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Dear Operation Liberia Prayer & Ministry Partners,

I'm writing to you from a very frigid Lake City, IL where the temperature is currently 18F, that's -8C. It's not easy for this Liberian O'Ma! I was expecting to be traveling with Titus by now, but the US immigration wait has gone from 13 to 31 months, meaning we still have 19 months to go. It had been 6 years since I was with my U.S. family over the holidays and my Mother has a very special birthday the beginning of January, so I made the decision to fly home for the holidays.

Titus is attending Aware International School. It was providential that I signed him up, because it allowed me to take this trip. He is enjoying school immensely but there has been some adjustments to studying and doing homework. He has taken on some big-boy responsibilities, taking a motorbike to the bus drop off and the bus to school and walking home with his friends in the afternoon. While it is not always emotionally easy for this western Mom, it's important to me that he can function in his culture. So far it has been a very positive change. Continue to pray faithfully for his, and his schoolmates, safety, as they travel back and forth.

Another group of girls graduated from Home of Hope and I participated in their graduation. I love hearing their testimonies and how their time in the home and the trauma healing classes have positively impacted their lives. Since April, we had been traveling to Grand Bassa to conduct Trauma Healing with a Special Needs caregiver group as well as some of the leaders in that ministry. We had our last meeting the first week of November. I thank God for the opportunity to minister to this group and for a vehicle that safely took us back and forth these last few months. Upon my return, I will be returning to Healing Groups at YWAM discipleship training and we are in the process of setting some goals for this upcoming year which includes finding ways to mentor other facilitators, better promote the ministry and possibly even a camp for the deaf. I am excited to see what the Lord will do in the upcoming year.

I recently attended a class on Biblical counseling at Jake Memorial College. I taught a segment on Trauma Healing as a practical way to help people who are suffering. Going forward, I plan to work more with Jake, whose campus recently moved closer to my area. In the upcoming semester I will be substituting when other instructors are out and possibly teaching other classes in the future. Pray for this college and for new students to continue to enroll and benefit from the theological and educational classes offered. In October, Faith Baptist participated in the 3rd annual Independent Baptist Children's conference. The conference continues to grow as more churches join and the children always enjoy it. Prior to leaving, I attended the Fundamental Woman's annual conference. It was under the theme of honoring your vows and I was invited to teach one session, encouraging the women to "Beware the Foolish Vow".

This rainy season made it very apparent that I need to address 2 things. One is the swamp that forms in our yard. I believe it is time to look at "cashing" (cementing) at least a part of the yard and putting in some sidewalks as well as putting on a new zinc roof. Ma Bessie's sons have offered to do the labor for free! Also, for security reasons, it is important that we put some lighting at the top of our fence. Due to the governments efforts to shut down certain drug communities, it has forced some dangerous characters out into our communities. Please pray for the Lord to provide for these projects and if you would care to help, please let me know. Also, our new road is meeting with some opposition from some traditional spiritualists who live in the area. They have been "cursing" the project, even leaving certain charms and "ju ju" that have scared away the workers. It is hard to imagine that these evil forces are so nearby as we live right outside the capital city, but the devil is active and at work, imprisoning people in fear. Pray as we fight against these teachings and demonic activity by shining the Light in our community.

Thank you to everyone who gave to the school and medical sponsorship funds. We are now sponsoring 9 children in school, having taken on 4 new students. I have made the requirements for the scholarship more strict for the older students. We do not sponsor failing grades and the young people must be faithfully attending church. Thanks to your help I have been able to meet several medical needs including Genesis' epilepsy meds, malaria treatments, prenatal care, doctor and hospital visits. The needs are great and I pray for discernment as consider each case.

Christmas is right around the corner. We received some funds to help with the Children's Christmas program at our church that normally provides a simple meal, popcorn treats and a small gift for each child. Last year I believe we had 100 children attend! For many of these children, this is the only Christmas they will have. It is a wonderful opportunity to invite children and adults alike in the hopes that they can hear and accept the gospel. We could still use some additional help in this area to feed and provide gifts for the children.

God bless you, your churches and families as we commemorate the birth of our Savior! Have a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Thank you again for being part of #myLiberianLife.

