

"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,

Brenda and I have been blessed to be back in the States for a couple months. We have traveled from FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, OH, NC, UT, and finally, back to Florida. It was wonderful to spend some time with family & friends, especially our three children and nine grandchildren. We spent the most time in Ohio helping our daughter when she gave birth to her 4<sup>th</sup> child.

We were able to visit supporting churches or meet new churches in each of the states we traveled. It is always a joy to share what God is doing in Liberia. We are so thankful for the many people that have come to Christ this past year! Brookhaven Baptist College – West Africa has gotten off to a good start with 44 students. More than half are pastors, 3 are over age 70, 4 women, and only 1 under age 25. Their hunger and thirst to learn God's Word is so exciting! As we look to plant new churches in Liberia, it is good to know that we will have national pastors ready to pastor these churches.

We have collected many supplies to take back with us when we return in just two weeks. Thanks to those who have provided eyeglasses, Sunday School materials, hymnals, Bibles, tablets, and other ministry tools.

As I said in our last newsletter, we have many needs for the work in Liberia, as do all missionary works. I try not to share them in each newsletter. However, as I would tell missionaries when I was a pastor, and as I have been told by many pastors, "People want to help; they cannot help if they do not know the need; and they do not know the need unless you tell them." I know that is true, and so I will lay out several things that we need both in prayer and financial support.

- 1) Cost of taking several trunks back on the plane with us. \$600
- 2) New video projector for college to replace broken one \$500

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- 3) Sponsors and support for college \$50/ semester per student or one-time gifts greatly appreciated.
- 4) A pastor badly needs a motorcycle \$900 (*He takes taxi every week, 4 hrs. each way, for classes.*)
- 5) Conference style tables for college will need to be shipped from U.S. – Approximately \$1700
- 6) Purchase land to relocate Faith Baptist Church, Tinker Village - \$7000-\$10,000 (The church we started 4 years ago has outgrown the building, and there are serious flooding issues during the rainy season. We need a better location that is on a main road.)
- 7) Large print Bibles and hymnals You will need to contact me about where to send them.
  (*The best way to contact me is through email* osborn.rick@yahoo.com)
- 8) A van to be used for transporting college students, church members, and guests from America \$12,000 (*This includes shipping costs and estimated custom fees.*)

Please pray that God will meet these needs according to His Will and timing. Also, please be in prayer for the upcoming presidential election in Liberia. It takes place in October, but they will most likely have another in November. This is vital to the future of Liberia!

Please pray for us as we make final preparations to return and as we check all the trunks through customs.

Thank you so very much for your prayers, support, and partnership with us! This is truly a joint effort as we work together in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, training national pastors, and planting churches.

In Jesus' Blessed Name,

Rick & Brenda Osborn