

# Revive Liberia

## Mission Statement

## How We Began

In 2004 Phil Eckart was invited to help with a pastor's conference in Liberia West Africa. At the time of this invitation Liberia was still involved in a terrible 14 year civil war. After looking at the current events he hesitated to accept this offer. However, at one point he felt that God had a reason for him to make the trip. He was unprepared for what he was about to experience. God had set a trap for him! Two days into the trip he knew this was to be the calling of his life in the Kingdom. Just before he left Africa he hired a cameraman to take some movies of what he was seeing.

Upon Phil's return to the United States he showed the film to his Bible study group. Mark Parmenter was there and became completely fascinated by it. He too felt compelled to work in this field. Since those early beginnings so many peo-

ple have expressed the thought that God had put Africa on their heart. Just hearing about rebuilding churches, schools, etc. excited them. Many volunteers have come forward with time, prayers, funds and other resources to help in the cause.

Our thrust has changed over time. The big pastor's conferences we held have given way to church building in villages once ruled by Satan. The Gospel is being preached where witch doctors once ruled. We now have a not-for-profit sister organization in Liberia called Alive Liberia. It's leadership is made up of dedicated men and women that we have worked with for years. All business is transacted between these two nonprofits and not through individual people. Looking back we can see the Lord's hand in so many ways of guiding our efforts. We feel

## Liberian Doors

Mark and Phil have found that garnering regular support from churches to be a big mountain to climb. Due to Mark's research they have learned of a new path many mission groups are following to support themselves. This plan involves using the resources of the very

people they are trying to help. In our case, this means utilizing the bountiful timber and expert woodworking skills of Liberia. We have had the men build 80 exterior house doors to import here in the U.S. These doors are made of exotic African woods (many never seen out-

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that this is but the beginning of God's plan for our efforts through Revive Liberia.

side Africa) and custom designed to American styles. We are waiting final clearance from the Liberian government for shipment. Order yours now before they are gone!

Of course all the proceeds go  
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## Pastor's Support

As Revive Liberia Missions grew and our experience and knowledge of mission work developed, we have been lead in the direction of "new missions" operation. This is an approach to missions that relies on the indigenous Church and charitable organizations to spread the Gospel, establish schools, and clinics, distribute aid and provide economic development with seed money, resources, and guidance from groups in developed countries. Resources are utilized more effectively by *new mission* approaches. For instance, it costs around \$80,000 a year to support a mission family from the US in a developing country. It would cost around \$5000 to support an indigenous pastor and his family AND establish and partially fund a new church in most developing countries. This is how we have set up our Pastor Support program. We are currently supporting 8 pastors and their families. Most are located in remote villages many hours, and sometimes days journey (mostly walking) from Monrovia. A couple are in Monrovia proper.

We are always looking for new pastor sponsorships, and indeed we have several waiting support. The cost to sponsor a pastor and family is \$50 per month. This can be done by a family, individuals, churches, Sunday school classes, or other groups. Contact Kurt Petry at 812 876-8643 if you would like more information. Mailing address for Pastor Support is

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We are striving to get at least quarterly updates and pictures from all our pastors to send to those who support them. This gives the donors a better understanding about the families and their prayer concerns as well as their physical needs.

The philosophy of Revive Liberia's pastor support program has always been intended to be a "hand up, not a hand out". As these congregations grow, their congregations will be expected to shoulder more and more of the burden supporting their pastors, as is the biblical model. Our hope is that within a 4 to 5 year period, a congregation will be able to fully support their pastor and then our resources can be redirected toward supporting a new pastor and congregation.

### Ministry Needs

## PRAYER

**Prayer** is always needed. Without an appeal to our God all this is fruitless. Please pray that all will go well with our church building projects in Liberia. This is happening right in the heart of villages that were ruled by Satan. Our Lord's Gospel is marching in with all it's hopes and power. Pray for the pastors that we are supporting regularly. Their churches are growing rapidly. Thanks so much for those of you that are support them. You will never know until you reach the pearly gates what you have done! This frees up these men to do God's work and not have to worry about supporting their families. Also pray for those of us working in this cause that we will stay in the will of God so that the Holy Spirit can clearly be heard for direction.

