreak Church has helped to put in 46 wells in Africa.



### Not Just Puttering Around: A Golf Game with an International Impact

Gary Lipman had a passion for golf and a bigger passion for helping others. He

began a golf tournament years ago to benefit others, and after his sudden death in 2008, it was continued in his honor as the Gary Lipman Invitational (GLI) ([www.gligolf.org](http://www.gligolf.org)). This year will be the 10th annual Lipman Invitational, that raises over \$70,000 each year for water in West Africa with World Hope International. General Inquiries [info@gligolf.org](mailto:info@gligolf.org).



### The Annual Hoover Walk!

In 2003, Larry McAlpine began what became known as “The Hoover Walk,” (named for his former pastor who loved missions) dedicating his August 5th birthday to walking for water with World Hope International and inviting others to join him and fundraise for a cause.

Although Larry passed away in 2017 after a long and hard-fought battle with cancer, his family and friends have continued to follow in his footsteps and walk each year on his birthday and invite everyone to join the walk for water in Winston-Salem, virtually, or by making a gift. The event is anticipated to take place as usual on August 5th — stay tuned for details on how to join!

# MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS!

### Ruth Ellison, Chief Financial Officer

Ruth Ellison has lived in Asia for most of her life. From her base in Cambodia, Ruth leads the accounting and finance teams at World Hope and ensures transparency, accountability, and integrity within the management of donor and grant funds. Ruth has over 40 years' experience in finance and non-profits. Prior to joining World Hope, Ruth served as CFO of Hagar International and prior to that, she worked as the Finance Administration Director and later, the Asia Pacific Regional Finance and Grants Advisor for World Vision in Cambodia. Ruth has also worked in finance and accounting for World Relief and Capin Crouse; founded and ran her own successful accounting firm before successfully negotiating a merger for it; and served as Country Director for Catholic Relief Services in Thailand. Ruth holds degrees in Accounting, Finance, and Business Administration from Elmhurst College and the College of DuPage.



### Patricia Kaleebu, Controller

Patricia is the Controller at World Hope International, where she coordinates the financial management activities, including financial



reporting, analysis, budget and cash flow management, audit management, asset management, and building capacity for national finance teams. Patricia assists both domestic and foreign teams to ensure proper systems and procedures for financial management and annual audits.

Patricia is deeply passionate about the work accomplished by NGOs. Stirred by the conflict affecting the children in northern Uganda, Patricia embarked on a journey of strengthening financial operations for large faith-based organizations. She pioneered grants programs in Uganda and Malawi before relocating to the United States where she has served for over ten years in senior financial management positions. Her drive to support grants, foundations, and sponsorship-related operations guided her work with teams in sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia. She currently serves on the board of an accountability organization in the nation's capital. Born and raised in Uganda, Patricia currently resides in the D.C. Metro Area. She earned a B.S. in Accounting from Makerere University and completed twelve graduate courses at the Northeastern University School of Business.



# Give the Gift of Light

## Illuminate the world for children in Sierra Leone

Join us in providing children in our Sierra Leone programs with a sustainable source of light by purchasing a solar lantern for them! With schools closed due to COVID-19, the need for light and power at home is more important than ever...

### Lights will:

- help children study and read after dark
- benefit the child and their whole family who lack access to electricity and may have to use other substitutes like kerosene or candles

### One lantern is only \$35

All donations must be received by July 31, 2020. For more information visit [worldhope.org/gift-of-light](http://worldhope.org/gift-of-light).



# Did You Know?

Dive into the projects World Hope International is implementing around the world on our website! Information on projects including PAVE, the Recovery Centre, Tap Effect and more can all be found online, along with related stories, news, and resources—check it out!



## New Charitable Rules Incentivize Generosity During COVID-19!

Thanks to the CARES Act, a \$300 above-the-line deduction of cash contributions to nonprofits is now allowed for 2020, even if you don't itemize — and there are lifts for corporate giving, too!

# COVID-19 Resources!

World Hope has not only been able to pivot our projects globally to meet and adapt to the needs and demands of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we have also produced some resources and tools that are available to the public — including you! Check them out:

### Get-Support

Get-Support helps community churches  accelerate their historic role during periods of crisis by directly connecting people with needs to people who can support them. By adopting this free, secure, and simple tool, churches strengthen their group identity, empower church members to help each other, and reduce the administrative load of coordinating volunteers with requests.

### COVID-19 Disease Guidelines for Homes for Children and Residential Shelters

In partnership with the Salvation Army, World Hope put together some guidelines for protective shelters and childrens' homes in the time of COVID-19, which are available on our website for downloading and sharing and were distributed by the US State Department to all their grantees.

### COVID-19 Video Guide Mini-Series for Homes for Children and Residential Shelters

Also in partnership with the Salvation Army, World Hope produced a series of short but succinct training videos for practitioners and caregivers in homes for children and residential shelters, addressing questions including how to best care during COVID-19 for children with underlying health problems, supporting children's mental health, ensuring they properly isolate, and more.

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