



2019 Annual Report

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Hope for Humanity, Inc.

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*Equipping girls and boys for leadership through
quality education with a Christian foundation*

Hope and Resurrection Secondary School Atiaba, South Sudan



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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Partners,

Upon reflection about the mission of Hope for Humanity in 2019, I am reminded that God is in all things! My hope is that this report will communicate to you, dedicated partners in this mission, that your faithful support is a change making act that helps make good possible in the lives of those in need of your help.

As in past years, the Directors of Hope for Humanity, Inc., began the 2019 year with the same hope, faith, and excitement for the futures of the students at Hope and Resurrection Secondary School, the Atiaba community, and South Sudan. We also began the year by continuing the implementation of the expansion goals begun in 2017:

- Expanding the number of students being served,
- Transitioning to South Sudanese teachers and leadership while emphasizing more females to fill these roles to balance the gender gap, and
- Improving and expanding the campus' facilities.

However, just as the second semester was about to begin, tragedy struck. Two of our beloved Uganda teachers were murdered while traveling in Rumbek, South Sudan, and they became two more victims of the violence that has plagued this war-torn country. Immediately our priorities changed to meet the needs of the people we help. Well-being support for the students, the teachers and their families became our focus. With the help of so many in the USA and South Sudan, we were able to:

- Provide proper Christian burials for our fallen teachers,
- Support the families of our fallen teachers financially,
- Provide students and teachers with emotional and spiritual support, and
- Reopen the school after a grieving period.

Thus, our response gave the Atiaba community and all of Rumbek hope in the midst of fear.

This tragedy revealed a deep and abiding truth about the last twelve years of the work of this mission and the school's existence. *The education provided is instilling the ideas of peace and reconciliation that are so grounded that even when tested by a tragedy of this magnitude, it holds!* I say this with confidence because in response to the death of two of their teachers, the students chose to peacefully demonstrate and give speeches to seek justice through law; not seek revenge, the old way of thinking and reacting. Transformation is being made! God is at work restoring and healing!

I am forever grateful to you for your desire and generous support of this mission and Hope and Resurrection Secondary School, the little missionary school in the African Bush of South Sudan making a big impact in the world! Your gifts in 2019 provided 345 students with books, lunch, and quality secondary education. Please never forget that just this alone is an extraordinary gift in a country with an almost 80% illiteracy rate and where very little education is available. Moreover, your gifts reach even further, making healing and reconciliation possible through peace and gender initiatives.

With kindest regards,
Suzanne M. Hicks, M.Div.

Partners Flourishing Together

WHO WE ARE: Directors with a wide variety of professional experiences, University-trained teachers, Students, Graduates, Field Partners from Kenya, Uganda, and South Sudan, Missionaries, Foundations, Parents, Leaders, Churches, Founders, Donors, Families, Ministers of South Sudan.





Making an Impact

HOPE AND RESURRECTION SECONDARY SCHOOL

Hope for Humanity, Inc. is committed to the idea that education is the best way we can help the South Sudanese develop their nation. Its commitment is manifest in Hope and Resurrection Secondary School in Atiaba, South Sudan. Conceived in 2004 and built in 2007, the school has been providing secondary education for 12 years.



Quality Education

- Equipping South Sudan's girls and boys for leadership through quality education with a Christian foundation.

