

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland registered No: 101883

**"83 Fresh Hope Churches established"**

**"over 250 people baptised"**

**"160 kids in our pre and primary schools"**

**"53 Students in the Vocational Training Institute"**

## 3 Major Projects needing Help

**Once again we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your continuing love and support for what Fresh Hope is doing in Sierra Leone, West Africa. None of this would happen without your help.**

Thank you for helping make all this happen!

**1.** Church Planting is the first of our much needy projects areas this coming year. In the past year it has been impacted strongly by the economic state of the country and reduced funds available.

**2.** The second project area is our Children and Baby Fostering programme, we call it Foster+. This area covers the childrens care in an existing family home, their education and medical needs. This mode

of care is so much more effective and less costly than dedicated a orphanage. The more support for this project the more children we can help care for.

**3.** The third project area is the Vocational Training Institute and Workshop. This has been a very successful enterprise reaching very vulnerable adults including prostitutes, those who did not go to school and other marginalised groups. The training is provided by skilled workers which we would like to offer some remuneration to. As the intake grows the Institute also needs materials to provide the training, Cloth, dye, tools, fuel for generators, raw materials etc.

In order to keep all these running we will be

offering a dedicated donation option for each project right on our home page in the New Year.

There is also an option for support towards the hidden running costs like transport and urgent needs. You can choose any amount and either one-of or monthly by Card or Paypal at

<https://fresh-hope.org/give>

We hope you will join us as we seek God's blessing for this coming year in this ripe corner of the Kingdom of God.



David & Barbara  
Craig

## Literally a Piggy Bank!

We started the pig farm several years ago with donations of £130 for a male and female. As you probably know they can produce a lot of piglets!

This has helped the ministry enormously on an ongoing basis.

One of the ways they are used is to kick start the alleviation of poverty in the villages where we plant churches. The pigs produce piglets that can be sold to help with schooling and medical needs year in year out where otherwise the plague of poverty just

drains the life out of the village.

As the village mini farm grows they can give away a set of pigs to a neighbouring village, inevitably they in turn ask us to plant a church there!

Occasionally a dire need can arise in any of the ministry areas that urgently needs a financial solution. This is where we can sell some of the pigs to fulfil the need.



# All about our Foster+ programme

The Church is the backbone and platform that all of our social outreach ministries are based on.

Over the last 22 years being involved in ministry we have had several orphanages as that seemed to solve the immediate need of dealing with so many orphans especially after Sierra Leone's 11 year civil war.

Orphanages are now frowned on by many governments. Our Baby Rescue Centre was a bit special, even regarded highly by the local government in that motherless babies had no where else to go.

We have evolved our orphan and baby care in a much better care model that even other churches are picking up on.

We asked our congregation member families to prayerfully consider fostering a child into their existing home.

Fostering is a natural concept that Sierra Leonians have understood for decades as in a village if a mother died a relative or close friends would try and take in the orphan.

The Fresh Hope Church assesses families and gives them suitable training and special pastoral care/monitoring to enable them to take on

a new member of their family.

This is mentally much better for the child as they become an integrated part of the family with all its God ordained benefits with a firm foundational sense of belonging.

From a support perspective this also takes much less intervention to maintain a good quality level of care.

To that end we will be opening a special dedicated support fund that anyone can give into that goes towards the needs of the kids in foster care.

As most families in Sierra Leone do not have surplus income we try and help the foster families as the fund allows. This fund supports the kids education, the clothing, bedding and medical care. Our website will have a dedicated giving button, either one-off's or regular support, right on the front page.

Other local churches are also now using our model.

