# Petals of Hope Prayer Letter

Dearest Friends, Family, and Supporters,

Happy New Year, Happy March, and Happy Almost End-of-Winter! Our hearts remain in a position of thankfulness as we ended 2022 and entered into the new year - despite the many challenges we faced. We are thankful for God's protection over the lives of our students, our students' families, staff, our Liberian team, and our family.

## **Our Family**

We are beyond elated to share some exciting news about our growing tribe. Abigail and Cody welcomed their sweet daughter, our second grandchild, into the world last month. Naia Elizabeth Mylander made her debut appearance in the early morning of February 18, 2023. We are again grateful to God for this precious addition to our family. To God be the glory!

In other exciting news, after years of prayers, fasting, and many closed doors - Beth's mother was granted her Visa last month. She will be arriving in the States within the next few weeks. We are praising God for this long awaited answered prayer.

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Pray that God provides our 2023 budget of \$318,000.
- Pray for the provisions to build a student youth center called Hope House.
- Pray for a Ministry Vehicle.
- Pray for additional funds to gift scholarships to deserving students.
- Pray for more opportunities for staff development.
  Pray for funding to install internet and an IT Trainer.
- Pray for the employment of security guards to oversee our two campuses.
- Pray for the installation of glass windows for both campuses.











## Ministry

Words always seem inadequate to express our deep appreciation for your continued support and prayers for our family and ministry in Liberia. It is because of these prayers that some of our biggest Ministry projects have been completed in the past two years.

### The Annex

The Annex consists of five classrooms plus a large cafeteria connected to our original school building. The completion of the Annex was pivotal in creating more space for the overflow and overcrowding we were experiencing in the original school building. We thank God for this "problem" we faced; a representation of how fast our student population is growing.

#### Computers

We received twelve used laptop computers that were graciously donated to PHI by Southeast Christian Church. These laptop donations allowed us to set up a computer lab for the all-girls school. News of the computers spread like wildfire within the surrounding communities. This news caused a major spike in enrollment - the highest enrollment numbers recorded since opening.

#### Solar Panels

Another blessing to come to the school recently was solar power. A sizable donation allowed us to purchase solar energy panels. The panels were originally budgeted solely for the all-girls school. However, after taking more time to compare panel rates and weeks of researching different companies, we were able to purchase and install panels on both of our campuses. This new energy source has provided 24/7 electricity and expanded our reach to support new ministries.

#### Water

Our main campus now has running water! In November of last year, a 150-foot well was dug on the PHI-1 campus. A hand pump for the well was installed shortly after and it is presently serving our all-girls school with safe and clean drinking water. This water also meant that students no longer had to carry around buckets of water as a manual flushing system. We were able to construct several outdoor restrooms for our co-ed campus as our numbers grew. Most of our student population have never used or seen water-pipe running toilets. This installment was an entertaining blessing for them

### Fencing & Transportation

Another sizable donation was made last December for our second campus (the co-ed school) to be fenced. This campus is located in a crowded community. The new fencing provides privacy and a safer environment for our students and staff. Our school was also blessed with a 30-seater school bus last academic school year from some of our supporters. After experiencing numerous mechanical issues with our original bus, this blessing allows for a more reliable and safer mode of transportation for our kids.

Our journey has not been linear, it has not been smooth. We have faced many challenges along the way and anticipate challenges to arise in the future. Nevertheless, we hold fast to the consistency and comfort of God's faithfulness within this ministry. The impact God's hand has had on our Liberian team, students, and surrounding Liberian communities is immeasurable. We feel so incredibly grateful to see the many blessings that the Lord continues to provide for our Liberian people. We'd like to extend a huge thank you to our partnering churches and individual supporters for your continued giving and prayers. We would not be where we are today without you.

THANK YOU