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## October 2020 Prayer Letter

After what felt like a slow start, I am off to the races in ministry. I am now attending Faith Baptist of Thinker Village. I have started teaching adult Sunday School using the Healing the Wounds of Trauma material. It has been very well received and has raised some very good questions and discussions, including whether or not one should pray for the death of their enemy (a common practice in Liberia). In addition, I am working with the adults that are running the children's ministry. We are doing some training and working together to develop a Christmas program for the children in the hopes of attracting parents and others in the community to come. I have enjoyed getting to know the children. They are getting used to the "whi' woma'" and are really enjoying the African Missionary stories I brought from Bible Visual International. They can really relate to these stories and they are a story-telling oral culture.

We are also working towards the goal of starting the Faith Baptist Mission School. I have been meeting with other missionaries and educators to develop a plan to hire and train teachers for the school. I was blessed to meet a woman who is Liberian and was an educator in the US for over 20 years. She is going to do a workshop with some of our educators and others from other ministries also starting or running schools. She will cover philosophy of education and teach them to do lesson planning and how to effectively teach.

I am teaching again at Brookhaven Baptist Bible/Jake Memorial College. I have 24 students in my Bookkeeping & Biblical Stewardship class. The class is going well and we have had many great discussions and I continue to get great feedback from the students. I enjoy being with them every week, challenging them to live their life as good stewards in every area of their lives.

I was able to have a "reunion" with the former ELWA children. Thanks to your prayers and generous support, we were able to sponsor them all in school last year. Liberia was not untouched by COVID and school was canceled for months. They do not have access to the technology enabled them to do any distance learning, so the upper grades (4th grade and up) were sent back to finish the last part of the school year. They will then turn around and start the new school year November 30. I am still looking for sponsor for the children. On average, it takes \$160/child for them to complete the school year. This covers their fees, supplies, uniform and shoes as well as their "study classes" or after-school classes offered at most schools. Last year we sponsored 19 children. So far, I have received the funds to sponsor only 9. You can give a one-time gift or some small monthly amount, anything would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for taking the time to read this long letter! Liberia has its own elections coming the first of December and prayers are needed here as small patches of violence has already erupted. The neighboring country of Ivory Coast has just had an election and their citizens are flooding into the north of Liberia for fear of violence following their recent elections. I am listening for the trumpet. Thank you for your prayers, for your faithful giving and your support. Thank you for following #myLiberianlife.



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