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# A Year of Great Blessings

We give God praise & glory for a wonderful year in 2013! Brenda & I want to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and gifts we have received. They are truly appreciated.

The year certainly ended on a very high note! We reached our goal of 50% support level before the year ended, thanks to 3 new supporting churches in the month of December. At Thanksgiving, we found out we were going to be grandparents again in July. Then, at Christmas, we found out we are also going to be grandparents again in August! What a blessing! We are so excited for our children and will look forward to having a total of 6 grandchildren next Christmas.

# West Africa Trip

I mentioned last month that I will be traveling to Liberia & Ghana Jan. 9-22. God has provided all the finances to pay for this trip! What a blessing! I will be meeting with the students of our 3 different Bible Colleges as they begin their second semester of classes. We thank God for a good first semester, but there are several things that need to be worked out in person and not through email.

I will be getting estimated costs to finish the well, septic system, and inside of the building we purchased. This building is where we plan to live and start a church in Tinker Village, Liberia.

Brother Feghaly would like to bring a couple of our national pastors to the U.S. and help them raise some financial support. Therefore, I will be going to the American Embassy in Liberia to see if they will grant them permission to leave the country for a short period of time. I will also be looking into what is necessary for Brenda & me to obtain long-term visas to stay in Liberia after we complete our deputation ministry. *My first visit to the embassy was a police escort for taking pictures! I hope they don't remember me! LOL (There was no problem. They just made me delete the pictures. Interesting experience!)* 

As always, I will be preaching as often as possible and trying to encourage the pastors and believers.

### **New Testament Baptist Colleges**

We praise God for the start of NTBC in both Liberia & Ghana! What a blessing to be training men for ministry.

"Go ye therefore, and <u>teach</u> all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <u>Teaching</u> them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Mt. 28:19-20)

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We have 39 students registered for the second semester. Some are already pastors, and some are preparing to be pastors and lay leaders. For only \$2000 a semester, we can train 39 students. This is only possible with the continued support and help of churches and individuals. *Please consider making a contribution to the training of these national students!* 

## North East Africa & Middle East

Please be in prayer for the believers and churches in N.E. Africa & the Middle East because of political and civil conflicts. Brother Feghaly had to cancel his trip to Southern Sudan where he was planning to start the construction of a new church building. Also, the church in Baghdad, Iraq, is facing great opposition, and the situation in Lebanon is getting worse because of the carry-over of the war in Syria. The pastors, churches, and believers need your prayers!

### Join Us in Prayer

 Souls to be saved and lives changed here and around the world

- The situations in N.E. Africa & Middle East
- Brother Edgar Feghaly as he ministers in very troubled areas of the world
- My trip to West Africa to be very fruitful and safe
- \$700 to purchase two laptops for pastors in West Africa
- The financial needs for the colleges and a good start to the second semester
- Meetings for 2014, more ministry partners, completely supported by end of 2014
- WWNTBM staff They are our right hand in ministry.

## Praying you have a blessed New Year! Rick & Brenda Osborn