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MINISTRY IN LIBERIA, W. AFRICA

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In the country, strong emphasis is placed on economic development, educational progress, government initiatives, foreign aid and infrastructure rebuilding. During the immediate process of nation-wide reconstruction, there has surfaced an emerging spiritual renewal. The costly civil war has ended.

After we landed, deplaned and safely exited the small airport, it became obvious that Liberia, a sovereign republic situated on the eastern shores of the Atlantic Ocean needed international development assistance. As we traveled toward City Center, we observed the resilience, positive work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit of many Liberians. Our Kingdom work, however, had been preassigned to us by the Holy Spirit.

Prior to our departure, many saints on both continents had been praying for us for several months. Wednesday was the prayer call day and the Wednesday prior to our departure was our fasting day. Prayer requests were answered.

MARGM was invited to Liberia by Presiding Bishop Josiah K. Pah, Sr. who leads Gospel for Africa Fellowship of Churches and Ministries. He also is Pastor of First Church of God in Monrovia. Once our feet stepped upon the airport parking lot, we noted our initial (foreign) challenge. The assigned vehicle was too small to transport us, our luggage and the host. Luggage included not only clothing and hygiene items but also a supply of Bibles, hundreds of copies of syllabi, and thousands of gospel tracts. After brief negotiations, a larger vehicle was employed. Later, we encountered challenges at the hotel. Throughout the days of ministry, we faced different and new challenges every 24 hours.

On Thursday, September 24, 2010, Pastor Carlton R. Burns and I began our divinely assigned Kingdom of God work. Although it is customary for our team to minister (since 1994), the Holy Spirit led me to seek one or two brother assistants for this duty tour. The Holy Spirit brought us together in the spirit of unity, confirming His decisions within us.

Each day of ministry among the conferees began with a public worship celebration. Leadership Conference seminars included adults and children. Student classes were to resume on September 27. Each seminar was about 80 minutes duration with a subsequent period for questions and answers (Q&A). Between seminars – morning and afternoon – the hosts prepared and served full course lunches/dinners to all attendees, Mother Ernestine D. Pah, lead chef. (On occasion, meals were served after the seminars.)

All evening services were scheduled at 5:30p.m. It was necessary to utilize daylight due to the leaders concern for possible intermittent generator service after dusk. During the first four

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days, all ministry activities – with one exception- were convened at First Church of God, V Street, Sinkor Old Road, Monrovia.

We were greeted everyday by the saints with an abundance of hospitality. It took mere minutes for congregations to display a spiritual desire to receive more from God and His messengers. During the festivities of the opening session, the dedication ceremony for Bibles and gospel tracts was convened (see Bibles for Liberia, p.3). Seminars were subsequently presented. The evening service was canceled because of logistics. Due to unforeseen issues, the purchase of food was delayed. Conferees were not prepared to be present all day without meals. Several persons traveled great distances to attend the sessions.



Friday, the first full day of ministry, included morning and afternoon seminars. Full course lunch/dinner meals were served to all conferees during the break. Entrées included chicken, beef, fish, meatballs, greens, plantain, spaghetti, rice and more rice: various items on various days.

Traditional African dance was a staple of the evening worship. Bishop Pah, Sr. presented the MARGM team and introduced yours truly as the preacher for the session. After sharing greetings and acknowledgements but prior to the sermon, the Holy Ghost moved upon yours truly and persons were called out from the congregation and ministered to by the gift of the word of knowledge. Surprisingly, a man walked to the pulpit and requested prayer for deliverance from his alcohol addiction. We asked him if he was saved. He said, no. We asked if he wanted to be saved; he gave no response. We prayed for him to be delivered from his addiction.

The message title was *Do You Have 20/20 Vision?* John 20:20 ff 29. Following the sermon conclusion, many leaders approached the altar for prayer, for vision clarification, sustaining strength to endure and encouragement. Each person was individually prayed for and encouraged. A young man standing at the altar confessed that he desired to be saved. He readily repented of his sins and received salvation through Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord! We called for a spiritual mentor to disciple the young man. Evangelist Moses Wamah volunteered. Closing remarks and the benediction was spoken by Pastor Carlton Burns.



Seminars presented by yours truly were (1) Kingdom (of God) Work, Part I & Part II; (2) Do You Have a Tel-A-Vision? (3) Personal Evangelism (with field application); (4) Leaders and Leadership (not taught due to lack of time but was introduced; syllabus distributed). Sermons included were *Do You Have 20/20 Vision*, and *Are You On the Right Side Of the Word?* John 21:6 ff 13.