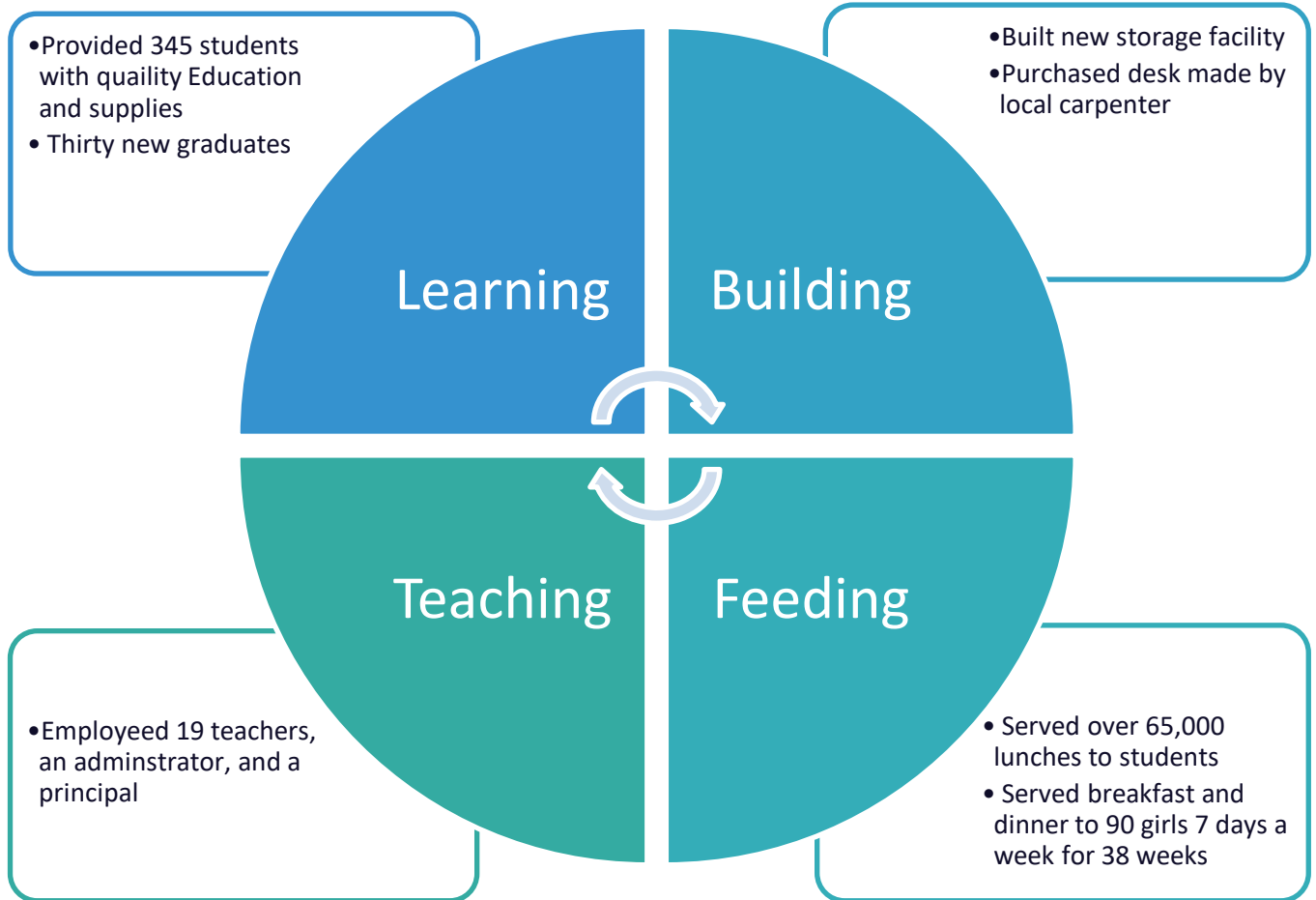
Gender Equity

- Co-education helps to shape gender equity in South Sudan's future leaders.

Peace and Justice

- South Sudanese and their friends inside and outside the country must work together for peace and stability.

2019 Mission Accomplishments



Our Mission fulfills three of the Millennium Development Goals established by the UN:
Universal Education * Gender Equality * Ending Poverty and Hunger





Supported & Equipped

Learning

With the support of partners in the mission of Hope for Humanity, Inc., we were able to equip 345 students with secondary education in 2019 at Hope and Resurrection Secondary School. The number of students being served each year has grown exponentially the past three years. The school, which was built by Hope for Humanity, Inc. in 2007, is a secure campus with seven buildings in Atiaba, South Sudan and has successfully provided learning opportunities for students for 12 years. The campus' buildings provide classrooms, teachers' quarters, girls' dormitory, and storage for food and a generator which allows learning to take place from February through December.

