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In his effort to bring hope to his fellow Jews in exile, Jeremiah writes, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." While this message was originally given to the exiled Jews around 2,630 years ago, we—as an organization and as individuals—can find renewed hope in knowing that the same God who made these promises is still alive and watching over us. As we labor for His Kingdom, we can be confident that He will use our efforts to bring about the changes needed to transform not only individuals but an entire nation. Thank you for partnering with us.

Despite the challenges, ULICAF continues to make meaningful progress in Liberia. Just a few years ago, the idea of establishing a nursing school was only a vision. Today, the nursing school is in its second semester, and student enrollment continues to grow—surpassing our expectations. God continues to provide the resources necessary to keep Liberia International Christian College (LICC) operating. All of this is made possible through your prayers and generous donations.

Russ and Ruth Schwartz have returned from their 10 weeks stay at LICC from mid-March to the end of May. Here's a summary from them about what's been happening at LICC.

• We arrived on the LICC campus about one week after Semester 1 began, so we hit the ground running. Russ assumed the role of VP of Academic Affairs and taught one class, while Ruth worked in the Business Office. This semester marked the highest enrollment yet with 600 students! In April, the school received a visit from the Liberia's Minister of Agriculture, Dr. J. Alexander Nuetah, as LICC is being considered to host the Liberia National Agriculture Fair in late fall. During chapel, he addressed the student body, emphasizing the importance of improving agriculture so that Liberia can become more self-sufficient in food production. We hope to hear soon whether LICC was selected to host the event, as it would provide valuable exposure and potentially attract future students to the college.



Dr. J. Alexander Nuetah

• As more sections of paving have been done to the roads in and around Ganta, Ruth has been able to visit villages further out with the Reader Glasses Vision Clinics. Several graduates of LICC have worked alongside her learning how to screen and fit people with the correct strength of reader glasses, so they were able to do two clinics before Ruth arrived in March. In total 740 pairs of reader glasses and 135 sunglasses were given out during 10 clinics held from February to May. We also gave out sunglasses to some very cute children in Kpein who gladly posed for this photo!

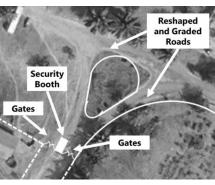


Children in Kpein

- While this is a small "side ministry" in addition to what God has called us to do at LICC, it was pure joy to see the smiles on the faces of people at the clinic done at Ganta Rehab Center. This place treats Liberians who have leprosy, Buruli ulcers and other NTD's (Neglected Tropical Diseases). Many have been abandoned by their families, are considered outcasts from their communities and live there permanently.
- God called Russ to a "very tall order" before this trip, to fully step into his role as the VP for Academics Affairs. But we serve a great God who had already paved the way before Russ even arrived on campus! Several staff had resigned from their positions shortly before the start of Semester 1, and God brought a new Acting Academic Dean that has a vision for the college that aligns with ULICAF's vision for what LICC can become. Russ shared an office with the new dean, and they were able to collaborate and make great progress toward improving the education that students will receive at LICC. There is still much work to be done, but we are so thankful for the great start and path that is
- The Fence and Security Project is nearing completion! We had hoped the actual fencing would be completed before we left in late May, but we're moving forward with raising funds to install the gates, build the security booth, do some road reshaping and grading, and installing ditches to improve the main entrance. The estimated cost is \$10,000 but it will be done in pieces as God provides the funds.

being forged!





Looking ahead to what God can do, I sincerely encourage you to continue supporting ULICAF in her mission to propagate the gospel through the transformative power of education, community outreach, and mentorship. God has a plan of hope and a better future for Liberia—a future that can only be realized through your continued involvement.

Finally, we are excited that our annual conference is just a few weeks away on July 18-20. We would be thrilled to see you at this year's ULICAF gathering to be held at HOPE Church, 7217 W Broadway, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to interact with our members, hear inspiring testimonies from our missionaries, and listen to uplifting messages from our speakers. Please contact Yeak Monneh at (763) 777-1806 as soon as possible for assistance with accommodation for the conference. If you have not yet tried authentic Liberian dishes, I encourage you to take this opportunity to experience the spiritual and cultural enrichment that comes with tasting traditional favorites like GB (so precious that we only use the initials), potato greens, and more.

With thanksgiving,

Yeak Monneh

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