



ACTS OF WISDOM

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Dear Friends,

As I reflect on 2024, my heart is filled with gratitude and hope. This year, we witnessed incredible milestones that were only possible because of your unwavering support. Together, we have provided students in Ethiopia and Liberia with the tools and opportunities they need to dream bigger and achieve more.

Education is a powerful force for change. It opens doors, breaks cycles of poverty, and transforms entire communities. In 2024, we took bold steps to ensure that children in rural Africa have access to safe classrooms, quality learning materials, and the support they need to thrive. From the launch of our new computer lab to the expansion of classrooms and the start of construction on our junior high school in Liberia, these victories remind us that when we come together, we can accomplish extraordinary things.

But our work is far from over. As we move into 2025, we are focused on the next chapter of our mission: completing the **Building Dreams, Building Futures Campaign**. This initiative will not only give 700 additional students access to education but will also create a beacon of hope for families and communities longing for a brighter future.

I invite you to join us on this journey of transformation. In 2025, we're opening the door for you to experience the impact of Acts of Wisdom firsthand. We're planning a trip that will allow you to walk the paths our students take each day, see their smiles as they open their textbooks, and hear their dreams for the future. It's an opportunity to witness the power of education up close and personal—a power you've helped create.

As we look ahead, I ask for your continued partnership. Whether it's through a donation, sponsoring a classroom, or simply sharing our mission with your friends and family, you play a vital role in shaping these stories of hope and opportunity. Together, we can ensure that every child, no matter where they live, has the chance to build a brighter future.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for standing with us every step of the way. Here's to another year of changing lives and building dreams—one student, one school, and one community at a time.

With gratitude and hope,

Brad Otto
Founder of Acts of Wisdom

2024 Wins and Milestone

At Acts of Wisdom, 2024 was a year filled with significant achievements. Thanks to the unwavering support of our donors and friends, we expanded our efforts to ensure children and communities in rural Africa have access to the education and resources they need to thrive.

2024 Highlights

Empowering Students with Resources

- Delivered essential school materials and supplies to students in Ethiopia and Liberia, helping thousands of children succeed in their studies.

Technology for the Future

- Established a brand-new computer lab in Liberia, providing students with opportunities to develop critical technology skills.
- Extended the lab's impact by launching night classes for adults, equipping them with valuable computer skills to enhance job prospects.

Expanding Learning Spaces

- Constructed additional classrooms in Liberia, giving more students access to safe, effective learning environments.

Feeding Minds and Bodies

- Continued our feeding program in Liberia, ensuring 160 students receive two nutritious meals a day, fueling their focus and growth.

Building for the Future

- Began construction on a new school in Liberia, which will expand educational opportunities for junior high students. **Once completed, this school will help us reach 700 additional students, opening doors to brighter futures.**

Partnerships

- Started partnership with Solai, a coffee company that not only supports local farmers but also reinvests a portion of each sale into the Solai Elementary School.

The Reality of Education in Rural Africa

Education in rural Africa is not just a challenge—it's a crisis. For many children, especially girls, going to school is an uphill battle against poverty, distance, and lack of resources.

Key Challenges:

- **Overcrowded and Unsafe Classrooms:** Many schools lack the space and infrastructure to provide safe, conducive learning environments.
- **Scarcity of Educational Materials:** Textbooks, desks, and even basic supplies like pencils are often unavailable, leaving students and teachers with little to work with.
- **Girls Face Extra Barriers:** Girls are often pulled out of school to help at home or due to early marriages. A lack of menstrual hygiene resources also leads to absenteeism.
- **Distance to School:** Many students must walk several miles each day to reach the nearest school, exposing them to risks like harassment and fatigue.

Impact on Communities:

- The absence of quality education perpetuates cycles of poverty and inequality.
- Girls who drop out are more likely to marry early, have limited economic opportunities, and struggle to support their families.
- When children miss out on education, entire communities lose the opportunity to thrive.
- At Acts of Wisdom, we believe education is the key to breaking this cycle. By tackling these barriers, we are opening doors to opportunity, empowering future leaders, and building stronger communities.