To equip students for leadership through education takes many types of lessons. Our students are engaged in a rigorous high school academic program that includes a full curriculum in subjects such as math, sciences, English composition, history, geography, agriculture, business, and religious studies. They are also taught by hands-on experiences and mentoring. It is our experience that students become leaders by leading, so it is the culture of the school that students participate in the day-to-day running of the school. Student leaders are elected and serve to direct the student body by delegating duties, overseeing programs, and serve as good role models. It is a motivational time in the life of a student and mentoring them into future leaders.



Exams and interviews for the 2019 school entrance applicants. The need and demand for secondary education is great.



Student Leaders help to organize entrance interviews.

Building

Construction of buildings is always a challenge in South Sudan, especially in the rural areas like Atiaba. Traveling makes it difficult (as you can see from the pictures of the road to Atiaba below).

Also, finding resources (both human and material) is a difficult and often must be sought from other countries. Despite many obstacles, two projects were completed in 2019 with the partnership of those in South Sudan and USA.



NEW DESKS – Made Locally and Purchased Locally from Donations Given Locally!

With the expansion of the pupils being served at the school the need for desk was also evident. For the past couple of years, students had been making do sitting in plastic chairs and writing on their laps, but in 2019 proper desks were provided. We are incredibly thankful for Lakes State Governor, The Honorable Solomon, for his generous contribution for the purchase of new desks. We are also thankful for the local carpenter who provided us a product with quality workmanship and an honest business transaction.



NEW STORAGE FACILITY – Made Locally from Donations Given Internationally!

Thanks to donations made by many in the USA, we built a proper storage facility for food. Built by a local builder with the aid of some of our teachers and students!



Teaching

In 2019, we employed an administrator, a principal, and thirteen teachers at Hope and Resurrection Secondary School. The professional staff is made up of people from Uganda and South Sudan. When the school opened in 2008, there was just one South Sudanese teacher. Now in 2019, we have six South Sudanese professionals who have joined our dedicated Ugandan teachers. We also employed six Hope and Resurrection graduates to teach 7th and 8th grade at two local elementary schools with an eye



to strengthening the primary education in the area. Local government schools have very few resources and fewer qualified teachers. By partnering with local government primary schools, we hope to help these local primary age students learn and qualify for secondary education. It is a win/win situation, we provide the teachers who have been schooled using our standards to help prepare students who are truly qualified to pursue a secondary education. In return we hope to receive students who can better cope with the rigor required to matriculate at Hope and Resurrection

Nutritious Food



South Sudan is a country that is facing great food insecurity. The 2016 United Nations Humanitarian overview reported that two out of every three people in South Sudan are food insecure; this is approximately 7.5 million people. To help equip students to learn and perform daily nutritious food is provided by the mission.

In 2019, we implemented a new program, **Hope Garden!** It gives female students hands-on learning and an opportunity to grow fresh vegetables to eat or sell.



2019 gardening begins with preparing the soil; Teacher John begins the lesson with purchasing local manure.



Graduates

Hope and Resurrection Secondary School has 243 nationally recognized graduates. Alumni are training to become doctors, nurses, lab technicians, government officials, ministers, business administrators, peace advocates, teachers, and many other roles. Some of those graduates have returned to Atiaba and the school to serve. In 2019 we had three graduates working at Hope and Resurrection Secondary School and six graduates working as teachers at two local primary schools.

The gift of education is received each year with overwhelming gratitude by so many young South Sudanese. They do not fully understand how a stranger so far away is concerned for their welfare, but the outreach (the act of doing) is such a profound act that the mystery of the Gospel is being told to all who receive your kindness! For this and all God's blessings, we give thanks.



