

## END OF YEAR REPORT (2016)

# My Vision For Refugees

*[I] cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers*  
**Ephesians 1:16**

By the amazing grace of God, 2016 was a good year! We are so thankful to everyone who gave to support our mission and who paved the ways to gather support for us. We are so encouraged by the advice, encouraging words and overall general support. This year was a busy year for our founder Sam Johnson and the leadership team. We organized and participated in numerous fundraising activities to raise money for the urgent expansion needed at Home of Hope Orphanage and to cover the monthly expenses (food, medical, school expenses, clothing, staff) for the children and running the orphanage.

### ***Cheeeese! The coaches and the kids at the Soccer Clinic held in Atlanta***



Some of these activities included: organizing soccer clinics (coached by Sam and volunteers); presentations made by Sam to different classes, churches and groups; setting up booths at events (Holy Innocents' Episcopal School Football game, Mercer University Homecoming Tailgate and The Trinity Presbyterian Church Christmas Bazaar) to sell items. All these activities proved successful in creating awareness about My Vision for Refugees' mission and our work at Home of Hope Orphanage and generating funds to implement them.

much fun. There was great feedback from the parents too and they were all eager to know when it will be organized again this year. We intend to plan another set this year.







**Dashikis**

The dashikis (a type of African clothing) and note cards (made from pictures Sam took in Guinea) that we sold at events to raise funds were also a big hit this year. We have more in stock to sell this year.

Sam left the United States for Guinea on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He intends to stay in Guinea for a year to manage the affairs at Home of Hope Orphanage and oversee the construction of the additional rooms and office space there. We encourage you all to keep him in your prayers. We are also very thankful that we have a volunteer, Jasmine Jacquay, going to join him there for six months. Jasmine has a lot of experience working with refugees and children and will be a great help teaching and



**Note cards**

caring for the children at Home of Hope. She plans to plant a garden at Home of Hope with vegetables, together with Sam's help. Exciting news indeed!

The children are doing well in school and Sam will be working on getting their formal names registered and finalized. Before, the children had only nicknames and unofficial names which they were called while growing up at the camp. We are also working to put together a "Sponsor A Kid" program where our supporters can sponsor one child either monthly or yearly. Each child can have more than one sponsor. The sponsor will then have personal updates of the child and follow his or her progress. We are really excited to implement this and will keep you updated once its fully set up on our website.

Through the fundraising activities we had this year and generous donations, we have raised enough funds to begin construction work on the two bedrooms and office space needed at Home of Hope; this places us in compliance with the stipulations from the Guinean government. We also have funds to cover the monthly expenses of the children until May 2017. We hope for your ongoing support as we continue to raise funds to cover the care of the children for the remaining months of the year. It is through your support that we have been able to implement our mission and give opportunities to former refugees and orphans to realize their full potential through education, love, and care. We thank you for that, and appreciate you all so much. We keep praising the Lord for how far he has brought us and for his goodness towards us.

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**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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