

SUMMER 2017 REPORT

My Vision For Refugees

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
Psalm 107:1

We are so thankful to God for how far he has brought My Vision for Refugees Inc. since its inception. We are thankful to all our supporters who have given towards our mission in many ways, or who have talked to others about us to help get support. We truly appreciate you.



We have had an eventful year so far. Our founder, Sam Johnson, traveled to Guinea in January 2017 and is still there. He will return to the USA in October. During his stay there, he supervised the construction of an additional building on the Home of Hope compound, which you all graciously gave towards. This additional building has three rooms: one of which will serve as an office and the other two as staff quarters.

(Left Insert: Picture of new building)

Jasmine Jacquay, a young, amazing lady, who had initially spent time as a volunteer at Jubilee Partners, took a trip to Guinea to help at Home of Hope. She arrived in March and is still there in

Guinea working with Sam to care for the children and help with their studies including learning English and how to swim!



The children have been so happy to have Sam and Jasmine there. They are doing very well and all their recent pictures have been full of beautiful, happy smiles!



We shipped three barrels to Home of Hope filled with school supplies, medical supplies and clothing. The children were super excited to have all those items to help in their day to day lives. As part of our efforts to be involved in the surrounding community, Sam and Jasmine have been visiting N'zerekore and the surrounding villages. On such visits, Jasmine who has a nursing background, measures the blood pressure of the older adults and have been advising those with abnormal results to go see a doctor. Medical supplies are also provided to the people in the villages. Sam has also been engaging the N'zerekore youth in community service such as clearing overgrown bushes and fixing the roads in the neighborhood. This service to the community teaches the youth the lesson of giving back.



On May 5, 2017, we partnered with Kendra Scott to have a fundraiser in their jewelry store at Lenox Square, Atlanta. 20% of all sales made within the three-hour frame we had that day was given to My Vision for Refugees Inc. We also had the opportunity to reach out to more people and make them aware of the work we do. **We will be having the same fundraising event again with Kendra Scott on December 16, 2017. We will also have another soccer camp this fall on Oct 21 & 22. More details will be sent out later. Hope you can participate in these fundraising events!**



This spring, Sam was featured in *The Mercerian* (Mercer University Alumni magazine) and *The Torchbearer* (Holy Innocents' Episcopal School Alumni magazine). This was a great opportunity to spread the word about the work he is doing with My Vision for Refugees Inc. We hope more people will hear of the terrific work he is doing and the positive change he is bringing to the children's lives and in the refugee community.



Finally, we have established a **“Sponsor a Child” program** where you can sponsor a child at Home of Hope by making recurring gifts of any amount. We have twenty children that My Vision for Refugees Inc. is supporting through Home of Hope, the orphanage we set up. Eight live with host families and twelve are at the orphanage in N’zerekore. It costs \$130 a month to fully provide education, medical care, food and clothing to each child at Home of Hope. However, we welcome sponsorship at any level you can give. You will get quarterly updates on the child you sponsor, communicate with him or her and even visit if you want to! 100% of the donations go directly to the well-being of the children. Visit our website to start! <http://www.myvision4refugees.org/sponsor-a-child/>



Through the fundraising activities we had this year and generous donations, we have raised enough funds to comfortably cover the monthly expenses of the children **(\$2,600/month)** until November 2017. We hope for your ongoing support as we continue to raise funds to cover the care of the children from year to 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.

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

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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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