## MONEY

**Money** is always a need in ministry. We have no regular church support (except for one pastor being supported) and are therefore relying on individual donations. We need money to get our pastors Thompson Chain Bibles, other books and small gifts for their families. God has been good to this mission. One of our pastors' supporters knows an international shipping manager and now all our small shipping to Liberia is free! Also a major U.S. charity is building two churches for us! All of you would recognize their names but I am not free to disclose them at this time. Praise be to God for these generous people.!

## VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteer** help is a third need. Those of you who do anything for this ministry, thanks so much for your help! Without hands to do the work nothing can be accomplished. Working together we can help rebuild the church in Liberia along with schools, clinics, etc. Our ultimate goal is to get our churches so strong that they send out missionaries to the surrounding Muslim nations and bring them to Christ. God spoke these words in Isaiah 55:11, "My word, which comes from my mouth, is like the rain or snow. It will not come back to me without results, but will accomplish whatever I want and achieve whatever I send it to do."

**Blessed Assurance Ministries** is pastored by Pastor Samuel K. Cassell, located in Vonjamama, Lofa County. During this reporting period the congregation ranged from 35 to 53. This includes 13 men, 22 women and 18 children. Twenty two registered for the baptismal class (13 male and 9 female). There were 3 new converts.

The church is still worshipping under misshaped structure which is being covered by the pool covers provided by Revive Liberia through Alive Liberia. They have formed a committee for agriculture land and has planned a fund raising rally for the next agricultural project. There was a poor harvest of beans and more seeds have been purchased for the next project. There is no phone for the pastor to communicate with the office in Monrovia.

The pastor plans to establish more branches. He also plans to get back to school for higher education. His present need is about \$40.00 to continue the extension of the agriculture project.

**Christ Redeemed Church** located in Swiss Town, Grand Bassa County and is pastored by Rev. F. Aaron Moore. The congregation ranges from 45 to 54. This includes 20 men, 28 women, and 6 children. There are no candidates for baptismal or new converts at this time.

The church constructed a mud and thatch roofed building, and the pastor and congregation had a fasting and prayer service. The pastor lacks trainers, building materials, and mobility to travel long distances. He needs training materials, trainers, mobile and building materials.

He plans to evangelize and make Disciples for Christ in the 15 counties of this country.

**Fellowship Baptist Ministries** (Headquarters church) is located on Soul Clinic Rd Junction. This congregation is pastored by Andrew G. Tiah and is located at Paynesville, Monrovia. This congregation ranges from 85 to 95 and includes 20 men, 35 women and 40 children with 10 visitors during this time period. There are 6 candidates in the Baptismal class, 2 men and 4 women, with 4 new converts.

The church has established a Building Trust Fund for the construction of the church's own edifice at its Headquarters Properties. The English choir held a Fund Raising program toward the purchase of choir gowns and established a special building fund for the church construction.

The church needs hymnals, Sunday school material, Bibles, evangelist mobile, commentaries, musical instruments for the ministries outreach programs and a larger worship center.

The pastor has need of urgent renovation of shelter since the rain has come. Economic empowerment of members through micro loans, construction of the church main edifice, AWANA support and mobility for the pastor.

The pastor plans to establish Fellowship Baptist Ministries, Baptist School system, a nation-wide evangelism, agriculture training for sisters of the ministry.

**John 3:16 Fellowship Baptist Ministries** in James M Barley inter Estates in Fendell, Louisiana Township Montserratado County is pastored by Rev. Harris N. Yates, Sr. During this reporting period the congregation ranged from 148—158 included 56 men, 66 women, and 36 children.

The congregation is still meeting in the old saw mill building. They are praying for the funding to be able to make full payment for the 4 lots the church advanced as reported earlier.

