### HOPE IN THE HARVEST MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of Hope in the Harvest Missions is to seek to cultivate Christ's hope in underdeveloped and impoverished areas of the world through agricultural and personal transformation. Building on borrowed talent, we seek to impact attitudes and practices that will promote the economic and social well-being of individuals, from a conviction that a changed life results from a Christ-changed heart

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#### **New Roles Old Faces**

2023 launched with new leadership, new roles, and old faces at the Agriculture Research Center. The Glenn family left the field at the end 2022 presenting the opportunity for the Liberian team to step into roles with more responsibility.

Mark Kolleh, left was one of the first people hired by Hope In The Harvest back in 2012. He left in 2017 and returned in 2023 as the Operations Director. His ministry to the team and community has been life changing as his family experienced a life change. At a LICC board meeting Mark

heard that one of the board members had a delivery truck that was struck on the side of the Monrovia highway and two people were killed, one being a pregnant woman. A few hours later Mark got a phone call that his wife, Susanna, was in an accident traveling in a taxi and he needed to pick her up at the checkpoint and carry her to the hospital. It was that very same accident where two people died. Mark's wife was in great pain but stable condition. She spent two days at the hospital in Ganta while the Sebalds tried to see how to get her good medical care which was found four hours away in Monrovia. Originally, they were going to have to wait at least three more days for help but with God's guidance they found the doctor and within a few hours after arriving in Monrovia Susanna got detailed X-rays and a CT Scan, nothing was broken, praise the Lord. The doctor ordered 6 weeks of bed rest together with some medicine for inflammation. Remember the pregnant woman who died in the accident, her baby was spared and Marina is now a part of Mark and Susanna's family.

Once back at the ARC, Mark testified to the hand of God in the whole crisis. He especially saw God preparing him for this time through the daily morning devotions. He shared his desire to see the Word of God through these devotions spread across Nimba county and throughout Liberia. The witness of Mark's family to take bring Marina, who had no family, into their home, is a praise to be sure.



Mark Kolleh above and Marina Kolleh below.



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Extending Farming God's Way at the ARC and in the bush around Liberia is a priority for HITHMI. In 2023 between Pastor Bill, Konah, and Michael there were over 20 trainings held around the country with over 600 participants attending. The goal is to see local farmers putting into the practice the technology and management applications and growing closer in Christ as agriculture development grows. The Agriculture Certificate Training is an incredible program started by the Glenns. The training was held twice with 50 graduates from the program. HITHMI mission is to share the Gospel through agriculture development, meeting people where they are with what they have in their hand. We come alongside people planting seeds of insight, knowledge, and the love of Christ for the hope of heart transformation. There were over 687 visitors to the Agriculture Research Center. These visitors were missionaries, farmers from other West African countries and Liberia, local school students and administration, Liberia Universities faculty and students, Directors from the World Food Program and World Bank, Church leaders, and travelers. The ARC is a place to renew, recharge, refresh, restore, and revisit in many ways, thank you for supporting this work.



With the average age of Liberians being 18 (CIA Factbook 2023) it is very import to see young people coming to the ARC and learning about the agriculture development. We are honored to host the elementary students and the students from other universities.

While growing new foods is exciting, especially when you get a nice harvest, like these carrots. What is important is the introduction of new nutritional foods, access to them in the market, and how to prepare them. All being taught at the ARC.