Seminars presented by Pastor Burns were (1) Biblical Leadership (extra copies of syllabus given for future distribution); (2) Marks of a Biblical Church; (3) Reaching Souls for the Kingdom of God. Sermon: *A Healing Christ for A Wounded World!* Is 61:1-2; Luke 4:18-21.



On the Sabbath Day, conferees experienced several surprises following Pastor Burns' seminar presentation. Yours truly presented the second seminar with emphasis on Personal Evangelism. Volunteers were called forth to go into the immediate community to evangelize, to engage in outreach following the lunch break. During lunch, yours truly called for two special meetings.

First, we met with all youth leaders and gave to each person a copy of our original Believers' Christian Pledge. We requested that all children memorize the pledge and recite it during special occasions, Bible school and public worship. [It was the same pledge given to youth in India and Kenya.]

Secondly, we met with GFA board of directors personnel who were present. Yours truly presented to them the first ever, MARGM **Mustard-seed Advance Revenue Grows Manna Special Grant**. This aid package is a revolving, recycling entrepreneurial fund to be solely administered by GFA and funded by MARGM. GFA periodically will provide written reports to MARGM.

There was stunned silence as the leaders read and reread the document. Finally, Bishop Pah, Sr. broke the silence and said, **"This is an answer to prayer!"** Stunned faces began to smile. GFA accepted the conditions of the MARGM Grant.

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Saints reassembled in the sanctuary during late afternoon. Five evangelistic teams reported on their near-by outreach. Although many persons had been approached, **six persons** repented and received salvation through Jesus Christ. Praise God!

Directly following the report, a large table was placed at the base of the rostrum. Bishop Pah, Sr. and yours truly sat at the table with GFA board members flanking both sides. MARGM Special Grant documents were placed on the table before the entire congregation of many eye witnesses. The two page document with corporate seal was signed by Bishop Pah, Sr. and yours truly. **Living history was made!**

Note. This occasion and the entire conference/evangelistic ministry was photographed. Documents, syllabi, photo albums, and printed liturgy formats may be reviewed at MARGM HQ.

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On this Sabbath evening other challenges occurred. We were traveling to a distant village – about forty miles – to an evangelistic service. Pastor Collins S. Sedee and the **Divinity of Jesus Christ Church** were expecting our arrival at 5:30p.m. When we turned off the paved highway onto an unimproved dirt road, danger loomed. Our driver could not avoid deep holes and zig-zaging tenches. While crossing a larger mud hole, the car suddenly stopped and began to sink. Water entered the passenger cabin and began to cover our shoes. We abandoned our vehicle and jumped into the side marshes, splashing into mud. (I wore white shoes.) Several passers-by removed their shoes, waded into knee high water, and worked to free the auto. After fifteen minutes of work, the car was on solid dirt. When we arrived at the church, about 6:00 p.m., the saints were worshipping Almighty God.

Pastor Burns preached during the service. Several believers went forward to receive prayer following the sermon. **Pastor Sedee informed us that we were the first known American missionary team to minister in his Topoe Village, Gardnorsville, Liberia.**

It was now dark, the sun had retired. We encountered the unavoidable sink hole upon our exit journey. This time about six men worked nearly 25 minutes to free the car. With danger lurking in the dark, we prayed covertly and openly! Upon reaching the paved, main highway, we uttered words of thanks!

Earlier during the day, we received unexpected visitors. Two broadcast journalists interviewed us. The tape was scheduled to be aired on a local radio station within hours.

When we assembled for Sunday morning worship at HQ, we

enjoyed hearing two choirs sing, the children's and young adult choirs. Yours truly preached during the service. We prayed for persons who came to the altar.

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Disbursements. \$1,945 food and transportation assistance; \$1,265.99 Bibles; \$1,500 revolving economic Entrepreneurial micro Grant; \$100 gospel tracts; \$16 syllabi; \$38.50 Western Union fees (3); \$25.65 photographs development. Each team member personally paid his trip expenses.

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Bibles for Liberia

An appeal was announced. You responded. A big thank you.

Upon our arrival, an immediate query was to ascertain information concerning purchasing of Bibles from the local economy. Pastor Philip Howard investigated. On Thursday morning good news was reported. Our host was unaware of this endeavor; hence, the report surprised Bishop Par, Sr. Eight boxes of Bibles were purchased. With Bibles transported from the USA, the total count was 201: 4 paperback, 5 leatherette, 192 hard case. Praise the Lord!

During the Thursday opening session, our first distribution was offered. The Bible dedication ceremony, together with thousands of gospel tracts, included two readings: Psalm 119:89 and Luke 16:17. Bishop Par, Sr. intoned a spirit moving prayer of dedication at the Monrovia HQ Church.

