

Since classes began on January 4, 2021, thirty-three Muslim children began attending the school. Before January concluded, 19 of these Muslim children (teens) made professions of faith in Christ and began requesting baptism. Their Muslim parents have begun attending the church services. The local Imam's wife also began attending and has now renounced Islam. The Imam has not yet begun to attend but he has resigned as Imam at the mosque and on 2/7, he came to the church but did not enter to attend. The local Muslim community expelled all of the Muslim families that have begun to attend the church services from their places and they have threatened the pastor, Jauwllie Koon with bodily harm. The Christians have given the Muslim families shelter. Even though the Muslim community has begun to express hostility, 11 of the x-Muslim teens were baptized on February 6, 2021 and below are some pictures commemorating that wonderful event.



January 4, 2021

Further below are prior updates. In order to appreciate the mighty things that God has been doing in this ministry to the Liberian people in the bush and the many orphans among them, you might want to read this PDF from the bottom up. Here is the update from January 4, 2021.

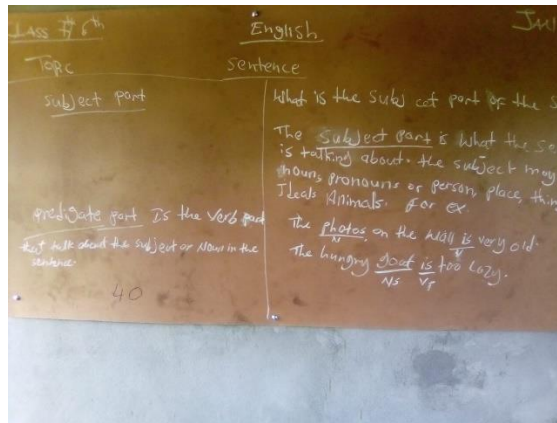
This ministry focuses on the care of the orphans among the Liberian people living in the bush as a result of the economic havoc resulting from COVID 19 in Liberia. In Liberia, orphans must fend for themselves unless others step up and care for them. There is no welfare program for them. In addition, education is a critical component in this care. Because it is so critical in Liberia, this ministry launched a building construction project. As a result, an 8-room school building is nearing completion and classes began for the first time on January 4, 2021. This school is like the heart of the community for these people and especially for the orphans living among them. It is necessary for stability. Here are a few pictures that were taken in the beginning of 2021.



The building with the roof nearing completion:



Children in class that began 1 4 2021



There will be ongoing financial support needed for minimal salaries for the teachers. Also, we envision the purchase of a little land that can be used for agriculture so these people can create income for the school and community. Also, they could really benefit from having a small clinic eventually.

July 10, 2020

In late May, 2020, Dearborn Bible Fellowship and Stones Cry Out Ministries announced our intentions to expand our vision of the Liberian Orphan Ministry. For the past several years, this ministry was directed to just a handful of orphans who are under the direct care of Eliza, Patience's mother who lives in Monrovia, Liberia. That ministry continues.

But due to the Covid19 virus epidemic, thousands of Liberians have recently been displaced and are generally homeless just trying to survive. This past May, Patience was contacted by a Christian acquaintance from her past who has been a teacher in Liberia. He is now serving (without monetary compensation) many of these homeless Liberians out in the bush as their pastor. More details on this along with photographs may be seen below in the publication dated May 23, 2020, titled, **“God's Work or Provision for Liberians in the Bush.”**

Besides supplying money to purchase rice for these people, Patience also purchased a small motorcycle that they now use as a taxi to generate a small but regular income for these people. In addition, Patience has expressed to them her desire to focus support moving forward for the many orphans who are living without parents out in the bush. She purchased a small parcel of land on which they are building a shelter that will serve as a school for these children. There are currently over 100 of them. This ministry is supplying money for material that they are using to make school uniforms for the children.

