

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. *Matthew 2:10*

Osborn November / December 2018 Newsletter

Dear Ministry Partners,

As I write this, Brenda just arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah. She will be there for about five weeks watching two of our grandchildren while our son and his wife (Ryan & Marie), along with their infant daughter (Samantha), leave on Nov. 20 for China where they will receive their adopted 5 yr. old girl, Belle. This process has been a yearlong in which they saw God work in so many ways to bring this about. There were a few obstacles along the way when it seemed the door could be closed, but God kept them open. One of the greatest obstacles was the \$40,000 + they needed to make the adoption happen. What a blessing it has been for many along the way to see God provide through a variety of ways. We give God the glory but are also so very grateful to the **many** who prayed, contributed, fund-raised, encouraged, and the grants that came in at the last minute to meet this mountainous need! We are so blessed to have children who know Christ, serve Him, and are learning to step out on faith to trust Him to do abundantly above all we can ask or think. I pray that if you are facing a mountain in your life right now that this can encourage you and remind you that God truly moves mountains!

Although I miss Brenda and cannot wait until Jan. 16th when she returns to Liberia, I am thankful she can help our children while they travel and assist for awhile on their return from China. I am also happy that she will be able to spend Christmas with her parents in Iowa. She has not been able to do that for many years.

Bible College:



We are finishing the first modular of the Fall at Brookhaven Baptist College. I was not exactly certain how using DVDs would work, but the students loved Kent Hovind's series on Creation Science. Because this worked well, it will provide opportunity to use more DVD teaching tools in the future.

Along with our college classes, I am also teaching twice a week at Jake Memorial Baptist College as a substitute for Missionary Mark Sheppard who is in the States for a short furlough. It is a joy to teach those who are hungry for God's Word!

Preaching Ministry: I am blessed to preach most every Sunday in either one of our pastor/student churches or another church in the area. Unfortunately, I have had to cancel some preaching opportunities far away because of car problems. Please pray that I can get these resolved. (Not an easy thing to do in Liberia!)

I will be preaching/teaching two Wednesday nights in a local church on the Fundamentals of the Faith. Then, two conferences in December; one is a Leadership training session for several "bush" pastors and the other is a "family conference."

FBC Land / Building Project: Needless to say, this has been a roller-coaster ride to say the least. However, I am thankful for a God Who guides and directs us into His perfect Will. The Lord used this year's rainy season to make it clear to everyone that the present property is not suitable to build on. Not only did our property flood, but several of the surrounding properties. So, even if we built our building up, the flooding would still be an issue. Therefore, we once again began the search for property. Praise the Lord that after more than two years of searching and several disappointments, God wonderfully provided us with property that exceeded our expectations. We looked at single lot properties ranging from \$40,000 - \$75,000. But, we are purchasing a whole acre with two small houses on it for \$40,000. God's plan is always best! We presently have \$25,000 available because several churches contributed and patiently waited along with us for God to provide. We need to raise another \$25,000 to pay the \$15,000 balance in 5 months and \$10,000 for survey, legal fees, and a blocked security wall around the property. (This needs to be done as soon as possible.) Please prayerfully consider us for a Christmas project. Your donations would be a great investment to God's work in Liberia.

May you have a Wonderful Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year! We are grateful for each of you!

God's Best,
Rick & Brenda Osborn