

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." - 2 Timothy 2:2

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Establishing and Equipping Local Churches through National Pastors Dear Friends and Partners,

Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support! We are so grateful for the amazing partnership we have with each of you!

<u>Liberia</u>

Please continue to pray for the Ebola situation in Liberia and other regions of West Africa. Although it is no longer in the forefront of the news, the problem is not getting better. Rather, it continues to get worse. Doctors continue to die, Liberians continue to die, and the virus continues to spread! Over 1,500 deaths have been recorded, and there is no way to know how many have been infected. They are now estimating the number of deaths to reach over 20,000.

I stay in constant communication with our pastors in Liberia. They say the situation is very grave. There continues to be great fear and panic throughout the country. However, their faith is strong and their churches are being filled. They tell me that people are standing outside during the services because there is no room inside. Pray that these folks will realize that their hope for now and eternity is in Jesus Christ and Him alone.

There are other effects of the Ebola virus. Because the symptoms are the same for malaria & typhoid, many are not receiving the medical attention for these illnesses and are dying as well. Also, because of the fear and precaution of interacting with other people, obtaining food is becoming an increasing problem for them. Along with this, the cost of food has risen greatly. **Therefore, our mission agency has set up a** *Liberia Food Relief* account where those who would like can donate to help with their rising food

costs. 100% of donations will go specifically to the pastors to assist the churches with purchasing food for their people.

Please note: If you wish to contribute to this need, put **Liberia Food Relief** on the memo line and send a note stating the same. Also, if you could, please send me an email that you have sent in a gift and the amount. This will allow me to follow up and be sure it goes into the correct account. You will receive a tax deduction receipt from WWNTBM.

<u>Ghana</u>

While the situation in Liberia is very bad, there is good news coming from Ghana. Three of our churches in the Kumasi area had a youth camp August 20-24. There were 84 in attendance, with 29 trusting in Christ as their Savior. We praise God for this great report and the blessings of God on the ministries in Ghana.

West Africa Bible Colleges

The third semester of our Bible colleges began last week with 48 students registered. The materials arrived in Ghana with no problems, and they have started the semester. However, our two schools in Liberia have not received the materials, and we have no idea when and if they will get them. I made sure that the post office was open and could receive mail before we sent the materials, but that could have changed while it was in route. *Please pray they can get these materials. Otherwise, they will miss this entire semester.*

Thank you for your prayers, notes of encouragement, and support of the ministry in West Africa! We appreciate you so very much!

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