**2019 Graduating Class of Hope and Resurrection Secondary School and Mr. Anthony Wal, Principal.
The entire class of 2019 passed their national exam!**

Seeing the Outcomes through the Work

In 2016, with the ultimate goal of continuing to fulfill the mission of Hope for Humanity, Inc. (HFH) equipping students for leadership in South Sudan and to meet the growing demand for secondary education the HFH Directors put into place plans to expand the work at Hope and Resurrection Secondary School (HRSS) in Atiaba, South Sudan. One of those 2016 tactics was to hire more teachers with a preference for qualified, local, South Sudanese leaders. We thought that this step would further the implementation of HFH's early and long-term vision to aid South Sudan's development. South Sudanese leadership at HRSS supports the local economy, gives our students South Sudanese role models, supports our long-term desire for the school's day-to-day operations to be led by South Sudanese, and in fact gives students the best quality education possible.

Our new South Sudanese teachers, Thon Bec, Arua Tifanna, Benjamin Madit, and Jacob Mapuor, along with South Sudanese Principal, Anthony Wal, and South Sudanese Administrator, Awut Agok, feel a great sense of responsibility to share what they have been given to succeed with the next generation coming behind them. This kind of responsibility is a calling and makes it possible to support the deep connection needed to build community at our school and in the village. These locally produced role models help build a sense of pride and ownership, and they bring great pleasure to the whole community by their achievements. It strengthens the education made possible at HRSS. It also brings us, the HFH donors and directors, great joy as we partner in the work of helping people reach their potential and achieve their dreams.

Reaching out and building upon others for success has been moving across the village lands of Atiaba since 2008 when HRSS opened its doors to the first class. In the beginning we saw the students' lives directly affected by the education they had been given by the pioneer donors of HFH, and over the years we have witnessed the transformation that has taken place in the families, the village, and even the world as our students set out to lead their nation.

The investment of sharing with others what we have for the purpose of their success has grown and set a precedent at HRSS! When former students, Thon Bec, Awut Agok, and Jacob Mapuor returned to HRSS as part of the new South Sudanese leadership, they immediately began reaching out to those who live in the cattle camps. Their connection to the community gave them the ability to reach deeper into the community than those who served before them could have ever done. Among those they encourage are the youth and young men in the cattle camps who often incite violence in South Sudan. The educational message of peace is being delivered way beyond the classroom! Behind the message are also words of encouragement by people who have experienced firsthand the tragedies of their countrymen.

Among the youth who have been reached is HRSS student John. His life has always been in the cattle camp. He was trained when he was a young boy how to care for cows. As he grew, he was also taught how to raid other villages and steal cattle. He attended primary school for a portion of that time, but he didn't continue as he couldn't see how learning to read helped him raise or steal cows. Through visiting and reconnecting with people in the local villages and camps; Awut, Thon, and Jacob observed John's behavior at home. They saw a peaceful and helpful young man in his home and thought that it was not reasonable that this young person acted so differently in his cattle camp. They talked with him about his early education, encouraged him to return to finish his primary education, and eventually enroll at HRSS. Hearing these words of encouragement from people who knew him and his situation, gave John the support he needed take a leap of faith. As a tall gangly teenager, he returned to primary school, finished his primary education, passed his primary national exam, and qualified as an entering student at HRSS! He has participated fully in his studies and the extra-curricular activities at HRSS this year. During a trauma healing workshop, he shared how his matriculation at HRSS had opened up to him of the possibility of another life. Furthermore, he shared with his peers that he had never seen his life in any other way than as a cattle raider. He hadn't seen his own actions connected to the larger problems of South Sudan's development. He learned for the first time how his personal actions were affecting and contributing to the mistrust between communities.

John's tribal scars still remain on his forehead, but they no longer carry the internal scars that kept him from being a change maker in South Sudan. John is no longer participating in cattle raiding. He is taking personal responsibility for his actions. He is a living example of the changes that are not only possible, but actual for Atiaba, South Sudan and the world.

HRSS Graduates Teaching Peace and Reconciliation to HRSS Students and the Atiaba Community



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