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Building Dreams, Building Futures Campaign

Creating Opportunities Through Education

In 2024, we embarked on one of our most transformative initiatives yet: the Building Dreams, Building Futures Campaign. This project is a testament to our unwavering commitment to ensuring that every child in rural Africa has access to quality education.

The campaign focuses on constructing a new school in Liberia that will expand our capacity to educate more students and create opportunities for generations to come.

The Vision

The new school will:

- **Introduce Junior High Grades:** Students will have the opportunity to continue their education beyond elementary school in their own community.
- **Accommodate 700 Additional Students:** This expansion ensures that no child is turned away due to a lack of space.
- The school will serve as a center for learning, community events, and adult education programs like night classes for computer skills.

The Impact

This school is more than just a building—it's a promise of hope, opportunity, and a brighter future. For students who have never dreamed of completing their education, this school will unlock doors to endless possibilities.

For young girls, it means fewer barriers to learning and more chances to achieve their full potential. For the community, it means economic empowerment and a stronger foundation for future generations.



Building Dreams, Building Futures Campaign

What We've Achieved So Far

- Laid the Foundation: Construction is well underway, with foundational work and framing already completed.
- Engaged the Community: Following our values we have engaged the community and ensured the project meets the needs of students and their families.

How You Can Help - We need your support to bring this dream to life.

- Become a monthly donor, or invite a friend to become a monthly donor.
- Become a connector, help us connect with community groups, churches, and potential grant donors.
- Spread the voice and invite your friends to our next trip to Africa and volunteer at the school with our kids.
- Share our message, you can directly support and share our message of education by buying our merch, sharing our message on social media, buying our Sola coffee.

Your contribution will help us:

- Finish construction and furnish classrooms with desks, chairs, and supplies.
- Build vital infrastructure like a library, computer lab, and clean water access.
- Provide training and resources for teachers to create a thriving educational environment.

Every donation brings us closer to our goal of completing the school in 2025. Together, we can ensure that hundreds of children gain the education they deserve.



2024 Financial Report

SUMMARY	BUDGET	ACTUAL	UNDER/OVER
Total Income	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,553.82	\$ (553.82)
Total Expenses	\$ 119,000.00	\$ 129,255.20	\$ (10,255.20)

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
INCOME		
OPERATING INCOME		
Donations	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 9,778.06
End of the Year Appeal	\$ 5,000.00	
Trip Payments	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,250.00
Casino Night	\$ -	\$ 5,251.92
Dinner Gala	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 30,299.00
PROJECT SUPPORT INCOME		
Welcome Home Campaign	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Project Support	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 49,818.02
Coffee Sales	\$ -	\$ 2,146.82
Adoption Support	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 8,010.00
TOTAL	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,553.82



2024 Financial Report

EXPENSES		
Project Expenses		
Project Support	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 50,798.58
Adoption Support	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 11,905.00
Welcome Home Campaign	\$ -	
Coffee Expenses	\$ -	
	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 62,703.58
PAYROLL		
Yohannes Expenses and Stipend	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,550.00
Travel to Gondar to check in on projects	\$ 1,000.00	
Stipend to Alex and Aster	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,550.00
Admin		
Fundraising Events Costs		
Other Events	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,956.59
Casino Night	\$ -	\$ 5,688.64
Dinner Gala	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 13,038.10
Other Admin		
Web hosting and Domains	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,609.17
Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 324.57
IRS Filing	\$ 200.00	
Printing Costs	\$ 400.00	\$ 678.64
Other Admin Costs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,331.98
Constant Contact		
Conference Vendor Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,595.65
Fees (Banking/Pay Pal)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,765.51
	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 37,988.85
Travel		
Travel: Ethiopia and Conferences	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,869.77
Accommodations: Conferences	\$ -	
Trip Costs for Travelers	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,143.00
	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,012.77
HEALTH		
Travel Insurance/Visas	\$ 400.00	
	\$ 400.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 119,000.00	\$ 129,255.20



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