

Christ's Hands on Afrika, A Non-Profit Organization



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**The following are the purposes for which
Christ's Hands on Afrika has been
organized:**

- 1. To encourage educational growth for children in The Gambia,**
- 2. To allow teachers and employees to earn higher compensation in pay,**
- 3. To promote Christ-like growth and attitudes in a Muslim dominated society in The Gambia.**

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an ongoing charitable
organization that will
provide social aid and
educational relief to
children and families in The
Gambia, West Africa.

Christ's Hands on Afrika
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September 12, 2009

Dear Friend,

Now is the time to make an impact in the lives of families in Africa. Our organization, Christ's Hands on Afrika (CHOA), is a non-profit organization based in Long Beach, California, in collaboration with Kingdom Builders Fellowship. CHOA encourages educational growth for children in The Gambia, provides resources for teachers and schools, and promotes Christ-like growth and attitudes in a Muslim dominated society.

On *October 9, 2009*, we will be taking up the challenge of sending a 40-foot container of miscellaneous items that include new and used clothing and shoes, new school supplies, bicycles, toys, and any other items we can collect that will benefit families of The Gambia, West Africa.

CHOA will collect items and raise vital funds for the *"Everyday Essentials Project."* We will provide help to families who live with very little, by distributing gently used or new clothing and shoes for women, men and children. We also want to prepare children for school by providing bicycles for students who would normally have to walk miles to school, and school supplies that are hard to obtain in Gambia.

We have a large fundraising goal for *CHOA's "Everyday Essentials Project."* The expected cost of shipping and clearing the container is \$8,000. We would greatly appreciate your help in reaching this target of providing items to ship and monetary donations to assist with shipping costs. No amount is too small.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As one of our sponsors, we will personally let you know how we do. If you would like any more information about *CHOA*, please call (562) 212-8353 or email christshandsonafrika@gmail.com, visit www.christshandsonafrika.org. Please feel free to contact us to pick up your items or if you would like us to make a presentation to your organization.

Sincerely,

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Drilling in Progress



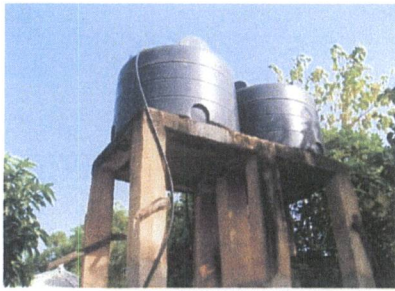
Pulling water from village well



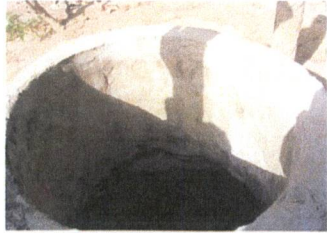
Solar Panel for pump

“Clean Water” Project

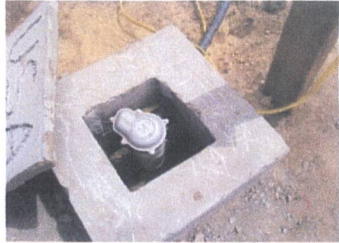
Christ's Hands on Afrika desires to help as many families as possible to have access to clean and safe drinking water in The Gambia. The details of the project include drilling water wells at schools and in villages, where the access to safe and clean drinking water is most needed. Our goal is to fund the operation of five (5) wells by the end of 2010. We have mapped out a few locations where this effort will be maximized. *Treasure Drilling* is a reliable company owned by a Long Beach resident, which is based in The Gambia. Each well provides clean drinking water continuously to a village of 5,000 people for up to 10 years. The funding required for each project is approximately \$8,000; which covers drilling the well, providing a submersible pump, building a reservoir for the storage of water, and installing a solar panel for power.



