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“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,

As I travel through Liberia and see all the different religious organizations, it is clear that Liberia is the most “religious” country I have ever been in. There are Pentecostal & Charismatic churches throughout, Muslim Mosque, J.W., Mormon, Catholic, every Protestant denomination, and yes, Baptist. Shops, cars, buses, and buildings have godly references on them. There are preachers on the streets ranting through loud speakers. And of course, there is their traditional witch doctors and witchcraft. But, as I think on this, I realize that America is no different. Maybe not so plenteous and observable, but certainly filled with “religious” organizations. I have come to the conclusion that Satan’s greatest pleasure and weapon against Christianity is “religion!” He loves religion because it offers people a false hope without truly having a relationship with Jesus Christ! Our churches are full of people who have “religion,” but do not have a “relationship” with Christ! You notice in the Bible that Satan never attacked the Pharisees? They were the most religious people of their day. He attacked Christ and the followers of Christ. Yes, I believe that even in our Baptist churches, there are many who are feeling secure in their religion, but have never truly experienced a “personal relationship” with Jesus Christ. We must heed the warning of Paul in 2 Tm. 3:1-5 – “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ... Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such stay away.” (vs. 1,5) We must pray that our pastors will not shy away from preaching on sin, repentance, and salvation through Christ. The devil loves a religious message to a religious people.

March began with us traveling 4 hours north to Ganta where Brenda spoke at the annual “Liberia Fundamental Baptist Women’s Conference.” There were over 400 ladies present. It was an exciting week and a great experience for her to speak with an interpreter!

She continues to have her S.S. training classes as well. They had several churches come together for a time of training and receiving

materials to use for their children’s ministry. They were so excited to learn how to teach the children and have these wonderful materials to use. Because there are not enough lessons on the same topics for each church to have their own, she rotates the materials from church to church.

I continue to preach most every Sunday in the village churches. It is always a blessing when we can encourage these pastors and their people to be steadfast for Christ. We have enjoyed seeing many decisions and salvations. I had the privilege of giving the “charge” to the new officers of the “Independent Fundamental Pastors Fellowship.” What a joy it is to see men standing firm on the Word of God and not compromising to the culture or trends. Please pray for these pastors as they are constantly being pressured to change their music and message. Unfortunately, as in the States, the “crowds” have become the measuring rod of success and not the Word of God. How quickly we forget that Jesus had crowds when He offered them food and physical healing; but when He offered them spiritual food and spiritual healing, the people departed. Be careful. “Religion” is very satisfying to the flesh, but does not bring eternal life to the soul.

We are more than half way through our first semester of college courses, and the students continue to be hungry to learn! I am so blessed to teach God’s Word to pastors, deacons, men & women. I thank God for my years of experience in ministry and pastoring to enable me to provide sound wisdom through teaching. Many of the trials and difficulties we faced are now becoming profitable in teaching others.

We are super excited that our pastor, Pastor Gene Krackenfels, of Temple Baptist Church in Sarasota, FL and Bro. Dan Hargreaves will be arriving in Liberia on April 24! They will be here for two weeks teaching and preaching almost every day & night. Pray for them as they travel, their health, and ministry.

God’s Best,

Rick & Brenda Osborn

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