You can support the Foster+ Project directly from our website using a Card or PayPal at

<https://fresh-hope.org/what-we-do/brc>

## Our Triplets

Favour  
Rejoice  
And Grace



**Mrs Neneh Vandy:** *We count it privileged to foster the triplets. They are amazing kids. We thank God for their lives. I will do everything possible to be a good foster parent. They are part of the family and they like it. We are having a good time with them*

**Grace Ngandi:** (one of the triplets fostered by Ms Vandy)

*I felt happy when I entered my new home.*

*I never knew what it means to belong to a family except now.*

*To be in a family is so good.*

*I am enjoying greater love now. I have my brothers and sisters with me. This is the first time I have met with some of them.*



# Catalytic Church Planting

Church planting and Evangelism has been the center move of the ministry. Covid is continuing to reek havoc in the villages limiting our access to support and development of the church network.

We have trained about 300 church planters this year from Fresh Hope and other partner ministries

We have baptized over 250 new believers this year.

It is through the churches that we operate the Foster+ project.

Our central pig farm also plays a vital part of the project where a set of breeding pigs are donated so the village can start its own productive farm where piglets are reared and sold to provide for the education and medical needs of the very vulnerable children.

Our annual Pastors conference in Bo, the 2nd largest city in Sierra Leone is vital to the encouragement and building up of the village pastors where they network and build connections with the supportive church planting teams. In December 2022 there

will be over 600 people attending.

This is a multi-denominational gathering as in the last number of years we have been assisting other churches with the training of church planting teams. We call this Catalytic Church Planting.

Depending on the size of the village we would assist with contribution to either building a church or renovating a building. It is amazing what supporting a few bags of cement, mud blocks and corrugated sheeting can do!

The main way our church planters get out to these remote villages is by motorbikes. The jungle paths are not kind to the bikes and they are in constant need of maintenance to keep the Church planting project in motion. Supporting this project helps to keep all this running and enable expansion of the team to reach more poverty stricken remote villages.

You can support the Church Planting Project directly from our website using a Card or PayPal at

<https://fresh-hope.org/what-we-do/church-planting>



**In the early 2000's Sierra Leone Christian population was 11%**

**TODAY it is 21%**



The children and adults of one of the village church plants | 2 of our elusive village pigs





# Technical and Vocational Training Institute

Almost since Fresh Hopes inception around 20 years ago now, we have had some sort of vocational training to enable the disadvantaged and vulnerable to gain a skill that they could practice to avoid either a life of crime or prostitution.

Over those years we have learned many lessons, some of them the hard way.

After the students finished their training in the past we gave them a starter pack of a bolt of cloth, tailoring equipment, a loom or a sewing machine.

During their training they had a great sense of community and could minister and support each other as well as receiving pastoral care from the church.

What we found was that once qualified where they went back to their local community we would lose track of the students and the equipment and machines don't get maintained and fall out of use.

Our current model is that as well as equipped training classrooms kitted out with sewing machines where

they learn the skill we also have a separate Workshop building also kitted out with sewing machines where they come post-training to work. They produce dresses and shirts for their own clients and pay a small charge for the use and maintenance of the equipment.

Here they maintain their sense of community and pastorally the church can minister and counsel them as they settle into a new lifestyle. Most of them have become church members.

As we only have to buy the machines once we can better use any support we get for this project. We can also maintain the machines in good working order.

The institute has four components: tailoring, catering, hair dressing and Electrical Installation. The computer school also serves as part of the institution.

One of the challenges we have is getting skilled trainers to

commit to enough time to provide consistent level of training for the students.

We cannot charge the students as the poverty level is so high therefore we would like to offer the trainers a token remuneration for their teaching time.

This is where your support for this Project can really make a big difference.

It is one of the biggest demands on our finances as materials need purchased for the students to practice on during their training and we still like to reward them at the end of their training with a bolt of cloth, tape measures, needles, thread and of course dress makers scissors.

You can support the Vocational Training Institute Project directly from our website using a Card or PayPal at

<https://fresh-hope.org/what-we-do/street-girl-outreach>



## WANT TO HEAR MORE?

If you or your church would like to hear more about Fresh Hope or partner with us please contact David and Barbara at [info@fresh-hope.org](mailto:info@fresh-hope.org)

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