

"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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Dear Partners & Friends,

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Happy New Year and greetings from Liberia, West Africa! It has seemed that January is a very busy month for us and difficult to get a newsletter out. So, as in the past, we are combining our Jan./Feb. letter.

Our first Christmas and New Year in Liberia was an eventful one. We spent both occasions in Tappita attending their annual Bible conference. It was a blessed time preaching and teaching God's Word. Brenda was busy throughout the week teaching the children. It was a joy to reconnect with several of the "bush" pastors and meet new ones. The week was filled with several souls saved, many decisions and new commitments by Christians, and a true sense of revival throughout the camp. God be praised for His mighty presence!

The week ended with Pastor Kerdoe Dwanyen and myself baptizing 46 believers from 6 different churches in a small creek. What a great blessing that was! Brenda & I were able to present each candidate for baptism with a special handkerchief that our daughter, Anne Carney, embroidered especially for this occasion. They were so excited! Pastor Dwanyen said that they would keep them for the rest of their lives.

January was also filled with continued work on the college preparation. Putting courses together, printing all the course study notes, finding enough binders to put them in, and then putting them all together. We were planning on about 20-25 students for our first semester. WELL, we have over 50 students in three locations! Two locations are in Monrovia and one is in Tappita. I could not keep up with the printing and had to out-source it to an office supply store here in Monrovia. That turned out to be a blessing because now the store employees want to do my entire course printing and put the notebooks together for us. God always provides!

Speaking of God's provisions. We could not provide all the materials necessary for the college were it not for the support and sponsors provided to the college ministry. Words cannot begin to express my gratitude, but even more, that of the students who are able to learn God's Word because of your contributions.

Brenda & I also want to thank everyone: churches, individuals, friends, and family, who gave us Christmas gifts! Those gifts help us with our ministry needs in so many ways. And they are such an encouragement to us. Please know that we are very, very grateful! I say this because it is not easy to send "Thank You" cards from Liberia. The mail system is very uncertain. Therefore, we will try to email those we can and to have email letters sent by our church in the U.S. If for some reason, you do not hear from us by one of these avenues, please forgive us and know that we are thankful for you and your gift.

We are so thankful for Pastor Fred Daniel and Brookhaven Baptist College for allowing us to partner with them here in Liberia. We are looking forward to expanding to our churches in Ghana soon.

The testimony of one of our students: "In Lofa County, I first met with a Liberian Missionary who preached Jesus of Nazareth to me in 1969. I accepted Jesus through the preaching and sharing of a tract that displayed Jesus' picture. But I was not baptized then until I entered the Gbornza School of Theology in 1980. Before Jesus was preached to me, He had already saved me through the use of an empty drum that my parents had placed in the kitchen that we were living in, in Lofa, in a town called Ganzolota. A man intentionally shot and killed my two brothers of mine in the kitchen where I was hiding in the empty drum and the killer did not see me. Therefore, my conclusion is that it was not the drum that saved me. It was Jesus' hands on me while sitting in that drum seeing my two brothers killed before me. Nana and Big Moore, I will never forget them."

Rick & Brenda



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