



December 2013 Newsletter

We are so grateful for the many meetings we had up north through September, October, and November, but I am pleased to once again enjoy the warmth of Florida! We arrived back in time to spend Thanksgiving with all of our children and grandchildren. What a blessing it was to have a few days to play, laugh, EAT, and give thanks to the Lord for how He has blessed our family so richly. The blessing of sitting and sharing how God is working in each of our various ministries brings a joy beyond compare. As a parent, you desire that your children will know the Lord and be obedient to Him in their lives; but can there be a greater joy for a parent than to listen to your children talk about the trials and joys of serving God, and seeing His mighty hand at work in their lives and ministries? Having them share in our burden and passion for the people of West Africa has reminded Brenda and me that we are truly blessed above all measure!

The month of December will allow us to visit some of our supporting churches here in Florida and to continue scheduling meetings for 2014. It is our desire to be at 50% of our support at the end of the year. We are presently at 45%. We are praying that many of the churches we have had the opportunity to share the need in Liberia & Ghana will be able to partner with us in the near future, and that by the end of next year, we will be close to full support. We know that God will provide! In the mean time, we continue to minister in West Africa through our Bible colleges and church planting efforts.

The first semester of the Bible colleges, although difficult to start, is coming to a close, and we have 39 students registered for next semester. It is only by the help of many sponsors that it is at all possible for these students to study and prepare for ministry. Two weeks ago, I was so blessed when the pastor from Tappita, Liberia called me during their class time and had several of the students talk to me – they wanted to thank me for starting the college, so they could learn the Bible. My heart was full,

and I assured them that it was not me, but by God and the help of several churches and individuals, who love them that has made it possible! THANK YOU for seeing and sharing in this great ministry! These are the men that will pastor the churches we will be starting.

Going to Liberia & Ghana. After much prayer and consideration, I believe it is important for me to go to West Africa in January. This will allow me to be there at the start of the second semester of classes and to answer many of the questions and issues that we were not able to fully communicate through email. I will also be preaching in both Liberia and Ghana, along with visiting other area churches. On this trip, I plan to get estimated costs, availability of materials to finish the inside of the building in Tinker Village, Liberia, and the cost of digging a well and septic system.

Brenda & I want to wish everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Please keep us in prayer:

- 1) Fill calendar with meetings for next year and more mission partners.
- 2) Safety, accomplishments, and finances for trip to Liberia & Ghana – Jan. 9th-22nd
- 3) Sponsors for the second semester and continuing semesters. (\$50/student/semester)
- 4) WWNTBM staff

God's best to you,
Rick & Brenda Osborn