



# PETALS OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL

## MONROVIA, LIBERIA

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

November 2020

On behalf of Petals of Hope International Girls Academy and our wonderful team in Liberia, we want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to you for helping us achieve our goal and vision for the impoverished girls of Liberia. PHI Girls Academy Elementary School has been completed and has opened its doors to girls in the Sheiefflin Community in Margibi County, Liberia.



Elizabeth Weedor



Students and teachers of PHI Girls Academy—THANK YOU!

**“A Sneak Peek”**—A member of a team from Advancing Native Missions who recently visited the ministry of PHI wrote on her Facebook page, “On my trip to Liberia, I felt as if I got a sneak peek at the beginnings of a powerful work of God. The new school brought me face to face with the unfortunate reality that for many girls worldwide a good education is unaffordable, unavailable, or even unsafe. For most of these students, this was their first opportunity to attend school. This is why my friend Beth started Petals of Hope- to reach her native country of Liberia. She understands that education is critical in making a life-long impact in a community.”

We come from a culture that mostly does not encourage the education of girls, and in fact, believes that education is not good for them. This misguided mindset has somehow held women in bondage and has resulted in a grave amount of sexual abuse and violence against them on account of misinformation and the lack of knowledge. We hope and pray that the education our girls will acquire from our school will give them new hope in Christ Jesus and a strong knowledge of who they are as they grow into womanhood and in the world around them.



A handicapped father joyfully beams a smile—his daughter can go to school and he has received a set of crutches!

**A Gift of a Pair of Crutches**—One of the highlights of my trip to Liberia in August to complete our school construction was meeting a man and his two children within our community. As you can see, this brother is disabled as the result of polio, a debilitating childhood disease. His physical handicap has limited his ability in providing for his family, including sending his children to school. Hence, his number one request of me when he visited our school campus was for help with his girls’ enrollment in our school. Within the few minutes of talking with him, I noticed the pain in his eyes and how much he would love to see his children educated. However, for me, my first thought was how I could help alleviate some of his struggles and pain in walking with the stick he’s had throughout his life. Instantly, I remembered the dozens of crutches that had been shipped in our containers from the U. S. and which we now have in storage. Wasting no time, I quickly went and grabbed a pair and adjusted them to his height. With the crutches securely placed under his arms and his body extended to them, he took a few steps and immediately, his face beamed with joy. The smile on his face, which could no longer be hidden, brought tears of joy to my eyes which greatly warmed my heart so much more as well. Suddenly, I was once again reminded of our calling to Liberia to serve our people in whatever capacity we can. So enrolling his kids in PHI was no longer a question for me because we have built the school precisely to educate girls like his children. Presently, his older daughter in the photo is now

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Dear CPI

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly support of Tony and Beth Weedor (any amount)



one of our students. The stick you see in my hand was his walking stick, but because God provided him with a set of crutches, he has no use for it anymore.

This is just one of the many stories we have of children needing education in Liberia. Sixty-four percent of kids at primary school age are not receiving any formal education. And as you read this prayer letter, ask yourself, if these were my children or grandchildren, what would I do for them? Will I give them a sustainable education which would give them hope for their lives and those of their next generation? Absolutely yes, with no doubt in my mind. So please don't let this opportunity of making a difference in a child's life pass by you today. Join Petals of Hope International Girls Academy to make education available, affordable and even safer for the girls of Liberia through your monthly or one-time donations.



*Petals of Hope Girls Academy—a safe, clean, and nurturing environment for little girls to be educated in Liberia*

The majority of our students come from unhealthy home environments. Homes where their birth parents are not involved in their lives and children are being cared for by extended family instead. Imagine a five to eight-year-old child leaving home at 7:30 a.m. for school and returns at 2:00-3:00 p.m. with no one to welcome her home, or to simply ask her "how was school?" In some of our students' cases, they are left waiting for hours to be picked up after school. Not to mention, having no one who can assist them

with school work because most of their family members are illiterate with little to no formal education themselves. So the importance of education or the habit of studying at home is completely lost. For these reasons, to name a few, we've included after-school study classes in our school program. This will enable the students to complete all of their homework assigned by their teachers each day before returning home. However, these programs require extra hours and a heavier workload for our teachers; taking them away from their homes and families. To compensate the teachers for their extra time, we need to raise \$10.00 per child each month. Presently, there are 35 students enrolled in our school where we also provide them with some snacks, juices, and milk every day during lunch. This is to provide them with necessary nutrition, especially for kids who cannot afford to bring lunches from home every day.

#### **PRAYER NEEDS:**

1. Please pray for the monthly salaries of our teachers and staff. We need \$1,200.00 each month for our entire team of nine employees.
2. Pray for provisions for our students' snacks. We need \$200.00 monthly for food.
3. Pray for our teachers that they would make positive impact on the lives of our students.
4. Pray that our students will strive for excellence in their education.
5. Pray that the Gospel of Jesus Christ would be taught, proclaimed and received by the students on a daily basis
6. Pray for the establishment of a good relationship with our staff, parents, students, and us. Our number one goal is to share Christ and the power of His resurrection with them.
7. Pray for our overall ministry and monthly support. Tony and I continue to travel extensively for ministry purposes since our transition to our head office in Virginia where he serves as Africa Desk Director. Pray for wisdom and discernment as he makes major decisions and relates to our missionaries in the vast mission field of Africa.
8. Last, but not least, pray for our kids as we will not be together this coming Thanksgiving due to prior engagements for them. Pray that we would all be able to come together for Christmas

Once again, we want to say thanks for your donations and generosity in providing a safe, clean, and nurturing environment for little girls to be educated in Liberia. We could not have accomplished any of this without your continued support and prayers. We pray that God continues to bless Petals of Hope and Center Point International Ministries and touches the heart and soul of every child who walks through the doors of Petals of Hope School. We thank you for your love and prayers as we continue to extend the kingdom of God on earth together.

***In Him always,***

***Elizabeth Weedor***

President and CO-Founder

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*Students of Petals of Hope Girls Academy*