The pastor and the congregation are carrying on regular outreach. The church has established the John 3:16 Christian Mission School. They have completed their two-month leadership training and is awaiting the graduation program which will be held shortly.

The church needs money to survey the engaged land which the owners have partially turned over to the church. Background investigation for its legality has been made.

The church also needs one motor bike for outreach purposes, a typewriter, musical instruments for the choir, used clothing for destitute members and text books for the newly established elementary school.

The Pastor plans to establish a clinic for the ministry, continue the training course for its members, plant new ministries far and near, continue outreach and to engage in agricultural projects.

**Agape Fellowship Baptist Ministries** is located in Buchanan City, Grand Bassa County and is pastored by Isaac V.F. Glaybo. The congregation ranges from 57 to 60 with 19 men, 21 women and 20 children. There are 6 candidates in the baptismal class, 3 men and 3 women. There are also 16 new converts during this reporting period.

Completion of the tentative edifice in the shortest possible time is planned. And house is needed to house the evangelist every Sunday after service. Also needed is cement, mats, to complete the church building. A chain saw, some farming tools for members economic empowerment. The pastor needs Bibles, commentaries, and Sunday school material for kids and also for adults and youths.

The pastor plans to host the first soul winning conference, establish a school and a clinic.

**Qwrahkpojlain Fellowship Baptist** located in #4 district, Grand Bassa County is pastored by Abraham. During this reporting period the congregation ranged from 45 to 58 including 22 men, 23 women and 13 children. There are 5 candidates in the baptismal class and 6 new converts.

Currently they are molding bricks for the construction of the church building, which will be built by another ministry and is still in progress.

They have carried out regular outreach after Sunday service. And had a two day fasting and prayer service along with women from the headquarters church. These women, headed by mother Sarah (head of Alive Liberia Missions Inc. Health Department) conducted a mobile clinic services that benefited over 150 inhabitants of the town and surrounding villages.

A motor bike is needed for out reach programs. Also needed are training materials, communion sets, and Sunday school material.

The pastor plans to establish the ministry in other towns nearby and establish an agricultural project to grow rice and casaba for the church.

**Geeyzay Judu Town Fellowship Baptist Ministries** is located in Judu Town, River Cess County and is pastored by Evangelist David J. Matthews. The congregation ranged from 10 to 21 including 6 men 11 women and 4 children. There is 1 candidate in the baptismal class and 3 new converts.

This is a newly established congregation and their pastor has no support as yet. But they are implementing the dreams of Revive Liberia as administered in her plan for Liberia. They are currently meeting in Deacon James Gbarpue's living room.

The congregation is carrying on village to village evangelism. They have an agriculture program in the area of cassava production and find it hard to get it to the market. They decided to do farina production. ALMI through the board chairman was able to loan them 6 farina pots so as to improve their production.

The congregation needs their own building. They also need a leadership workshop, constant visitation of guests from Headquarter Church and empowerment for a larger agricultural farm for the church.

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**Harvest Pentecostal** is pastured by Peter F. Jukah and is located in Gbargaye Town #1 District, Grand Bassa County. Their congregation ranged from 48 to 59 including 23 men, 28 women and 8 children. They have 4 candidates in Baptismal class and 4 new converts.

They are looking forward to seeing the construction of the church during this dry season at which time the road will be better and will be easier to mold the bricks.

The held their Fathers' Day program to raise funds to purchase some chairs for the church and held an agricultural program.

They lack Sunday school material and means of transportation for pastor and evangelist.

The pastor needs training, communion sets, reference Bibles, residential building and good school for his children.

They plan to establish an elementary school for the community children.

## Our Board Members

... Revive Liberia is an official not-for-profit organization, registered with the United States Government. As such we are required to have a charter, by-laws, and a standing Board of Directors. We are required to have regular board meetings and all important decisions are to be voted on by the board.

