



Hello My Friends & Family,

Forgive me for being so delinquent in sending you a report from my time in Liberia over the summer. Chrissy and I have been very busy since my return collecting, sorting, packing, and shipping supplies that many of you have so graciously donated.

My trip provided one of those Mastercard “Priceless” experiences. I returned to American soil a changed man. It was, for me, eye opening to experience the inequity between how we live and how these sixty-eight beautiful children live. They have very little. No medical care with Malaria and internal parasites (worms) being rampant. They eat one meal a day, usually rice & kasava leaves. They are attempting to educate the children but they have no books, school supplies or curriculum, and the teachers are not educated themselves. They sleep three to a single bed, made of wooden pallets. Their living quarters are exposed to the elements including Malaria infected mosquitos and they walk without shoes on parasite ridden soil. The needs are great therefore the opportunities to help are as well. The children are so warm and loving and thankful for every gift no matter how small.

This is what has been going on thus far:

- Orphan Aid, Liberia has been formed and has 501c3 status through Medical Missions Unlimited
- Orphan Aid, Liberia has purchased the land that the orphanage sits on as well as ten surrounding acres
- The first shipment of school supplies & personal hygiene supplies (soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths, etc.) arrived at the orphanage as of September 13th.

- The second shipment containing mosquito nets, clothes & over 200 pairs of shoes is en route to the orphanage, now
- St. Mary's Catholic School has donated over 600 textbooks to ship in November

All of these things are wonderful but the work is just beginning. Orphan Aid, Liberia is working to raise enough funds over the next 16 months to build dorms with beds, floors, and windows, bathrooms with toilets, classrooms with desks, a library with books & room to study, set up a medical clinic, set up a scholarship fund so that the children have opportunity for higher levels of education, and clear a large tract of land for planting to improve diet and have ample harvest to sell at market.

I know that God did not send me deep into the bush of Liberia for just three days of work. He knew that this trip was going to be the kickoff for Orphan Aid, Liberia. It is going to take all of us partnering together to carry the ball over the goal line. Mother Elizabeth, director at the orphanage, asks that you come to the aid of God's children on the hill. Together we can make a tremendous difference in the lives of these children and give them the opportunity to touch other lives in the future. I wish I could take you there. Your hearts, as mine, would be arrested by these children. Their smiles, their hugs, their songs, and their needs.

Please prayerfully consider partnering with the project. Please take this information back to your businesses, churches, Sunday School classes, civic organizations, ... give them the opportunity to participate. If eighty individuals or groups partnered with the project at \$100 per month for twelve months we would be well on our way to buy bricks, mortar and a better life for these children. Of course, any donation, will be a blessing to them.

I would be happy to talk in more detail about the project in person or on the phone to you individually or any group that is interested.

Peace, Love, Rice & Greens!

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