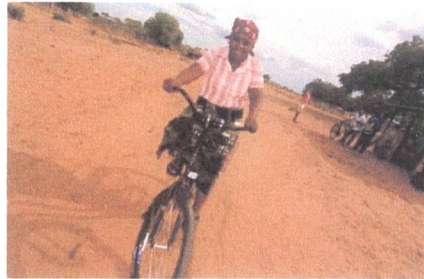
Reservoir



Unsealed village well



Sealed well



“Ride for Success” Project

One of our goals is to encourage educational growth for children in The Gambia. Gambian families struggle to provide the basic tools and materials needed for their school-aged children. The lack of income is a great obstacle to an enriched learning experience. One of the obstacles the “Ride for Success” Project will remove is that of transportation. Most school children arrive at their schools after walking several miles; or travel by taxi, adding another financial burden. These issues bring added stress, also. To support the children’s desire to obtain an education, *Christ’s Hands on Afrika* has launched a campaign to collect and deliver 5,000 new and used bicycles to school-age children by December 2010. To reach this goal, we will be soliciting local bicycle stores, corporations and personal donations.



Christ's Hands On Afrika

Presents

“Everyday Essentials Project”



Many children walk barefoot to school



Help us with shipping costs

Isn't it time to clean out your closet? On *October 9, 2009*, we will be taking up the challenge of sending a 40-foot container of new or gently used clothes, shoes, toys, bicycles, new school supplies and/or monetary gifts to help send this container to the Gambia, West Africa.

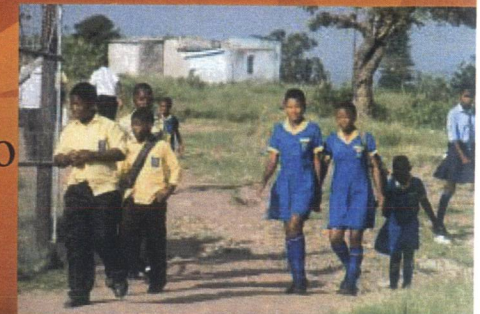


Help put a smile on a child's face

We need your help to make this happen
For any question please contact Moses Sonko

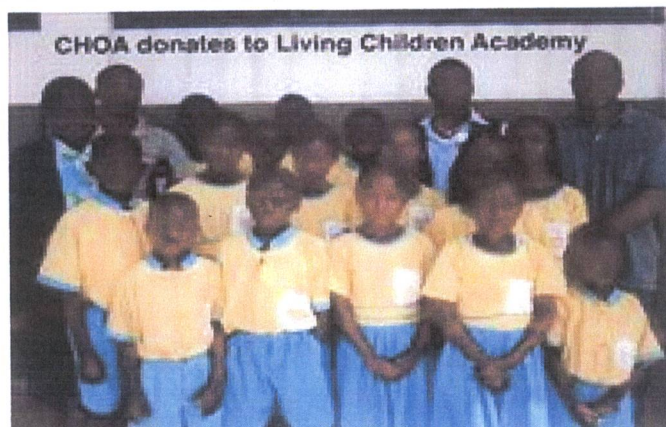
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TOP CLASS: CHOA donates to Living Children Academy

africa » gambia



Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Christ's Hands on Afrika (CHOA) yesterday donated some school items valued at over D15, 000.00 and also sponsoring 10 children in Living Children Academy School at a presentation ceremony held at the school ground in Old Jeshwang.

As a charitable organisation that provides social aid and educational relief to children and families in The Gambia, its aim and objectives are to provide quality education to Gambian children and the children of Africa at large.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, Moses Sonko, the vice president of the CHOA, revealed that their organisation has started its activities when he returned to The Gambia with his wife Ashley Sonko in February 2007. He added that they noticed a considerable amount of school-age children unable to attend school, as a result of the schools lack of tuition fee as well as a fee for the acquisition of materials and uniforms.

According to him, back in the United State, they resolved to launch the organisation during the course of the year 2008. He further advised the children to take their education seriously, respect their parents and teachers, so that they will help the school more. The world, he added, is a competitive world, and in order for the children to become somebody, they have to study hard. "Education is the tool that they can use to help their parents and to also make the world a better place", he concluded.

