

Building for the Future!

In our June News letter we talked about the start of construction. I am excited to say we are well underway to completing the building! Your generosity and dedication to saving children's lives is making a difference!



10 months plus. While Eric's sister is happy to continue helping, her landlord has started to put pressure on us to get the children out of the apartment. **Our time is running out!** We need to get the children back into the orphanage.

We need your help to make this dream a reality! You can help with any donation! We need approximately \$18,000 to get the electrical and plumbing finished up and to plaster enough of the first floor walls so the children can move back into the

building. We have a tremendous opportunity in a **challenge grant** that has been made by ABC Herrington Sign and Display and Kindy's Promotional Apparel to match dollar for dollar the first \$2,500 donated by November 15th. **Every dollar you give gets turned into two dollars!** Please consider a donation of any amount to make this a reality!

But we are running out of time to get the facility operational! Our children have been staying at Eric's sister's apartment since January. May God Bless her for doing this! In addition to her 3 children and husband she has our 5 children plus the Nannies in her apartment now for



Adoption Update!

On Eric's trip to Benin City in August he had the opportunity to stop in and check on Antonia in her new home! We are excited to tell you she is doing very well and loves her new mother very much! It brings back the memory of when she first came to our orphanage after losing her mother in a traffic accident. She was scared and not sure what would happen. Now thanks to your donation she has a new loving family that will give her the opportunity to grow up and have a full life!

Board of Directors Update:

Cornerstone of Hope Orphanage held elections for new board members at the beginning of October. The new board members are John Kelling; vice president / missions, Jim Adams; communications, Charise Mudge; secretary / fundraising, Kevin McGuire; president/treasurer, and Eric Idehen; chairman. This new board has its work cut out for it. The big tasks are working on finalizing the construction of the new orphanage building, working on improving communication with all the donors, documenting the adoption process for future parents to be and continuing to build opportunities to communicate what we are doing for orphaned children. Please check with the web site www.thehopeorphans.org to see more about each of the directors as we update the website.

Construction Progress!!!



You can see the progress from where we were to the picture on the front page of where we are today! The project started with taking the building down so we could build it up! All of the materials are kept and every attempt is made to reuse these materials. The picture in the middle top includes Patrick helping out with the concrete. He didn't want to just watch others working he wanted to help build his house back up!

A word from our board member John Kelling:

"I saw it on their faces and in their eyes. I could see the despair, the feeling of being unworthy, unwanted and unnoticed. That simply was enough for me. God had been nudging me to work with orphans for some time now and Cornerstone of Hope Orphanage was my time and my place. That's why I got involved. My prayer is that you see an opportunity to help make a difference and change that facial expression to one with hope, love and a future."-----John Kelling, Vice-President of the Cornerstone of Hope Orphanage

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