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Hope and Care Orphanage Home 2019

New Dorm is Completed

Pastor Patrick, aka Rev Nanning, was evicted from the main dorm this month with great joy and jubilation. The boys' dorm is finished - God is so good!! His room was needed to help accommodate the 13 new orphans rescued in the past 2 months. There are 44 orphans currently living at Hope with 2 more kids waiting to be brought in, sometime in March. The total capacity of orphans is 50 kids.

The new dorm can house about 25 male orphans, one male caretaker plus a about 10 guests.

The girls' dorm will house all the female orphans, the female caretakers and the young boys who need to stay close to 'mom'. It also includes the living room and dining room.

All the boys will move into their new dorm once Pastor Patrick returns to Liberia at the end of February.

New dorm bedroom

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27

New Hope at Christmas

Orphans have new clothes and popcorn

All 43 (at the time) orphans received new Christmas outfits and a gift along with an extra festive meal. It was sheer joy for the newly rescued kids, especially the ones who were very thin, and not accustomed to eating even a one meal a day. Can you imagine living on the verge of starvation one week and the next week, you are living in a home with 3 solid meals, new clothes and a Christmas party - with gifts?

Thank God every one of these kids is told how their life change came about. It is through Christ who has compelled everyone to respond in such a loving way. And who are these responders? The list includes Pastor Craig & FCLCS in keeping HCC a focal point, the generous donors at Faith and beyond, the superb fundraising team and the awesome prayer warriors interceding at God's throne of grace. Joyfully we now also include in this list the LC-MS Pacific Southwest District Schools. But the response is also seen by people in Liberia: the HCC staff and board members, the local Hope church and the national ELCLS church. It is truly an international village raising up these kids. They are blessed! Oh, and Pastor Patrick is shocked at how quickly the new orphans' bodies responded to healthy meals. Chuckling, he said, "They are getting fat-o!"

Caretakers prepare meal for hundreds

Sharing Christmas Hope

Dance competition at the Christmas outreach

The 2nd Annual Christmas Outreach was held on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day serving over 200 people in the community plus the expanding Hope family. The day included praise and worship through: drama, songs, Christmas message and Bible quizzing. Of course, no celebration is complete without food and soccer. Giant strides are being made in the building of relationships within our community. This and annual outreach, soccer tournaments, vision clinics, the flood response, the upcoming VBS, the scholarships to 100+ indigent students, the adult night school - these are all intentional ways that HCC is reaching out to our neighbors with the Light of Christ in the darkness.

HOPE CHURCH/CHAPEL CONSTRUCTION SPEEDING ALONG!

The walls are being erected on the building that will house the school chapel and the church worship is at wall elevation. It is quite likely that Easter services can be held in the new church home!!

In the photo on the left you can see the completed cement wall encompassing the campus. This keeps the kids, chickens and goats inside and intruders out.

Flood Rebuild

The flood that occurred in July affected hundreds in Hope's community and thousands throughout Liberia.

Hope assessed the damage and found 30 homes that were in the most desperate need. Through the generosity of Faith Community we were able to offer a partnership with the flood victims. If they could rebuild their homes, HCC could supply zinc and the nails to roof their homes.

The whole family got involved

Home is built - zinc roof is being installed

The home shown here is the 3rd of 30 homes to be rebuilt. Mom, dad and the 5 kids cannot wait to have their home back again! They give thanks to God and to all who are behind this great and unexpected gift. The HCC staff saw their plight and they too thank Faith Community, as it was a joy to be able to provide this great relief and second chance in the family's situation.

Pastor Patrick has arrived in the USA

Hope's Executive Director, Pastor Patrick Nanning has arrived in the US and is currently attending a Christian agricultural conference in Ft Myers, FL with Linda Kurtz. He looks forward to greeting his friends at Faith Community on Jan 12/13.

Pastor Patrick has several speaking engagements at local schools. He will be facilitating a Bible Study on Monday evenings at 6pm, meeting with orphan sponsors, serving wherever and whenever possible and doing much long-term vision planning while here in Las Vegas. He looks forward to seeing everyone again.

We are looking for extra gift certificates and gift cards for the Love Never Fails Raffle and Silent Auction!

Yvonne Angarola would love to turn your gift certificates into a beautiful package. No amount is too small as she and her team take different gifts and combine them into a combination of similar interests. Yvonne Angarola // 702.326.0328 // yvonneangarola@cox.net

Saturday, March 16, 2019 - Love Never Fails!!

4th Annual Tapas & Tasting from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at Faith Community Lutheran Church

Tickets: $100/pp and are now on sale at www.Love2019.givesmart.com

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