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Healing a Community

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It’s been 3 years since Liberia was declared Ebola-free and the Mission of Hope is in the process of re-establishing themselves as an institution of excellence. They have little resources but great faith and a vision to rebuild the dignity of the community that has been eroded due to wars, Ebola, poverty, etc. Global Ministries accompanies Mission of Hope through OAIC as they join with the community to transform the entire area into a village of hope.

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