

# Mission Moment



## *The purpose of the Mission Moment:*

- *To increase awareness of our missions to the LCVH church family.*
- *To inspire greater participation by our congregation in these missions.*
- *To invite prayer petitions on behalf of these missions.*
- *To thank God for the privilege to partner in missions.*

*This week's spotlight...*

## Project H.O.P.E.

Project H.O.P.E. is the international ministry of The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills. Begun in 2005, its mission has been to “offer H.O.P.E. for tomorrow and for eternity through Christ to people who live in impoverished nations.” The word H.O.P.E. describes the projects it funds.

H: addresses the **health** needs of people

O: funds projects that offer **opportunities** for income for congregations and individuals

P: requires the **participation** of people being served

E: promotes **education** for children and young adults

In **Uganda** H.O.P.E. has funded: the purchase of land for 5 congregations; the drilling of 5 bore hole wells for safe water; the construction of 5 Lutheran elementary schools; annual funding for 3 schools and a noon meal; a church building; a sewing center; the construction and maintenance of 2 piggeries and 2 corn mills; university fees for promising students; food and medicine for numerous individuals.

In **Nicaragua** H.O.P.E. has: sent teams of LCVH members to do a VBS-type ministry in rural villages; has sent teams to work on construction projects; funded the construction of 3 small churches; funded the construction of a Youth Center in León; sponsored 3 annual computer training classes in the Center; provided thousands of food packages for poor families.

In **Kenya** H.O.P.E. has partnered with Arianna and David Shirk in providing \$34,000 for equipping a Surgical Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Kijabe Hospital, whose motto is: **Health Care for God's Glory**. Currently H.O.P.E. is working with David in funding seven new operating rooms. H.O.P.E. provided \$60,000 for this project in 2018. One room is already up and running.

Since 2005 Project H.O.P.E. has received \$1,425,361.70 from LCVH members, friends, businesses, and organizations. Because of Project H.O.P.E. thousands of people in three countries are singing songs of praise to God for the love and generosity of the people of God at The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills. Yet, as in all things, to God alone be the glory!