

MINISTRY UPDATE FROM LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA

Hello Dear friend,

We are very grateful for the privilege of sharing with you what the Lord is doing through our ministry as the result of your partnership with us. We took a break for the Christmas and New Year holidays and resumed work on January 8. The following ministry activities were carried out between January 8 – February 7 this year:



L-R: MOSES, JOY, ORETHA AND JONATHAN AT CHURCH

- I taught the weekly Bible class for pastors held at the International Church of Monrovia, ELWA campus in Paynesville. I have been teaching the class of 19 pastors once a week for 3 hours since November last year on Teaching Principles and Methods, and Preaching Biblical Messages and Pastoral Ministry. I am using the Bible Training Centre for Pastors (BTCP) teaching materials.
- Chaired monthly national leaders planning meetings of the Evangelical Church of Liberia.
- Downloaded and editing Bible messages sent by Dan Anderson for Kingdom Way Radio Broadcast that will resume broadcast on March 1.
- Traveled to Saclepea, Nimba in northern Liberia with two other team members and facilitated trauma healing equipping session for 18 church leaders on January 23-27. Because of the bad road condition in that rural part of the country, we were blessed to have Samaritan's Purse airlift us (to and fro) in their helicopter! The other two facilitators were Nancy Writebol (SIM missionary) and Jeremiah Kollie. Those trained are expected to facilitate small trauma healing groups in their churches and communities.
- Preached at Immanuel's Church, Paynesville on January 28.
- Facilitated a church leaders training in Yarpah Town, River Cess in rural southeastern Liberia on February 2-4. 64 leaders from 16 churches attended the training. I did two 3-hour sessions daily and facilitated the following topics: The Life and Work of God's Minister, How Can we Forgive Others, Living to Please God, The Responsibilities of the Church to the Pastor, The Pastor's Responsibilities to the Church, and Domestic Abuse: What Does the Bible Say? I returned on February 5. I am so grateful for the gift of motorbikes we have received that helps us travel to these rural regions. Don't really know how we would have managed with the bikes.
- Distributed ELWA fix-toned solar paneled pocket-size radios to pastors in River Cess during the training there as gift from friends in the USA.

PRAISES:

Oretha graduated (with honor – Cum Laude) from medical college on Tuesday, January 31 and earned a BSc. degree in Nursing.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please join us in prayer for:

- Safety and wisdom as I travel (with a two other pastors) to facilitate a week-long training of pastors and church leaders of 10 churches in Kongba district, Gbarpolu County in rural western Liberia. We leave on February 13 and expect to be back on February 27. We will use the trip to visit other rural villages in the district.
- Jonathan to enter college this year.