

CHRIST IS BORN

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” – Is. 7:14

Dear Family, Friends, Faithful Supporters,

Brenda & I would like to wish every one of you a Very Merry CHRISTmas! We thank you for the Christmas gifts we have already received! Your expressions of love and support are very encouraging and humbling.

God continues to bless the work here in Liberia. We have had a busy and fruitful month of November. Not only have I had the opportunity to preach each Sunday, I have also preached a funeral, two weddings, a ladies’ anniversary service, and revival meetings. We praise the Lord that four people trusted Christ as their Savior during the revival meetings! I was also privileged to attend a traditional dowry ceremony – *now that was an experience!*

The Bible college is moving forward very well, and we are prepared to begin classes in January. I had the opportunity to speak to the pastors at their recent annual conference meeting and present to them in detail the training they can receive. *Many of the pastors have had no formal training.* It appears we may have 20 – 30 students. I will most likely have to teach in two separate locations because it is so difficult for them to travel. The picture I have inserted is of Pastor Dahn Demey, Missionary Walt Willets, and myself. Bro. Willets sponsored the education of Pastor Demey and other pastors several years ago. Today, Bro. Demey pastors one of the largest Baptists churches in Monrovia and has a radio station that reaches millions daily (*I continue to do my weekly program: “The Hour of Truth”*). He also sponsored Bro. Edwin Gbor, who pastors the largest Baptist church in Ganta. Sponsoring national pastors for education is a very worthwhile investment. *You can sponsor a student for our college for only \$50 a semester. Without the sponsorships, most could not attend. Please consider investing in the training of these dear men.*

Pastor Kerdoe Dwanyen, Tappitah Baptist Church, Tappa Christian Academy, and I want to thank those who have responded to the great need after the terrible storm did much damage to their buildings and to the community. Because of the generous gifts, they have repaired the school and classes have resumed. The church building has also been repaired. They were also able to repair the home of blind women and continue to reach out into the community. It will still take a great amount of time and expense before everyone can return to their homes.



< **Myself, Walt Willets, Pastor Demey**



> **New roof sheeting for her home >**



We are so grateful for all the partners in ministry we have, for your prayers, sacrifices, and special gifts that enable us to serve the Lord here in Liberia; without you, we could not do the work to which God has called us. Please continue to pray for the work here and the many ministries. *We are praying for the dear people of TN and that the fires will end. We have dear friends that have lost their home in the fires.*

God’s Best,

Rick & Brenda