May 23, 2020

### **God's work of provision for Liberians in the bush**

Patience Marhaba is one of the Dearborn Bible Fellowship members. She immigrated to the United States from Liberia about 10 years ago. During those years, she has sent her own money back to Liberia to help support Liberian orphans that were under the care of her mother Eliza in Liberia. Other DBF members and Christian friends that heard about this ministry have also supported the ministry to these orphans.

Over a year ago, Patience had a dream that she perceived was God providing direction. In that dream, there were many, many children coming to her for help and a sense that there were too many to help. Patience determined that God was going to use her some how to help Liberian orphans in a much bigger way. She has been praying always for God to show her how and what she should be doing.

During this month of May (2020), a chain of events began to occur which seem to add to the direction she perceived earlier.

Before Patience came to the U.S., a Christian man used to walk the streets in Monrovia, Liberia (where Patience lived) selling ice from a wheel barrel. Since he did so almost daily, Patience' family got to know him like a friend. His name is Jauwillie Koon. He faithfully attended church and sang in the choir. He had a good reputation among God's people.

Now Liberia never really recovered from the ebola outbreak several years ago. The covid 19 virus has compounded problems making the country very unsettled. Many people can no longer afford to live in the city so they are basically homeless and living out in the bush.

Jauwillie was sensing God's call to preach the gospel for a while. Recently, to get God's direction, he prayed and fasted for 31 days and then broke his fast of one day. Then, he fasted again for 9 days abstaining from both food and water. On the sixth day of this fast, he dreamed that there was a deep hole and he was pulling people out of it but there were way to many to pull out. But he did pull out many. After the 9 day fast, he sensed God telling him leave his area and start walking but he did not know where. After walking a while, he sensed God telling him to approach a man that was sitting on a small motor cycle. He asked the man to take him some place

and drop him off without knowing where. He told the man to just go and then stop wherever Jauwlie told him. The man drove quite a while and dropped Jauwllie off far away, in a place totally unfamiliar. Not knowing where to go and feeling a bit fearful, he decided to go into the bush. He did not know where he would end up but he senses that God was directing. To his surprise, he found many Liberians deep in the bush who had fled the city. He concluded that God had sent him to these people. He told them that God had sent him to them to bring them the gospel. He began teaching and preaching the word of God to them in the bush. There is no shelter out there so everything is being done outside, in the bush. Though he is poor, he provided some rice to the people. But the needs are great and ongoing due to the turmoil in Liberia.

He decided to call some fellow Liberians to tell them what was going on but he did not have a phone. So, he prayed and someone gave him a phone. One of the people he called was Patience. She wondered if and what God would have her do. She asked Jauwllie to send images. When she saw them, she was troubled that there was no shelter for church meetings. She wired some money to purchase rice. During one of the phone conversations, Jauwllie told Patience that there were many, many children among the people and most do not attend school. Patience then told Jauwllie about her dream that she had over a year ago and that she believes God plans to use her some how to help these children. She wired more money and told him to build a stick house that can be used as a school and church meeting place. She told him to purchase a small plot of ground that would be an official purchase with deed.

Subsequently, he told her that he found a suitable plot of ground and asked the owner if he could purchase the ground for the purposes intended. The man told him he would not sell him the plot of ground but that he would give it to him with official deed. So, now, they are building structures to house church meetings and school for the children. They plan to use brick for the more permanent structures. (I think they make the brick possibly.

Pastors normally get paid so the people had no expectations of having a pastor. But Jauwllie has no desire to be paid so he is now serving as their pastor.

Below are images that Jauwlie sent to Patience of the people getting rice and their attempt to build make-shift structures.

It is evident to me that God has been at work providing for the downtrodden in Liberia. We want others here in the U.S. to pray for these people and consider whether God would have them get involved in other ways.



Lining up to receive rice (In the U.S., we think we have it bad because we have had to shelter in place and receive government cash.)



Not exactly a mega church building



They are excited to make this attempt.



Progress!



Distributing the rice provided by Patience.



Now covered with thatch.