

Hope 4 Liberia NEWSLETTER

Healing Hearts & Shaping Lives



Something Exciting Is Growing at H4L

As the season of harvest and thanksgiving approaches, we're preparing to launch our Fall Campaign: Harvest Hope – Growing a Self-Sustaining Future! God is blessing our ministry with opportunities to strengthen our farm – adding irrigation, purchasing a long-awaited farm truck, and expanding our food production so we can feed all of our children and staff from the land He's provided. This campaign is about more than farming – it's about planting hope that will continue to grow for years to come. We can't wait to invite you to be part of what God is doing in Liberia through this exciting season of growth!



Message from the CEO



As the seasons change and the year begins to draw to a close, my heart is filled with gratitude for all God has done through Hope 4 Liberia. From the laughter of children in our homes to the growth happening on our farm, we've seen His faithfulness in countless ways. Thank you for standing with us—through your prayers, giving, and encouragement—as we continue nurturing these precious lives for Christ. ~Kelly Wagner



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(Full story on the back)

Strengthening Today to Build Tomorrow

We've learned from the Ministry of Gender that building a separate school is not as urgent as we were first told. With that clarity, we're postponing construction until late 2026 so we can focus now on strengthening our programs and expanding the farm for greater sustainability.

A Change in Plans – But Not in Love

By Kelly Wagner

At just 13 years old, Emmanuel has already walked through more pain than most will in a lifetime. His mother died while giving birth to him. Recently, our team learned that Emmanuel's father is still living—but he has chosen to have nothing to do with his son. That kind of rejection leaves deep scars on a child's heart.

We first met Emmanuel in 2021 through a Liberian pastor friend who told us about a boy in a remote bush village who needed help. Our team began visiting regularly—bringing food, clothing, and medical care, and teaching him Bible stories. When Hope 4 Liberia's orphanage home opened in May 2024, Emmanuel came to live with us full time.

It soon became clear that Emmanuel carried heavy trauma. His grief and rejection often came out as anger—especially toward authority figures who tried to guide him. He refused chores, stole, and sometimes lashed out at others. Beneath the anger was a hurting boy who didn't know how to trust love. One afternoon, a few weeks ago, I sat down with Emmanuel to talk. He told me plainly that he was angry and didn't like to obey his “uncle” Bismack, who was trying to teach him responsibility and faith. As we talked, one tear slid down his cheek. I held him and said, “It's okay to cry.” He began to sob quietly, and we prayed together. That moment revealed the wounded child hidden behind all the walls.

**Brokenness runs deep--
but the love of Christ
runs deeper.**

Our social worker, Pastor Charles, Uncle Abba, and Uncle Bismack have all prayed with him, counseled him, and poured love into his life. But despite everyone's efforts, Emmanuel's trauma and aggression continued to escalate, placing others at risk. After months of prayer,

our Liberian leadership made the painful decision for Emmanuel to return to live with his grandmother deep in the bush—a long drive away from the orphanage.

Even so, our care for him has not stopped. We have enrolled him in school, paying his tuition and uniforms, and continue taking food, hygiene items, and clothing to him and his grandmother. Once each month on a Saturday, our social worker, Pastor Ben, will take several of our male staff and all the boys to visit Emmanuel. Together they'll share a meal, play football, tell Bible stories, pray, and offer counseling to Emmanuel and his grandmother. Pastor Ben even has a vision to meet with Emmanuel's father—to teach him the importance of a father's role in a child's life. We are praying that his father will come to know Christ and that our continued outreach will be a testimony to the entire village of how the Lord loves us deeply and never gives up on us.

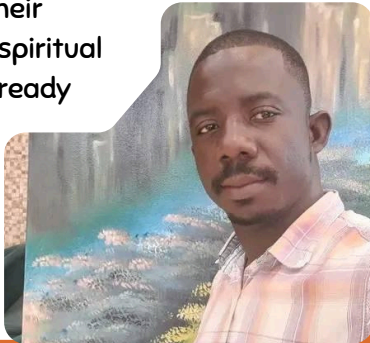
Emmanuel's story reminds us that brokenness runs deep—but so does the love of Christ. Ministry in Liberia is often filled with both heartbreak and hope, and we trust that the same God who began a good work in Emmanuel will continue to pursue his heart wherever he goes. Pray for Emmanuel.



From Orphan to Advocate: Welcome Pastor Ben

Social Worker/Mental Health Counselor

We're excited to share that Hope 4 Liberia has welcomed a new team member – Pastor Ben, our social worker and counselor! Having grown up in an orphanage himself, Pastor Ben brings both compassion and understanding to his ministry. His heart for children and dedication to their emotional and spiritual healing have already been a tremendous blessing to our staff and kids alike.



Prayer Requests



- Dorcas's medical procedure on the 22nd – pray for a successful surgery and smooth recovery.
- New staff – pray for wisdom, unity, and a smooth adjustment as they settle into their roles.
- Boys' Home caregiver position – pray for the right person to fill this important role and care for the boys with love and godly guidance.
- Fall Fundraising Campaign – pray for generous support as we raise funds to strengthen our farm and move toward sustainability.
- Ashley and Abby Wagner – pray for God's provision as they raise missionary support to serve long-term with Hope 4 Liberia. **They are cousins.

A Season of Growth & Grace

Summary of the last 3 months

This has been a challenging season of ministry, yet God's blessings have been many!

- Ashley and Abby Wagner served faithfully at Hope 4 Liberia for two months and plan to return after raising missionary support.
- Abby Peck and Elizabeth Albertson also served with joy—helping with VBS, mentoring children, and filling needs wherever they arose.
- In August, Kelly hosted a ladies' retreat for our staff women, themed "Turning Worry Into Worship," a time of encouragement and spiritual renewal.
- Our staff completed the video study "Shepherding a Child's Heart" by Tedd Tripp, learning biblical principles for guiding children's hearts, not just their behavior.
- We launched a volunteer program for Bible college students to serve during school breaks—a wonderful blessing for both the students and our ministry!
- Diamond made a full recovery after his emergency appendectomy—praise God!
- Two of our staff members attended a trauma healing training, gaining new tools to care for the hearts of our children.
- Our teenagers began attending youth group at their local church, growing in fellowship and faith.
- We welcomed nine new staff members, expanding our team's strength and reach.
- The children enjoyed a history field trip to Providence Island, where Liberia's founding story came to life!
- We started our 2nd year of school! Yay!!!!!!



Did You Know--The Pangolin

Did you know that Liberia is home to one of the world's most unusual animals – the pangolin?

It looks like a walking pinecone covered in armor, but those are actually scales made of the same stuff as your fingernails!

When a pangolin gets scared, it rolls up into a tight ball to protect itself – just like a real-life superhero in a scaly suit! Pangolins don't have teeth, but they love to eat ants and termites with their long, sticky tongues that can be longer than their bodies! 🐛

Let's thank God for making such a creative and clever creature – a reminder that He designs every animal with a special purpose!

Psalms 104:24 – "O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all."



Flag Day



Time to eat!



Learning is fun!

Visit our
website to see
more photos!



Work-Life Skills w/ Staff Ladies
Elizabeth & Kelly



Farm nursery



Elizabeth meets
her sponsored child!



Ashley with our volunteers:
Abigail Peck, Elizabeth & Abby Wagner



Let's Stay Connected



We love hearing from our friends around the world!

Come see what God is doing at Hope 4 Liberia – where smiles are bright, hearts are healing, and kids are growing strong in Jesus! ❤️

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