

The ECOL Mission Conference: “Every Nation, Every Tribe” (Rev. 7:9)

In the Evangelical Church of Liberia, the month of May each year is observed as Missions Month, and it is a very important event in the life of the denomination for several reasons:

1. It reminds us of our Lord’s Great Commission and the task of the church to implement it, making missions central to our motives and work.
2. It reminds us of our history as a church ministry, to remember, value and appreciate the people who were God’s instruments and the sacrifices they made that resulted in what is today the Evangelical Church of Liberia.
3. To mobilize and equip the church for missions and to always remain mission-minded.



Dan Anderson facilitating at Missions Conference 2023

A key feature of the Missions Month is the ECOL Missions Conference which brings together pastors and other key leaders from ECOL churches for four days of worship, training, fellowship and planning, and climaxes with a Missionary Thanksgiving Day worship service. As the name implies, this Sunday worship service focuses on giving thanks to God for SIM missionaries whose sacrifices gave birth to our church ministry, to show our gratitude to God for how far we have come by faith, and to also thank Him for ECOL’s own missionaries who currently serve in Liberia and



David Flomo facilitating at Missions Conference 2023

Guinea respectively. Our own missionary movement was launched in July 2016 when we commissioned our first two local missionary families to serve in River Cess and Bong respectively. Between 2018 – 2021, five additional local missionaries were sent to serve in Grand Bassa, River Cess (2), Sinoe, and Gbarpolu. In February this year, after many years of prayer, we commissioned our first missionary abroad. Pastor Morris Taylor and wife, Marthalene, and their two children were sent to Delana, Guinea. Together, these missionaries have planted a total of 18 churches. ECOL raises and sends monthly financial support to the missionaries.

The theme for our Missions Conference is “Every Nation, Every Tribe” (Rev. 7:9), derived from the Revelation passage which gives the account of a heavenly scene before the throne of God that John was allowed to see - “a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language.” Our burden is to do our part to obey the Great Commission so that we see, what John saw before God’s throne - people from every nation, tribe and language, saved and in heaven before the throne of God. To this end we labor, sending out missionaries, mobilizing and encouraging the churches to be mission-minded - sending and supporting missionaries, encouraging personal evangelism, and leading the churches to develop ways and strategies to reach people for Christ as a church family.

Two effective ways we have reached others for Christ as a church family in recent years other than preaching and teaching during Sunday worship services are through our medical outreach and prison ministries.



Pastors of our five churches in Sierra Leone posed for photo during Missions Conference 2023 in Monrovia.

The medical outreach ministry was launched in July 2018. Christian health workers are mobilized to go as a team on medical missions (free of charge) in remote parts of Liberia, especially where Christ is least known in Muslim communities, and use the opportunity to share the gospel of Christ Jesus with the lost. The team has conducted 30 medical missions so far, with a total of 23,021



Daniel Anderson (right) and a representative from our new church in Guinea.

people served, 165 conversions (53 from Islam), and 7 churches established in predominantly Muslim villages since it was launched 4 years ago.

The ECOL prison Ministry is our newest ministry and was started in June this year in collaboration with Samaritan's Purse. Our prison ministry team currently visits the Monrovia Central Prison in Monrovia and the Kakata Central Prison in Margibi for outreach to inmates. A total of 77 inmates have accepted Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior through our ministry since it was launched in June this year, and 50 inmates have completed 15-week discipleship classes we conduct with those who are saved through our prison ministry.

This year's missions conference training was hosted at the Grace Evangelical Church in Congo Town, Monrovia, while the thanksgiving service was held at the International Church of Monrovia on the ELWA campus in Paynesville. Daniel Anderson, CEO of Kingdom Way Ministries, Colorado, USA, and David Flomo of Canada served as facilitators.

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