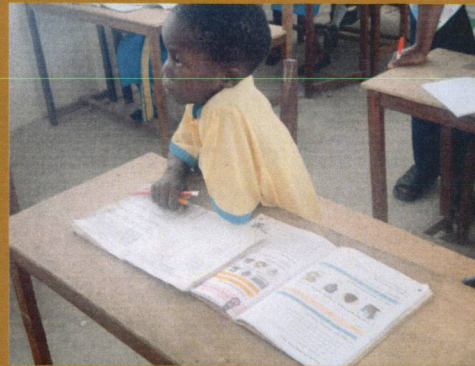
For her part, Mrs Agnes E.K. Sonko, the headteacher of the school, thanked CHOA for the donation and for sponsoring their children in the school. She further assured the donors that they will put the items to good use and prayed that God protect and guide and also help them financially for them to do more for the children of The Gambia.

Alex E. Rambo, the treasurer of CHOA, disclosed that this is his first time to visit The Gambia and he is here purposely to make research more on what these children need and the way to help them. "We want to see all the children go to school and to become someone in the future," he concluded.

Author: **By Mariatou Ngum-Saidy**

PURPOSE

- 1) To encourage educational growth for children in The Gambia,
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With just \$200 you can sponsor the education of a child for the whole year.



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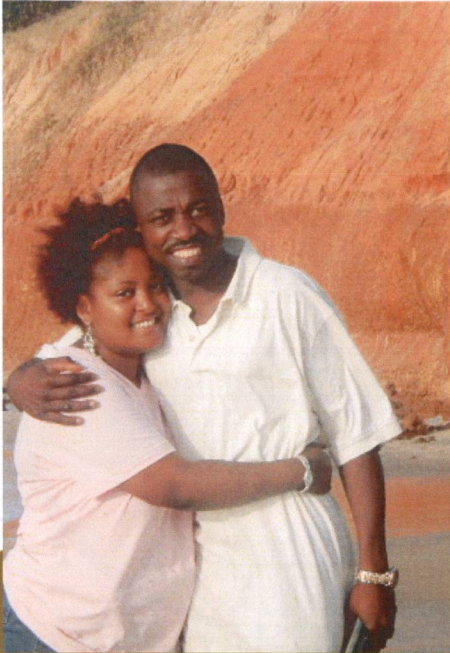
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Focus

Spreading the love of Christ to a Muslim nation

Mission Statement

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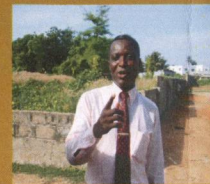


Moses and Ashley Sonko's vision for Christ's Hands on Afrika began when they returned to The Gambia in February 2007. They witnessed a noticeable amount of school age children unable to attend. In order for children to receive an education, the schools require tuition, as well as a fee for the materials and uniforms. The choices most families have are to either 1) allow only one child in the family to attend school; 2) swap children in the family to attend alternating school years; or 3) seek sponsorship.

“Educating children around the world”

The third alternative is a viable one, if sponsors would be chomping at the bit to offer the funds necessary for Gambian children to attend school. Unfortunately, sponsorship is declining. Moses and Ashley turned to God to seek a way to help the Gambian children. Through prayer, Christ's Hands on Afrika became greater than an interest or an idea. God opened a door with the introduction to Rev. Isaac K. Daye, the

overseer of Living Children's Academic Nursery and Lower Basic School in Banjul, The Gambia.



Nursery and Lower Basic School (LCANLBS) is a nine-room building; with one to three rooms devoted to the nursery (pre-K) students, and one to six rooms dedicated to the primary students. The total classroom capacity is 45; with a total of 405 pupils at full capacity.

WE NEED TO FILL THESE CLASSROOMS ONE DESK AT A TIME.