**Comfort Sawyer** is our Chairperson. This ministry could not be nearly as effective without her input. She was raised in Liberia and currently lives in Bloomington, Indiana. She ran and managed a not-for-profit organization in Liberia when her husband was president of that country. She opens her home to us in Liberia on our visits and has a strong Christian faith. Her insights into the Liberian culture are invaluable.

**Bill Sebold** has visited Liberia twice. He was a speaker in our Pastor's Conferences there. Bill fell deeply in love with the Liberian church on his first visit. He is a powerful preacher and has been a great help in many ways to our work. Bill has a large family, is a pastor, professional painter and owns a catering service.

**Joni Woodlee Candler** is one tough farm girl! On her first visit into the interior he was visited by rats looting for food. They found Joni in their way and proceeded over her! Her dedication to help the war-ravaged people didn't stop her from going a second time, however. Joni is working with Sara Kangar, wife of Alive Liberia's Executive Director William Kangar, on our medical arm. They are planning our first clinic.

**Danaye' Taylor** is a woman of many hats! She is a CPA and owns an investment firm. Her common sense and dedication to the Lord's work are inspiring. She is our treasurer and much more. When Mark and I asked her to do this work we knew full well her plate was full. She never hesitated. She had made a big difference how we set up everything and run the finances.

**Jeff Carlson** calls himself a mechanic. Those of us who know him well, know that there should be *engineer* behind that. Jeff has visited Liberia for our ministry. He gives us insight into what can happen there with the physical aspect of rebuilding things efficiently. We can't wait to see some of Jeff's ideas come to fruition. We have so many plans that involve his input.

**Kurt Petry** is a man of many coats! He is an eye physician and farmer and rebuilds bulldozers for entertainment! Kurt has volunteered to keep our Pastor Support Program organized. This was a huge help to this ministry. He stays involved on a daily basis with the progress of our ministry. He is currently working on Christmas gifts for our pastors and their families. The pastors have repeatedly asked for Bible study books. Kurt has been a great help and encouragement for us.

**Michel Nolan** is a newcomer to our board. Michel is a pharmacist and has a big heart for missions. He has already expressed interest and worked on government and private grant money for our ministry. We can't wait to get him to Liberia and watch him lose his heart forever like the rest of us.

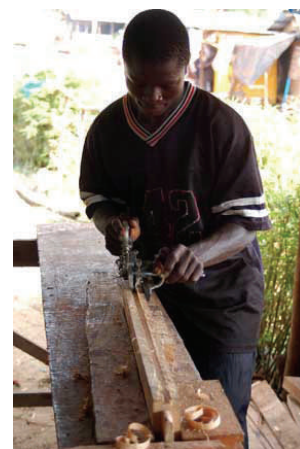
## Liberian Doors contd.

Directly into the Revive Liberia Ministry. Eventually we would like to custom make some of these to individual taste. This could mean names of people, businesses, or churches carved on them. We have excellent carvers working with us also. If our first shipment is successful our second will soon follow.

This does so many things. It gives the people badly needed employment. It

shows other Liberians how a Christian ministry/business can work. We hope to have a full-blown woodworking factory going there in the next couple of years. Of course it helps our finances in a big way. And it gives people here something for their contribution. We plan on having DVDs made of the craftsmen as they work on the customer's doors. Our ministry will be explained along with information about the workers' lives. As

soon as the first shipment arrives we will announce it. Several have already been spoken for.



## Shipping Containers

We are still in the business of shipping. Any good tools: wood-working, garden, metal-working, etc. we could use. Any type of cookware (except electric items) is needed badly there. We are also still in the computer business. We are covered up in monitors, however. It is hard for us to work anymore with anything but Pentium III's or newer. We need laptops badly also. We own the ship-

ping container that the doors will be shipped to the U.S. in. We will return it with pool covers (great roofs for those of you that haven't heard), books, tools and computers. With the high cost of shipping we are pretty much limiting the list of items to these.

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