



HANDS OF HOPE FOUNDATION

Hope for Liberia 2016 Trip Overview

Hands of Hope Foundation has returned from its 7th and 8th Liberian Outreaches that took place February 8-29 and March 24-April 4 in Liberia, West Africa. This year, we had two separate trips; one focusing on Education and another on medical relief. The *Hands of Hope Foundation* is about **Offering Hope in Christ** according to 1 Peter 3:15 by striving to be ambassadors of Christ in both word and deed. The foundation is not just an organization coming from the outside to help, but we are also **Hands of Hope**

Foundation Liberia, a Liberian NGO “Non-Governmental Organization”, partnering to help our brothers and sisters from inside Liberia. Since 2008, we have been assisting the Liberian people in restoring hope and recovering from 15 years of devastating civil war. Hands of Hope has been in collaborating partnership with the Liberia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (LAC-UMC). Through a close relationship with Rev. Paye Cooper Mondolo (District Superintendent of the Weala District and the National Director for HOH Liberia), we continue to develop a strong ministry presence through the creation of the Weala Mission Station (WMS).



Educational/Agricultural Trip

We are proud to sponsor hundreds of students in Liberia and Thailand through our **Hope Scholars Program**. Our Education Director, Valerie Fry, maintains an incredible level of communication with all of our scholars and the teachers and professors of their schools. We know their names, faces, families, struggles, career plans, and dreams. You can find out more on the Hope Scholars Program on our page dedicated to the students at www.hohfoundation.org. Our team went into the remote tribal village of Boway to work in their only school for Kindergarten through sixth grade students. We went to the Bong County community to work in the schools. While there, our team taught students in the classroom while bringing hope to the community. The team focused on an education partnership initiative with John Wesley School, worked with students in the classroom, connected with our Hope Scholar Students, started 2 new water well test projects, worked on student-based agricultural projects and held a couple of Crusade events in conjunction with the Water Well dedications. Our team completed a much needed and



appreciated renovation of a school. Hands of Hope Foundation wants to give a special thanks to our friends at Christian Life Church who continue to financially support the school in the Boway community every month! We are excited to see how much the students learn and grow in the next year. If you are interested in sponsoring a student for a year of education, check our website.

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Medical/Surgical Trip

With one of the highest infant mortality rates in the world and an average life expectancy of just 58, Liberia is a country in desperate need of quality health care. Providing medical care is one of the core activities **Hands of Hope Foundation** is involved in. Our surgical team was made up of Nurses, Physician Assistants, Doctors, Surgeons, Medical Technicians, and other fields. We teamed up to bring hope and medical attention to Liberians where they typically have no opportunity. The team performed various surgeries and medical operations while building relationships and sharing the gospel. We worshiped with the local communities of St. Peter United Methodist Church and St. Thomas Church. Our eye surgical team was led by Dr. Umana and the general surgery team led by Dr. Hale. We are very honored to be a part of the dedication of a new clinic in the remote tribal village of Boway. The Hands of Hope foundation provided medical equipment to the nursing staff. Over the past few years we have provided millions of dollars in medical equipment, medicine, and relief supplies. Much of this equipment and medicine is not available in Liberia. Almost all of the supplies we have sent in the last six years has been donated from so many of our incredible partners, U.S. hospitals and medical companies. We are so grateful for tens of thousands of lives these supplies have impacted.



HOH Educational Team

Robyn Cheatham, Claire Davis, Jamie Follis, Stephan Follis, Cindy Hardin, Marzine Rafe, Judy Vogelzang, Bridget Douglas, Valerie Fry, Steven McKeown, Brice Pontious

HOH Medical Team

Dr. Jeffrey Parks, Dr. Ukeme Umana, Nancy Bierman, Mara Fienhold, Lois Kollars, Melissa Farlow, Dr. Lyman Hale IV, Steven Howerton, Donna Conover, Darla McKeown, Steven McKeown, Brice Pontious

These trips are just a sample of how God is using the **Hands of Hope Foundation** along with so many great volunteers, donors and partner churches to *Offer Hope for Christ* for the people of Liberia! *You can see more about Hands of Hope Foundation and its work both here and abroad by going to our website at www.hohfoundation.org.* We hope that you will seek God and pray about joining our next Liberia Team for an outreach experience of a life time, as we literally *Offer Hope in Christ* to the entire Nation of Liberia.

In the Grip of the Carpenter- Mark 6:3

Pastor Troy