

Liberia Champions Report 34
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The end of the year is fast approaching. We have been in the US now for almost four months and have appreciated your prayers during this time. Because we are not in Liberia, it is difficult at times to have something fresh to write in these reports. This month, however, I want to do something I have not done before. I want to remind you of the different items or categories of requests that I have asked you to pray about this year and give you an update on how God has answered or if we are still waiting on his answer.



We began the year off with a request for a pastor needing to build a house for his family as they were being evicted by their landlord from their current place. The house still is incomplete. **Pray for sufficient funding to finish the house. Pray for another pastor in this same situation.**

You prayed for an elderly woman who was baptized as a witness to her faith. She is doing well, continuing in her faith, and is faithful in attendance at church when the weather permits.

We also asked you to pray for a grade school aged boy whose mother died in childbirth. At last word he is being cared for and doing well.

I asked you to pray for the Liberia Evangelical Mission Annual Conference session in April. This was never held due to the COVID 19 lockdown. The current board and superintendent were named as interim until April 2021. **Please pray that this upcoming conference and that the right leadership for LEM will be elected.**

Another ongoing request was for pastoral training retreats. Again, these were interrupted by COVID but a retreat was held in September and another is scheduled for January. **Please pray for those pastors and others who will be attending this retreat. They will be involved in intensive training for Train and Multiply, a method for outreach and church planning.**



We have asked for much prayer for the schools. Like everything else, the school year was interrupted by COVID. Classes have finally begun once again. **Please pray for LEM schoolteachers beginning the new year to have energy and vision for their teaching. Please pray for continued funding for the school feeding (hot lunch) program. Praise the Lord that some funding has been made available to help parents unable to pay their children's school fees. Pray for Daniel as he works on curriculum changes for the schools.**

You prayed for the continuing ministry and expansion of our upcountry churches. Praise God for two new churches that have been planted in rural villages. One of these churches is facing a difficult time due to possible moral failure by one of its leaders. **Pray for truth to be determined in this situation. Pray for God's grace and protection for both new congregations as they reach out to their villages.**



I have asked prayer for children's ministries. I have not received any reports about the churches outreach to children. **Please pray for the children's ministries of LEM churches and for the SHINE outreach to girls.**

You have prayed for God's protection for LEM's people during COVID. Praise the Lord that none of LEM's churches have had COVID cases. Thank the Lord for the way he provided funding to help LEM

teaches, pastors, and church members during the lockdown. Thank the Lord that the nation at large has not seen a proliferation of COVID cases and an overwhelming of its medical system.



Thank you for praying for the nation of Liberia. Praise the Lord that the recent senatorial elections were relatively peaceful. **Pray for President George Weah and other leaders to act wisely and justly as they lead the nation in the face of many problems.**



You have been praying with us that God would call additional workers for Liberia. **Ask God to call more Liberian pastors and leaders. Pray for current conversations between LEM and a Kenyan church considering how to send a missionary family from Kenya to Liberia.**

Thank you for praying for Daniel and Naomi's family and us as we are engaged in deputation ministries in the States. Praise God for the safe delivery of Daniel and Naomi's new son Isaac. Thank the Lord for watching over us as we have already traveled a lot of miles and for helping Daniel's family when they all contracted COVID. **Pray for our two families as we represent the ministry of**

Liberia here in the States. Pray that our needed funding will be provided in order to return to Liberia. Pray that God will call two more missionary families to join the ministry in Liberia.

Thank you for staying with me through a rather long report this time. Thank you for having prayed faithfully for Liberia this year. Together let's believe God that 2021 will be a great year for ministry in Liberia, with churches planted and people won and disciplined for Jesus.

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