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Some highlights of stories in this issue:

- COVER STORY: Mercy Hospital transformation! Mercy continues to improve its medical service delivery through the support of amazing partners like you! (story below)
- THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO REFER A YOUNG PERSON FOR A SPECIALLY BUILT MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCE FOR THEM IN SIERRA **LEONE!** If you know somebody between the ages of 21 and 32 who is actively engaged in a post-high school education or considering how to begin the next chapter of their life, we are sending a Young Adult team to Sierra Leone in December 2022. Mission to Sierra Leone is not just a way to engage them with this work, it is a great way to jumpstart this important phase of their lives. Forward this newsletter to your mission team leadership, or favorite young adult! If you would like a copy of the sharable flyer to print out, please email or call us! Interest meeting WAS HELD on June 25th. But you can still contact Yasmine Vaughan via this link to learn more or apply to be on the team.
- CRC TCM IS IN HIGH DEMAND ALL ACROSS SIERRA LEONE Newest UPDATE on the NO MORE ORPHANS! strategies for Africa. (story below). Read next month on how they traveled to Liberia and to Nigeria in 2022 to introduce the CRC's model of reintegration support that leads to the end of

- cyclical poverty and creates strong families!
- ast to get more news on more exciting progress! Optimistic Voices
 Podcast is live with our trailer and very first episode! Special thanks to our wonderful "Voices voice-over stars" and the crew at Floris UMC AV for their recording expertise. If you are a podcast lover, or like talk radio, consider subscribing to our podcast, either on the podcast site or with your own favorite app. listen in and also to get notices when we release new episodes. (You can find more details below, and on our website.)

Thank you again,

Melody Curtiss,

HCW Executive Director and part-time sound engineer for Optimistic Voices Podcast!

Mercy Hospital Transformation



Mercy Hospital Finishes Construction!

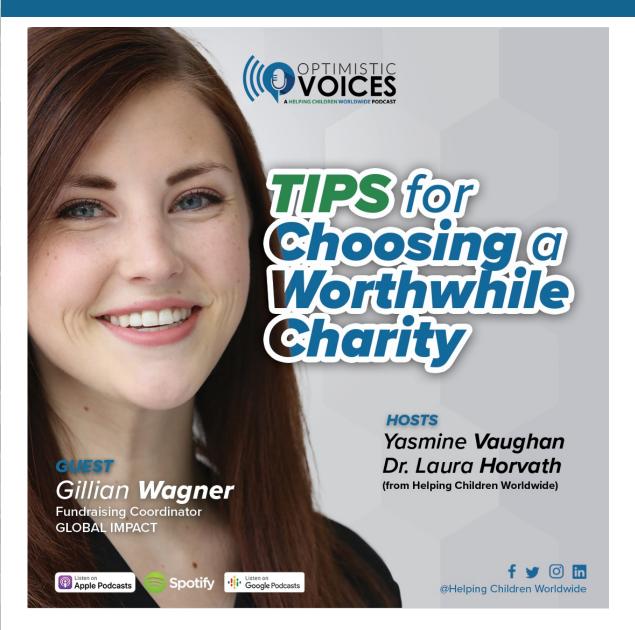
Since January 2022, Mercy Hospital has been undergoing some infrastructure improvements and changes. Through the generous support of Floris United Methodist Church, Ebenezer UMC, Church of the Lakes,...

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New episode alert!

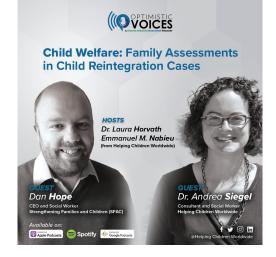
Are you having issues finding a charity to donate to that matches your values? Do you struggle to differentiate between organizations you should or should not donate to? Are you having a hard time figuring out if an organization is making an impact in the world?

If any or all of these questions apply to you - then take a listen to this new episode here.

It's available on Spotify, Apple podcast, and Google podcast. Please subscribe and share.

Episode 1

In case you missed out on our previous episode on Child Welfare featuring **Dan Hope**, CEO and Social Worker at



Strengthening Families and Children (SFAC), and **Andrea Seigel**, Consultant and Social Worker at Helping Children Worldwide, click the button above to check it out.

Don't forget to <u>share</u> and leave a review so we can be able to produce better and more engaging content for you as our podcast grows.

Example instructions for subscribing to our podcast using your Iphone Podcast App on iOS:

- 1. Open the "Podcasts" app (it has the purple logo that looks like a microphone with sound waves or a clothespin with two circles around it..)
- 2. Tap Search.
- Tap the search bar to edit and type "Optimistic Voices", then tap search.
- When the results pop up, tap "Optimistic Voices" (with Helping Children Worldwide at the bottom).
- 5. Tap the Plus (+) button at the top right corner to Follow.