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#### 2023 PROJECTS



In 2023 Farming God's Way continued in Peru, with Brian Smith working with Hans Vargas in the Moyabamba area and leading two trainings. Continue to pray for the growth of the farmers in Christ and the farms in production. 2023 continued to bring challenges to Michael Dahn's family. Michael himself fought illness after illness and his family dealt with the loss of yet another child, his oldest daughter died unexpectedly and very suspiciously. Continue to pray for Michael's recovery in health and strength and healing in his community and pray for the love of Christ in Michael's heart grows in the hearts of his neighbors. With the departure of the Glenn's new instructors had to be found, the knowledge and leadership of the Glenn's is missed but it is encouraging to see new leaders emerge. Please pray that LICC will find administrators and instructors who love Christ and love sharing the Gospel. We started snail farming. The Team saw a gap in the market with the demand of snails being high but the supply being low. With help from a donor the Happy Snails project was started and ended with a sale of snails and more space for the snails being built. And finally, you have watched Thomas grow from a young junior high student to now a Business Degree holder. Thomas is the Financial Director for the ARC, it is exciting to see the Liberia team take a big step in managing and report monthly finances.

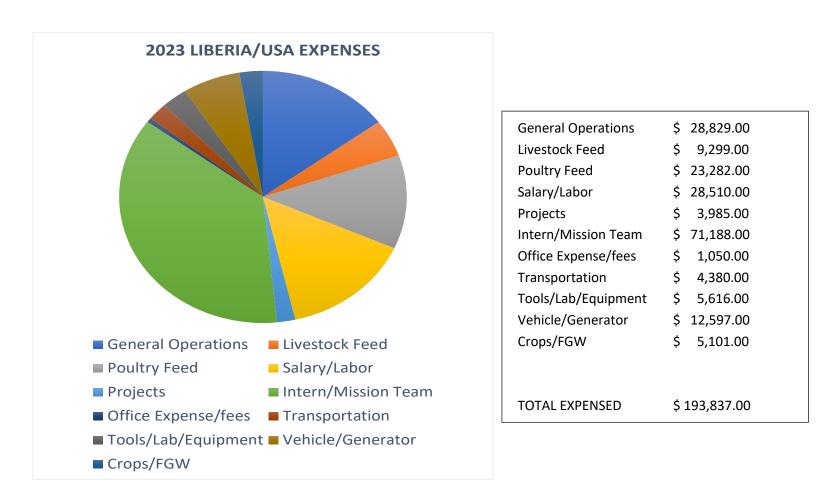


ARC STAFF: Mark Kolleh Michael Dahn William Kenneth Emmanuel Dolo Samuel Mulbah Albert Nomie Charles Sonkarlay Peter Tokpah Konah Yeaney

Konah Drogbay David Duo **Richard Gonleseh** Christian Gweh Ierome Nessian Flower Smith

In sadness George Zigbuo passed

#### 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT



USA INCOME: \$200,325.00 LIBERIA INCOME: \$13,796.00 Income in Liberia comes from the sale of livestock, plants and poultry feed and guest house lodging. The goal of Hope In The Harvest Missions International is to not be needed as development continues to grow in Liberia. The ARC is slowly making development progress and managing the resources in hand.

2023 Board Members: President Gary Adams Vice President Shelley Lea Secretary Matt Beardsley Treasurer Rae Jahn

Charlotte Long Stephen De Young Megan Lutes Travis Sheets Matt Crawford Hans Vargas Justin Trent

#### 2023 TEAM

The work of the missionary was captured in 1 Chronicles 16:23-24 "Sing to the Lord, all the earth, announce his salvation, day after day. Tell His glory among the nations; among all peoples, His wondrous deeds." On the field the trials are never ending, rest is fleeting, and questioning the purpose of serving comes as fiery missiles often.

Bill and Holly Sebald serve in a multitude of ways. Holly works with the Women's Resource Center on the LICC campus. Under Holly's quiet and gently leading the women have learned business skills and built a catering kitchen and serve meals right there at the school. Holly also works in the greenhouse to encourage the sale of nursery and potted plants. Bill preaches and leads Farming God's Way training around the country. Bill's



ministries bring peace to the restless motorbike drivers and street vendors, he works tirelessly sharing his catering skills with students teaching them about food safety, handling, preparation, and of course creating culinary delights. Their youngest son, David, serves several months on the field with them and enjoys hosting guests and exploring new areas.





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