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**After 21 Years, The Buor's
Return to Liberia**

On February 19th we arrived in Monrovia and immediately knew we were in Liberia because we were hit with a 95 degree wave of heat! We passed the security check point and saw about 30 excited people that had come to meet us. Christian Zarweah and Lawrenso Korquoi from LICC were leading the group. Many others had gone to the guesthouse to await our arrival. In about two hours we made our way to the city and to the guesthouse. When we arrived we joined a new group of friends and church leaders that assembled to welcome us home.

On February 22nd we took off for Ganta 150 miles from Monrovia. The distance could be covered in about 2 ½ - 3 hours, but it took us 6 ½ hours because of the poor condition of the road which had not been maintained for almost 20 years. Less than a mile from the main entrance of LICC a large group of dancers, students and staff emerged. Welcome signs made out of palm branches were planted on both sides of the small dusty road that leads to the campus. More signs were posted in the hallways inside the building. Some of the signs read, "Welcome Dr. and Mrs. Buor and team", "Thank God to ULICAF for giving us hope", and "ULICAF your vision has become a reality." A short reception was held in one of the classroom.

Yah's story: Before arriving in Ganta, we decided to make a brief stop at Yah's village of Kpain. The village is 10 miles

from Ganta and ¾ mile off the main highway from Monrovia. Kpain has seriously declined as if its very life had been drained completely. Many of the older folks have died and those remaining looked very sickly. All of the educated and young people had moved and settled in big cities like Monrovia and Ganta. We finally located Yah's parents' house where Joseph her oldest brother lives. Joseph led us to the graves of her parents since both of them had died during her 20 year absence. Now we could grieve with other family members and friends and have much needed closure. Later we had the opportunity to build grave markers for them.



Yah with borthers Joseph & Wilmot

Sei's story: After spending two nights in Ganta we traveled 35 miles south to my village of Yarsonnoh. I was desperate to see the village, old friends and the elementary school we had helped to build. I quickly realized that the village is now divided into two parts - the old village where I was raised and the new town where returning villagers relocated their homes after the war. Some of the homes have iron sheets roofs while others were the traditional thatch roofs. My mother's house stood on the outskirts of the village too. She came dancing with palm leaves in both hands. We had prayed for several years hoping to see both of our mothers again, but this was not to be. Instead my mother was the only one alive. The villagers had built a special

gathering spot to welcome Yah and me. As we sat among the villagers, the young people I saw were like sheep without a shepherd while the older folks have no means of recovering their loss. However as I looked into the faces of the young people, they were amazed to see their own brother come back home. Those who were born in my absence quickly connected and some said, "We want to go to school and be able to give back to our village like you." A few weeks after our visit, a villager, by the name of Ashmun, his father and step mother came to see me at the college in Ganta. Ashmun came to convey his appreciation for my visit and the story I told. His father and stepmother had come to assure me of their support for Ashmun so he can pursue his college education in nursing. I am praying and expecting God to touch the hearts of more young villagers like Ashmun. I invite you to join me and pray for scholarship funds for Ashmun to pursue his dream. Our ministry in Liberia through LICC has reinforced our vision to give hope to the people of Liberia. We must continue to invest in the young leaders and provide them with sound education, and spiritually ground them so that they never give up hope for their future.



Sei with his mother Rebecca

eager for redemption & renewal

Update on LICC

We commenced the construction of the second floor of Liberia International College on Feb. 22nd to create more classroom space and give opportunity for more students to enroll. By the time of our departure we had accomplished the following: raised the walls to roof level, built the rafters for the roof, installed electrical wiring, installed plumbing facilities, plastered the interior walls and installed all thirty door frames. We still need to finish plastering the exterior walls, installing doors, laying floor tiles and ceiling work and putting the zinc on the roof.

This year LICC is blessed to have 97 students enrolled in the degree programs, representing more than 12 different churches and 5 major ethnic groups. There are 16 teaching and support staff. While I was in Ganta I taught two courses, Biblical Leadership and Christian Ethics, to both freshman and sophomore students.



Schools Ready for its Roof

The \$50,000 Gift

Towards the end of 2009, Joe Williamson, an Indianapolis-based financial advisor, sent out copies of Dr. Sei Buor's book *No More War* to his clients as Christmas gifts. Around the same time, Jerry and Sylvia Coleman came to Joe for some financial advice after receiving a large sum of money. The next Saturday Sei made Joe aware of a matching grant ULICAF had received in the amount

of \$50,000 toward construction of the second floor of the college in case Joe wanted to make a year-end contribution. The following week, Joe looked at the tax implications of the Coleman's situation and determined that a charitable donation provided the Colemans the best tax savings over other alternatives. In experimenting he determined that \$50,000 would provide the optimum tax benefit. Noticing the obvious \$50,000 'coincidence' he made the Colemans aware of ULICAF's opportunity. On learning that their gift would be matched one-for-one, they chose to give to the college.

Joe arranged a dinner on December 30, 2009 with Dr. and Mrs. Buor and the Coleman's, but he didn't tell the Buors the real reason for the meeting other than that they wanted to meet the author. After the meal, Sylvia handed Sei her copy of *No More War* and asked Sei to indulge her by signing the book inside the back cover instead of on the title page. Sei agreed, and when he opened the back cover, he found a check stuck to it. At first, Sei thought the check was for a generous \$5,000. Then he looked closer. The check was for \$50,000, the entire matching gift amount! Overcome with emotion, Sei was speechless for a few moments.

While the matching gift amount was contributed during only the first month of the campaign, it was decided not to end the campaign early in order to provide everyone an opportunity to give. Although \$100,000 was the estimated cost to build the second floor, unfortunately, Liberia has a relatively high rate of inflation. There was some risk that price increases for concrete, steel reinforcing rod, and corrugated zinc roofing could exceed the budgeted amount. Continuing the campaign until its scheduled May 31 conclusion could minimize this risk.



L to R: Jerry and Sylvia Coleman, Sei and Yab Buor, Maureen and Joe Williamson

ULICAF is thanking and praising God for all the gifts received to date. Each has already been put to good use. The second floor walls are complete to the roof level, and construction is under way on the second floor porches. In fact, there has been so much activity that Bob Henninger, a volunteer instructor and computer advisor from Indianapolis, has been conducting some of his classes under a nearby tree to escape the noise! At this point we are beginning to raise funds to furnish the 2nd floor as well as continuing to raise funds for operating both ULICAF and LICC, Hope Farm Project, LICC Student Scholarships and 1 Hour for Christ Scholarship. Won't you join us by filling out the enclosed return donation slip and marking how you would like your donation to be used.

9th Annual ULICAF Conference - Thursday July 22nd – Sunday July 25th 2010

This year the conference, "Pressing Toward the Finish Line" will be highlighted by a banquet on Saturday evening. The conference will be hosted by: **Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church; 277 Hawthorne Boulevard; Glen Ellyn, IL 60137**

Please let us know in advance if you will be coming so that we can make lodging arrangements by **contacting: Karney Dunah; 1418 Green Oak Trail; Aurora IL 60506 (630) 461-1314**