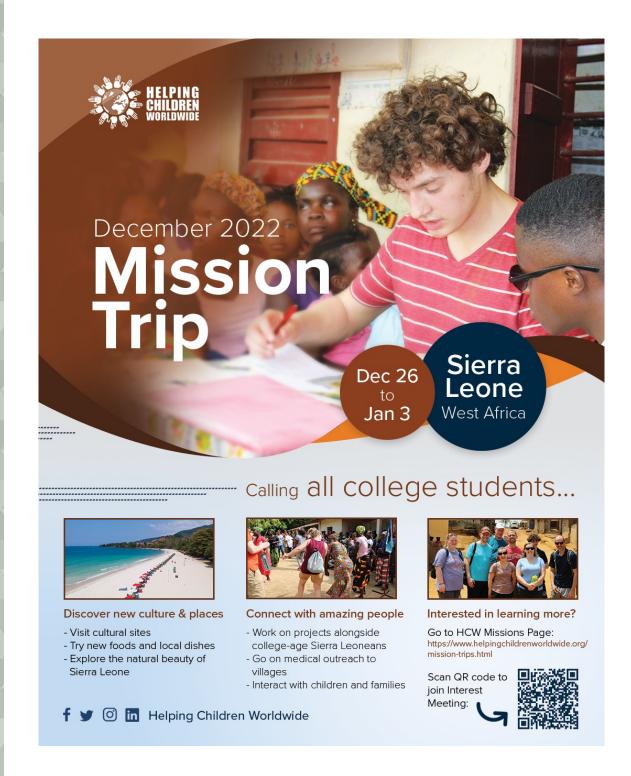
About this Podcast:

Hosts: Dr. Laura Horvath, Emmanuel M. Nabieu, Yasmine Vaughan, Melody Curtiss

Vital voices in the fields of global health, global child welfare reform and family separation, and those intent on conducting ethical missions in low resource communities and developing nations. Join our hosts as they engage in conversations with diverse guests from across the globe, sharing optimistic views, experiences, and suggestions for better and best practices as they discuss these difficult topics.

The podcast is a complement to our new Empower! Magazine. Scan the QR code to the right to read the inaugural edition of Empower! magazine on your phone, or go to our website helpingchildrenworldwide.org and read online. (You can also call our offices at 703-793-9521 x 101 and we'll mail you a print copy.)





NEWS FROM PARTNERS - Mission in Africa

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The CRC's Transition Coaching and Mentoring Department has been working tirelessly with partners and building relationships with other child protection agencies to promote a new model of care for children in families (and not institutions) in Sierra Leone as a best practice to ensure a safer place for the children these organizations serve. Part of this work includes education and advocacy, so in order to get this message out more broadly, the TCM organized a training specifically for those in the media in Sierra Leone.

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Prenatal Clinics at Mercy

Every Tuesday and Thursday pregnant women come to Mercy hospital to receive prenatal care. The expecting mothers wait in a special covered outdoor waiting area behind the maternity clinic and when...

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FAMILY EMPOWERMENT ADVOCACY





Empower A Family

In Sierra Leone, families on the low end of the economic spectrum generally provide for themselves through some combination of subsistence farming and street selling, often living on the edge of survival.

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REGISTRATION is still OPEN for our 2022 Golf Tournament!!

Join us for "A Day of Fun for a Lifetime of Hope."

You can Table Fellowship with your local congregation or other friends interested in child welfare ministries with our Breaking Breads materials and join the Rising Tides movement to lift all boats!

Mohamed Nabieu, Laura Horvath, Melody Curtiss and Yasmine Vaughan have been traveling to visit with partner churches to share many ways to get involved with the mission to strengthen and empower families and communities. Even if you can't join us at the Leadership Institute in Kansas City, or the Christian Alliance for Orphans International Summit in Atlanta, you can begin the

conversation about how do engage with important work to end the family separation crisis at your own church. There are resources for international partnerships, for local church leadership and for young adults. Contact Dr. Laura Horvath to discuss which table fellowship guide would work best for your needs and how to get the resources. You can also register to obtain the resources and review them to help you decide how you could use this resource in your ministry!

Learn more about it. <u>Dr. Andrea Siegel walks you through how to do Table Fellowship.</u>

MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT HCW'S MISSION

Ebenezer UMC's GLOW FOR BO 2022 run/walk is a night run in September this year!

GLOW FOR BO WHEREVER U R!

Ebenezer UMC's Go for Bo race in 2022 will be live in September!

With a 5K, a 1-Mile Fun Run and a Tot Dash, **Glow For Bo** offers the perfect race for all ages and abilities.

In addition, you can see how to shine in the dark with a solar light to support the outreach to children in rural villages in Sierra Leone.



Did you know that you can support HCW by shopping on Amazon?

Make Helping Children Worldwide your designated AmazonSmile charity and every time you shop, Amazon donates a small portion of your purchase. Click on this link to get started.





"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." — Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa

"I think all Americans believe in human rights. And health is an often overlooked aspect of basic human rights. And it's one that's easily corrected. The reason I say that is that many of the diseases that we treat around the world, I knew when I was a child. My mother was a registered nurse. And they no longer exist in our country." - Jimmy Carter, former President of the United States

"Just because a child's parents are poor or uneducated is no reason to deprive the child of basic human rights to health care, education and proper nutrition." - Marian Wright Edelman

"Every 3 seconds in the developing world, a child dies needlessly due to lack of basic health care and other things we all take for granted." Claire Danes

"In our job, you will never go home at the end of the day thinking that you haven't done something valuable and important." - Suneel Dhand

1st Corinthians 16:14

"Let all that you do be done in love."



Families and children gather at a medical outreach in Fengehun village. Learn how the Child Reintegration Centre and Mercy Hospital are helping families like these: www.helpingchildrenworldwide.org

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