



# Merry Christmas!

## **Osborn December / January Newsletter**

Dear Friends,

*“To every thing there is a season, and a time  
to every purpose under the heaven:”*

While we basically have only two seasons here in Liberia, wet season & dry season, when it comes to our service for the Lord, we are always in season, for there is always a purpose.

As we approach the end of another year and the beginning of a new year, it is good to look back at the various seasons God put us through and to see more clearly His purpose. It is also a time to look ahead with anticipation of the seasons before us.

### **Looking Back**

As I look back on this past year, I am amazed at the variety of seasons God had for us. The Bible College has now completed a full year. The enrollment increased from the first semester to the second, even in the midst of great opposition from Satan. What a blessing to see God’s grace through trials and eventually, His purpose for them!

We were blessed this past year to have several visitors from the U.S., mostly pastors, but also some teenagers. The teaching and preaching that they brought for the college and churches was wonderful, as well as going to the public schools to share the Gospel. Many souls were saved and so many more decisions made. I believe that they also went home with a greater burden for Liberia and all missions.

We have also come to know other missionaries this past year and are enjoying working together with them in the Lord’s work. The fellowship that we have is a great blessing and encouragement.

I preach almost every Sunday in different churches. I have also been involved in several conferences throughout the year. Brenda also has been invited to speak at several women’s conferences. She continues to be very active in her Sunday School ministry, training and providing materials.

The ministry opportunities continue to grow. We are realizing that we cannot do everything!

### **Looking Ahead**

As I look ahead, I see great possibilities for spreading the Gospel and discipling God’s children. Of course, as in the

past, we know not what new experiences the Lord may have for us. But we know that it will be exciting, sometimes difficult, but always with His grace and guidance.

Pray that we can finally find a good property to relocate and build Faith Baptist Church of Tinker Village. We have been looking for two years and while we are anxious, we want God to provide in His time. Surprisingly, land is not easy to come by here and even more difficult to purchase, due to constant corruption.

Continue to pray for the Bible College as we anticipate even more students this coming semester. I am grateful for other missionaries and national pastors who are now involved in the planning and teaching process.

We look forward to having more pastors and teenagers coming in 2018. The Liberians are so grateful for the time and expense taken by visitors to come and minister to them. Would you consider coming to be used of God and receive a blessing yourself?

Along with training pastors, we are also looking for areas where we can plant new churches.

**As they often say here in Liberia: “God is good, all the time! And all the time, God is GREAT!”**

**Merry Christmas and a very Blessed New Year!**

**Rick & Brenda Osborn**

