## Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for your friendship and partnership. From March – present, the Evangelical Church of Liberia (ECOL) was able to carry out the following ministry activities

- Eight new churches were established during the period under review in the towns of Boe
  Tunwheay (Nimba), Gomahplay (Nimba), Nyarlay (Nimba), Weajor (Bomi), Eleain (Bomi), Sowee
  Beach (Cape Mount), Tuckor (Bomi) and Virginia (Montserrado). This brings to 123 the number
  of ECOL churches in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Ivory Coast.
- 2. Weekly radio broadcast (Tuesday, 8:00 PM) on Radio ELWA.
- 3. We conducted a medical mission to the remote village of Gomahplay, Nimba (northern Liberia) near the border with Ivory Coast. 1200 people were served free of charge, and five people (all female adults) gave their lives to Jesus Christ when I shared the gospel before the start of the clinic. We had to request an emergency helicopter support from Samaritan's Purse to fly back to hospital in Monrovia two babies who were severely malnourished. They are now out of danger and are recovering well at the ELWA Hospital. We did a previous medical mission to Timma Town, Gbarpolu where 950 people received free medical and dental services, and 40 people gave their lives to Christ.
- 4. We also conducted a five-day trauma healing equipping training for 12 participants on May 6-10. The aim is to train more people to serve as trauma healing small group facilitators. Jeremiah Kollie and I were among four facilitators. Our trauma healing approach helps people explore their own trauma and bring their pains to Jesus Christ for healing.
- 5. We hosted a pastoral training conference on April 22-30 at the Bomi Evangelical Church in Tubmanburg, Bomi, western Liberia. 90 pastors from three rural regions in western Liberia participated. The training was done in partnership with Samaritan's Purse who funded it.
- 6. Church planters training May 6-11 (80 participants) in Bomi, western Liberia. They came from various parts of the country. Samaritan's Purse provided farming tools, seeds and fertilizers to the participants since they are also engaged in subsistence farming to support their families and work.
- 7. We also hosted our annual missions conference on May 16-19. The theme of the conference was "Every nation, every tribe" (Revelation 7:9). It was climaxed (as usual) with a thanksgiving service for past and present SIM missionaries and their work of ministry. The thanksgiving service also reminds us of our history how we came out of the ministry of SIM missionaries who reached our towns and villages with the gospel, disciple converts, and entrusted them into ministry, leaving us an example to do the same. This annual event also reminds us that missions should be and remain central to our focus and motives as a church ministry. The sermon for this year's Missionary Thanksgiving Service was delivered by Warwick Cooper from Canada. Please see photos attached.

## Prayer Request:

1. Please pray for 6 under five children needing hernia surgeries, and a lady needing surgery for gutter. They were all seen by our doctors during the medical outreach, but our medical missions

are not equipped to do on-site surgeries, and most people in rural Liberia cannot afford the cost for surgeries. Samaritan's Purse is sponsoring one of the surgeries in addition to covering the cost of the two severely ill babies they airlifted to Monrovia for treatment. We found 6 hernia cases in Gomahplay village alone (among ages five years and under) in addition to many other surgical cases.

- 2. Please join us in prayer for fund to purchase two motorbikes for two of our local church planting missionaries assigned in River Cess and Grand Bassa.
- 3. There is a real need for a rice mill for our church in Porlorwu, Lofa County. This predominantly Muslim town is very large and has other surrounding towns. The people in this remote region are mainly farmers. The five churches we have in that part of Lofa have appealed to us to help the district with a rice mill to help process the rice they harvest.

Please find attached some ministry photos.

Thanks,

Moses Paye

President, ECOL

## **Ministry Photos**



Trauma healing equipping session conducted in March. I am seen facilitating (in green suit)



Long queues during medical mission to Gomahplay village, Nimba 1200 patients receive free medical and dental treatment from Christian medical workers who volunteer to serve free of charge.



I am seen sharing the gospel (using a loud speaker) before the start of clinic. 5 people gave their lives to Jesus Christ during the devotion.



Long queues during the Gomahplay village mobile clinic.



Samaritan's Purse provided emergency air lift of two very sick babies to hospital in Monrovia. A mother and her sick baby are seen in photo about to board the helicopter. One of the babies was discharged from hospital last week after making full recovery. The other needs surgery due to other complications.



Pastors attending the week-long pastoral training in April at the Bomi Evangelical Church in Bomi, western Liberia. Participants came from the western regions of the country (Bomi, Cape Mount and Gbarpolu).



The May 16-19 missions conference was climaxed with a thanksgiving service as seen in the photo above.



Participants at the recent Samaritan's Purse sponsored church planters training in Tubmanburg, Bomi



One of our church planters, Jackson Washington, in photo with agriculture supplies he received from Samaritan's Purse after the church planters training recently..