

MINISTRY REPORT FROM LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA April - May, 2015

Hello from Ebola-free Liberia!

We are very grateful to God and to you for supporting us and keeping us in your prayers. Liberia has been Ebola free since May 9 and the nation has begun picking up the broken pieces to move on. It's a long, tough road to recovery because of the devastating effects of Ebola, but we have to move on. The following are a summary of our ministry activities recently:



- ✓ I conducted a training of a small group of pastors in Todee district (an hour's bike ride from Monrovia). The eight pastors came from seven churches we have in the district.
- ✓ We received a donation of 600 pieces of solar-panel fixed-toned radios from SIM-USA to enable believers have access to radio and listen to a Christian radio station here known as ELWA radio. We distributed the radios among a few of our churches and Christian groups.



Some beneficiaries of radio-gift at church

- ✓ We distributed relief aid to our Ebola-affected church families during the months of April and May. We have 35 families that lost one or more members and 8 orphans as the result of Ebola. We try to raise support to help provide food aid on a monthly basis since December.
- ✓ We also received 450 boxes of Manna Pack rice from Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) and are currently distributing it among the needy in Monrovia and its environs. This is the third time we have received food aid from FMSC for distribution since Ebola. We are very grateful for the help we receive to help save people from starvation.
- ✓ I hosted a one day youth retreat at church that brought together 76 participants on May 14.
- ✓ A small group of believers in the USA surprised us when they provided sponsorship for some of our needy children at church to continue their primary education in post-war Liberia (for this current school year only). It brought joy to the hearts of both parents and children. We are also praying that this will continue into next school year and to include more needy kids.
- ✓ Hosted an advance team of two from the USA who conducted a trauma healing awareness session with key leaders (presidents, bishops, CEOs) of denominations and para-church organizations in Liberia on June 18, 2015. The team members included Nancy Writebol (herself an Ebola survivor) and Tim Geybeeks. We are preparing for a week-long trauma healing training of trainers in two weeks to be conducted by one Stacey Conrad (trauma healing expert) from the Trauma Healing



Institute in the USA and expect to train 70 participants who will be able to conduct small group trauma sessions.

- ✓ The weekly radio broadcast I host has been airing regularly. The program is now aired on two radio stations with a wider radio audience across the country.

Second radio station airing the weekly broadcast (Voice of Wee Radio Station) in Grand Bassa – FM 97.5

- ✓ The pastors' disciple fellowship I host bi-monthly at our church has been meeting regularly. 24 pastors meet with me at the church for prayer and discipleship sessions every second and last Saturday of the month.

PRAYER REQUEST:

- ✓ My mom accidentally fell in our house and fracture her hip bone. She's currently in hospital. Please keep us in prayer for her full recovery. She's 65.
- ✓ I have recovered from my malaria but suffer from yeast infection in the throat (according to doctors) because of the radiation I underwent. Dr. Lou warned that I would suffer yeast infection any time I came down with malaria, typhoid fever, etc. I am taking antibiotics. It's very difficult to control malaria in Liberia because of the many slum communities and underdevelopment. Please pray for my full recovery.
- ✓ We are preparing for our first board meeting of our church ministry since Ebola. Please pray for safe travel of delegates and a successful three days of discussions and planning.
- ✓ Please pray for our trauma healing training event (organization, participants/facilitators safety, success).
- ✓ Please pray for Jonathan for opportunity for college education. Wants to study IT but not currently offered.



Radios distributed to a pastors' fellowship



Teaching a group of pastors in Todee district



Participants at small pastors' training



Anthony and his brother lost parents and 3 siblings to Ebola



Ebola survivors Solomon and Rueben receive aid



Youth retreat hosted at church



Photo with prize winners at youth retreat



Trauma healing awareness session

Partners with you in the stewardship of the Gospel of Christ Jesus,
The Paye family