

## **DBF, Patience and Stones Cry Out ministry support of the adult and families with Pastor Koon**

In early 2019, Patience (one of the DBF members) had an unusual dream. She perceived that God was providing direction through this dream but did not understand how. 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 somehow to help many Liberian children. (She had been helping a few Liberian orphans for several years under the care of her mother who lives in Monrovia, Liberia.)

Before Patience came to the United States, her family knew a Christian man, Jauwillie Koon, who sold ice from a wheel barrel on the streets in Monrovia, Liberia. He faithfully attended church and sang in the choir. He had a good reputation among God's people in the community.

In May of 2020, a chain of events began to occur which seem to add to the direction she perceived earlier. A few years ago, ebola wreaked havoc on the Liberian economy. In late spring of 2020, the COVID 19 pandemic compounded problems making the country very unsettled. Many people fled the cities to seek refuge in the bush living in make-shift structures.

Even prior to 2020, Jauwillie was sensing God's call to preach the gospel. Recently, to get God's direction, he prayed and fasted for 31 days. Then, he broke his fast for 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 too many to pull out. But he did pull out many. After the 9 day fast, he sensed God telling him to 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 Jauwillie told him. The man drove quite a while and dropped Jauwillie 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 believed 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 or in makeshift structures 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 Jauwillie 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, Jauwillie told Patience that there were many, many children among the people and most do not attend school. Patience then told Jauwillie about her dream that she had over a year ago and that she believed God planned to use her somehow to help these children. She wired more money and told him to build a stick house that could 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. This is the property on which the new "free" school was built during 2020 and 2021.

Jauwillie has been faithfully pastoring the people in the bush since the spring of 2020. He was instrumental in spearheading the acquisition of the property for the new "free" school and he continues

to provide oversight of it, though there is now a principle who manages a staff of teachers day to day. The church in the bush continues to grow. Several Muslim children who attend the new free school started to follow Jesus Christ in early 2021, along with their parents. Below are a few pictures of Pastor Koon baptizing some of these teenagers.



Even the Imam from the local Muslim mosque and his wife began to follow Jesus and now attend the church. The local Muslim community expelled all of the former Muslim families who now attend the church. Jauwillie Koon received threats from the Muslims but has not suffered any physical harm as of September 2021.. The Christians have given the Muslim families shelter. Even though the Muslim community has begun to express hostility, eleven of the former Muslim teens were baptized on February 6, 2021 as seen in the pictures above.

Pastor Koon has been discipling a young man named Bono Sackey. (I call him "Timothy.") During the summer of 2021, they began a church in a different area and it too is growing with well over 100 members. They decided to call it ***Stones Cry Out Church***.

**So how does DBF, Patience and Stones Cry Out ministry support this work involving Pastor Koon?**

Most of the financial support has been directed to building the school and paying the teacher's salaries. But periodically, we make shipments of food, clothing, Bibles and books to support the ministry of Pastor Koon and the members of the churches. Perhaps more important, we pray for this work because unless the Lord builds the house, those who labor do so in vain. It is evident that God has been at work providing for these downtrodden people in Liberia. Whenever God pours out His Spirit like this, the enemy works to undermine the work by causing disunity and disrupt the work and the spiritual lives of those involved.

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. Here is how you can pray:

**Pray for the men who are pastoring all these people:**

- For unity among those laboring (Satan is always trying to so discord as you know.)
- For wisdom in caring for the many people and how to administrate the leadership.
- That God will raise up many righteous men to share in the ministry.
- That God will guide them into the truth and away from cultural traditions.
- That God will provide the resources needed for effective ministry and provision for those who lead.