Why partner with a village in Sierra Leone?

SIERRA LEONE is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranked 184 out of 188 by the United Nations Human Development Index. More than half of the population lives in poverty, but in rural villages that number is even higher, with more than 70% living on less than $1.90 a day, without access to electricity, running water, or sanitation. The families who dwell in these villages have the same hopes and dreams for their children as families around the world - that they will get an education and escape the vicious cycle of poverty and illiteracy. But without the resources they need, they remain trapped in generational poverty.

VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP is a commitment to help a village in Sierra Leone overcome the obstacles of extreme poverty, illiteracy and endemic disease. For ten years Mercy Hospital has provided medical outreach to a network of villages surrounding Bo. Two years ago, the Child Reintegration Centre expanded the sponsorship program to reach these villages, so that more children can go to school and receive case management services. Helping Children Worldwide is expanding services to the villages we already serve, with a three year plan to provide family empowerment programs, micro-finance training, sanitation, clean water sources, school development, and improved infrastructure.

Sustainability happens when the people with the problems own the solutions.

The Sponsor A Village program encourages local control and ownership of issues faced by families. Focusing on strengthening families and communities encourages self-sufficiency instead of dependency.

Through community mapping surveys, the CRC and Mercy are determining which improvements are most needed and will be the effective in lifting the community out of poverty.

How you can help:

Churches, families, individuals, and organizations are invited to join our Village Partnership initiative with a three year commitment to support a village served by the Child Reintegration Centre and Mercy Hospital. You also have the option to fund a specific village improvement project such as a deep bore well, sanitation system, health clinic, school improvement, or other improvement requested by residents and leadership. See reverse for more information about the Sponsor A Village initiative.

Partner with a village today and transform the lives of vulnerable children and families.

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How to partner with a village

The Child Reintegration Centre and Mercy Hospital are bringing sustainable change to villages in Sierra Leone.

The Village Partnership initiative offers villages in Sierra Leone and partners in the US the opportunity to join together to face the obstacles imposed by extreme poverty. Your tax deductible contributions support the improvements to a village that are specifically identified through community mapping, such as clean water, sanitation, school improvements, expanded medical access, or business enterprise.

WAYS TO PARTNER: Select the village you would like to partner with and choose your level of support.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:
- Village Sponsor: $35 a month
- Village Partner: $200 a month

Sponsor and Partner donations are pooled to support the village improvement project.

FUND THE ENTIRE PROJECT (Cost of projects estimated):
- Deep bore well for clean water supply - $5,000
- Increased medical access for all residents - $3,500
- Public latrines for improved sanitation and health - $6,000
- School books, backpacks, desks, and blackboards - $1,000

VILLAGE ENTERPRISE PROJECT $30,000
The Village Enterprise Project is a cooperative business venture to help families become self-sufficient and generate funds to maintain community improvements. Some possibilities for the VEP are the establishment of a coffee growing concern, farming operation, small scale manufacturing, or a traditional craft enterprise.

VILLAGE IMPACT: $70,000 - $90,000
Commit to fund the entire 3 year village improvement initiative. This is a large scale undertaking for a church, organization or committed partnership.

Set up a recurring donation on our website or mail a check to HCW. We will send you a packet of information about the village you are supporting and progress reports as the project moves forward.

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