

## November 2016 REPORT

# My Vision For Refugees

*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and He will reward them for what they have done.  
Proverbs 19:17*

Last year in August, Sam Johnson, our founder and president, went back to Guinea to establish Home of Hope Orphanage in N'Zérékoré; fulfilling one of the primary 2016 goals of My Vision for Refugees Inc. Between September and December, with the funds we had received from donations, a three bedroom building was completed and Home of Hope Orphanage was inaugurated in the presence of a representative from the Guinea Ministry of Child Protection and several local N'Zérékoré government officials.

### *Before*





Sam was there as well to help with the construction and do some hands-on work!



*After*







We took in 16 orphans in total. Only eight of them could stay at the orphanage building (four boys and four girls) due to the space limitation, but we found host families for the remaining eight children. The children with host families come over to Home of Hope to play and have after-school lessons from the visiting teacher. My Vision for Refugees Inc. is solely responsible for the food, clothing, water, medical care, and education of these children and provides these on a daily basis solely with donations from our generous supporters. We currently have an interim director, house mother, house sister, security guard, and a visiting teacher on staff for Home of Hope orphanage.

The kids were ecstatic on their first day of school, which started in October 2016. They were really glad My Vision for Refugees Inc. made it possible for them to attend school, become part of a classroom full of other children, and learn. They got so excited when they received their school uniforms, shoes, and books. These were the first new clothes, shoes, and books they had ever owned; and YOU made it possible! Thank you for helping us put a smile on their faces. Most of the children are doing fine in school and adjusting well. This is the first time all the kids have ever been in school so some difficulties were expected. Our visiting teacher is providing extra attention to the kids that need special help, and we are hoping things will pick up. If not, they can repeat the grade to have more time to learn what's needed to move forward.

My Vision for Refugees Inc. is currently focusing on Home of Hope Orphanage and 99% of all funds we receive go directly towards maintaining the orphanage and supporting the children. At the moment, we currently have enough funds deposited in our account in N'Zérékoré to support the children through February 2017. The **monthly** cost for maintaining the orphanage and providing for the needs of our 16 children is **\$1,877**. In addition to this, we have an **urgent need for funds** (\$30,000) to perform government-mandated expansion at the orphanage. This is to satisfy new regulations communicated to us by the Guinean government. They have threatened to shut the orphanage down if expansion plans are not put into action (as evidenced by beginning construction by April 2017). We are appealing to our donors and supporters to help us reach that goal by spreading the word to others who might be moved to contribute and by giving additional funds if you are able. The required expansion



includes an office for the director of the orphanage, a separate bedroom for the House Sister (she currently shares a room with the House Mother due to space limitations) and a room also for the director to stay at the orphanage, rather than live off-campus.

***Sam with some of the kids and the House Sister***



***Some of the kids in their school uniform***





As part of our fundraising efforts, we organized a soccer camp on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Holy Innocent's Episcopal School soccer field in Atlanta. The children who participated had a lot of fun and were glad to support our mission in their own little way, together with their parents. Sam also taught a few after-school soccer camps at Holy Innocents' to help raise more funds. We've also been going to events to sell dashikis (African clothing) and notecards made from pictures Sam took during his trips to Guinea and This is ongoing and we still have more for sale! We've also been reaching out to organizations, churches, and schools to get a larger support base.

Please visit our Facebook page for more pictures of our work and outreach: <https://www.facebook.com/myvisionforrefugees/>

***My Vision for Refugees Leadership Committee***  
*(From left to right)*

- Dr. Teresa Cook
- Dr. John Dunaway
- Mr. Sam Johnson
- Mrs. Trish Dunaway
- Mrs. Rebecca O'Connor
- Mrs. Clare O'Shaughnessey
- Mrs. Ann Mungai
- Mrs. Mary Johnson
- Ms. Madelaine McCrorie(not pictured)



**NOTE:** The financial report for tax-deduction purposes will be sent to donors separately by the end of December.

**Who We Are**

**My Vision for Refugees Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for former refugees and orphans to realize their full potential through education, emotional support, and the provision of basic needs. Donations are thus tax-deductible. Your donations and support of our work are most appreciated.**

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