



Praises & Prayer

Requests:

Praise God for my safe arrival in Liberia with ALL my luggage!

Praise God I was able to get the final injections in my knees with favorable results!

Praise God for his provision of my needs and expenses in my move!

Pray for the container that is supposed to arrive February 10 - 20, and for FAVORABLE tax treatment once it arrives.

Pray as I continue to adjust and get settled in, for my family and I to adjust to the separation.

Pray for wisdom and open doors to the work God has for me.

Pray for a PEACEFUL presidential inauguration on January 22nd.



What a blessing to see Eleanora, Jus and the kids at ELWUO!



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PRAYER LETTER—JANUARY 2018



Greetings from Liberia, West Africa. I arrived in Liberia late in the evening, Wednesday, January 10. I thank each and every one of you for your prayers, texts and messages of encouragement as I departed! It truly is a great source of strength. I thank all of you for your financial support and for the extra gifts that came in the last couple of months to help me cover some of the moving expenses. Through you, God supplied and my needs were met!

I am staying with the Rick & Brenda Osborn, Missionaries I met while on pre-field ministry. They graciously picked me and my 7 suitcases up at the airport. We are finalizing a few things but within the week I should be moving into the orphanage at ELWUO. I am unsure if this is a permanent or temporary station for me; however, until the container arrives sometime in mid-February, it will be a blessing to be with them, loving on the kids and learning the bread business!! Jus, Eleanor's son, has been conducting children's Bible clubs on Saturday afternoon and we plan on continuing that for the children in the neighborhood.

I have been blessed this week already, attending a fellowship where I had the chance to once again meet Mark & Nancy Sheppard, veteran Baptist Mid Missionaries who have been in Liberia since before the war. I had desired to get a chance to know Nancy, hoping to glean some cultural information from her in regards to the women and the best way to minister to them. I was pleased and very honored when I was invited to collaborate with her and Brenda Osborn on a Bible-based literacy program! I was even more pleased when she said she wanted to base it on Building Firm Foundations which is a chronological Bible teaching method that I was introduced to at BBTI! I already had an electronic copy of the teaching method and we will be meeting in the very near future to discuss it. I recalled how we were challenged at BBTI to put tools in our toolbox and that God would use them in the future! Very excited about this open door.

I also attended the orientation for the Brookhaven Baptist College/Jake Memorial Baptist College Spring Semester. Brother Osborn and Brother Benjamin Reimer (Missionary from Canada) teach Bible classes on Saturday morning. There were 21 students at the orientation. Brenda will be teaching a Children's Ministry Techniques class. I am going to sit in on the class and help her as I can. She has developed a "lending library" program for the Liberian churches to use the Sunday School and children's materials in their individual churches. I will be excited to add my materials to this library once the container arrives!

Yesterday, I visited the ELWUO orphanage. I couldn't help but cry to see my Liberian family again. The children laugh at my inability to understand Liberian English but they are doing their best to help me along! There are only 2 of the original children from my trip 5 years ago, Nancy, who has grown up into a beautiful young woman and Madison, who is about 10 now. They all wanted to play "games" on my phone. Kids are the same everywhere!

Today, we attended church at Temple Baptist Church. This Brother Reimer is preaching and ministering there with his family while Pastor Gbendah is on furlough, who should be joining us within the next month. I am excited about this wonderful group of Missionaries that I have the privilege of serving with! We all continue to covet your prayers as we attempt to reach Liberians for Christ and to train them to, in turn, reach their own people. I continue to be amazed at the spirit of the Liberian people. The generosity and kindness of those that have so little. I am truly thrilled to be here and thank you again for your part in making that happen!

Your Servant for Liberia,

Julie Alexander Psalm 68:5-6