A second distribution of Bibles was offered the following week at **Light of the World Christian Church** in Harbel, Liberia. During the days of ministry, Bibles also were given to pastors without them, and to new converts who were saved during our meetings. **It was publicly and repeatedly emphasized that the Bibles were not purchased by an individual but by faith partners and friends of MAR Gospel Ministries in America.**

Contributors to this Bible fund were: Bishop Joseph Weathers, Elder Shiren T. Noble, Deacon Clarence E. Howard, Dr. D. Willaim Faupel, Evangelist Pauliina G. Chrisley, Sister Marguerite Chisley, Bishop Emerson L. Brockington, E. Myron Noble - all of Washington, D.C.; Deacon William E. Drew, Jr., Minister Betty J. Harris, Deacon Robert E. Taylor, Jr., Sister Esther T. West, Elder O. Ray Coley, Sister Addie R. Cunningham, Deacon James H. Hall, Sister Peggy N. Pinkney, Evangelist Marion Jackson – all of the State of Maryland; Reverend Don and Sister Wilma Amison – the State of Tennessee; Pastor Paul E. Brown – the State of West Virginia; Bishop Otis J. Smith, Sister Nora M. Parson – all of the State of Virginia; Evangelist Myrlene M. Jones, Bishop Kenneth O. Robinson – all of the State of New York.

Congregations: Agapé Bible Fellowship, Paster Mary E. Tilghman; Pleasant Grove Bible Baptist Church, Pastor Carlton R. Burns; House of Prayer Church of God No.1, Bishop Francis S. Myles – all of the State of Maryland; Church of Jesus Christ, Bishop John T. Leslie, Jr. – Washington, D.C.

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Monday morning we traveled nearly two hours to a village in Harbel, Liberia. From various locations we met a half dozen pastors among the conferees, in addition to Pastor Maurice Cooper, host and leader of Light of the World Christian Church. We received wonderful welcomes and hospitality. Following the opening activities, we gave Bibles to persons without Bibles.

During the distribution, we observed a man who did not readily understand English. A pastor translated. We learned that the man wanted a Bible but did not easily comprehend; he was not saved. We asked him if he desired to be saved. He replied, yes. Several evangelists ministered to him. He repented of his sins and received Jesus Christ for his Savior. Praise the Lord!

Pastor Burns presented the first seminar. During the Q & A period, a sister delegate who had traveled with a van load of saints from Monrovia, asked several questions. Q: I am a Christian but my husband is a muslim; his family is trying to separate us and put me out of my home; he wants a divorce but I want to remain married. What should I do? Etc. Pastor Burns responded publicly to publicly raised questions. His biblical answers and counseling were shared directly from I Corinthians, Chapter 7. Although those questions did not directly pertain to the seminar subject, it was necessary to immediately respond to the very distraught sister. Yours truly conducted the second seminar. Everyone enjoyed dinner.

During the evening, our convoy of saints traveled to the next ministry appointment, about 70 minutes drive from Harbel. After we exited the main highway and drove onto a jagged, dirt road, we remembered! Within minutes we saw citizens walking in knee high, deep water. We drove no further. The scheduled Monday and Tuesday evening services were cancelled due to impassable roads. Upon returning on Tuesday to Harbel to conduct seminars, **Pastor Cooper informed us that we were the first American evangelists to minister at his church.** On Wednesday we visited the First Church of God Christian elementary school, Mother Ernestine Pah, chancellor and one of several teachers.

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Your Voices

Dear Dr. Noble...

Holy greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was nice to see you visit us at the 66th Holy Convocation [August 2010] at the Gay Lord Hotel at the National Harbor, MD. We appreciated very much the sacrifice you made to be with us at that time...

I appreciate being on your mailing list, and the work you are doing for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. May the good Lord continue blessing you in your labor in the Lord. I enjoy reading the book that you wrote... ***And They Yet Speak***. Keep up the good work....

*Your co-worker in Christ,
Presiding Bishop Leroy H. Cannady, Sr., Baltimore, Md.*

...We have a lot of fond memories of our association with you. I appreciate so very much that you want to keep in touch with us. I am thankful for the valuable and expansive ministry you lead... We were so glad to have you visit with us when we lived in the Pensacola, Florida area... Please let us hear from you.

*Best Wishes,
Wilma and Don Amison, Cleveland, Tenn*

Dr. E. Myron Noble – preaching engagements

October 2010

Apostolic Faith Church
5211 A Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.
Sunday, 17th; 11:30 a.m.

Rockland United Methodist Church
8971 Chapel Avenue, Ellicott City, MD
Sunday, 31st; 10:00 a.m.; (410) 465.1463