

Friends of Liberia Ministries and Service To Servants,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I wanted to bring you up on some of the happenings in Liberia and among the supporters here in the United States. Pardon the lack of organization in this letter but I am preparing to leave for Monrovia in the morning and there is much left to do.

Shadrach's recent reports (people's lives impacted):

Period	Saved	Church	School	Med.Clinic	Orphans	U.S. Funding
April – May	6	179	406	120	25	\$2,800
May – June	3	165	406	154	35	\$3,125
June - July	0	170	406	150	35	\$1,886

We are still working to establish the Children's Village on a self-sustaining basis but the needs are great. I would encourage each of us to think about the above figures and compare them to the cost of our own churches before we judge too harshly.

Speaking of self-sufficiency, the good folks at Suwanee Baptist Church gave \$16,000 to purchase a refrigerated container, have it trucked to Murfreesboro for loading, then to Savannah for shipping to Monrovia and finally, to have it delivered to our facilities there where it will be setup for ice making. This should help a lot with meeting the financial needs of the Children's Village. Remember however that we believe there are at least 250 orphans and 1,200 school children that could be served in Karmo's Town if we had the financial means. Keep praying.

At [www.LiberianMinistries.com](http://www.LiberianMinistries.com) and [www.ServiceToServants.com](http://www.ServiceToServants.com) you will find pictures and the contents of the shipping container. We had several different ministries within Liberia and the U.S. that participated with us on this container shipment. If we can continue to have success in cooperating among the various ministries working in Liberia I believe we will be able to send a shared container over every 2 months rather than once per year. Pray that this will come to pass.

You may not have heard of Service To Servants yet and wonder what it is. It is a Christian not-for-profit organization that has been established to serve as many Liberian Christian organizations as possible at no cost to those being served. In summary our and primary goals are:

To encourage cooperation among the truly Christian organizations doing God's work in Liberia and their related organization within the United States realizing that cooperation will make their work more efficient and effective. We have no desire to change their doctrine, mission or funding. Our goal is to serve them. We serve primarily through the 4 following methods:

- Education & Training – Leadership training, pastor education, job skills training and other areas are planned. On November 10-11 we bring our first training event which is Crown Financial Ministries' ([www.crown.org](http://www.crown.org)) Catalytic Event. This event is designed to train 1,000 pastors and 500 business/governmental leaders in full day sessions how to conduct their finances in accordance with God's word. These being trained then pledge to train 100 additional Christians each. I've been through this training and it is life changing.
- Logistical Support – Moving materials, people and money into Liberia and moving information (about organizations and needs) out to the U.S. The recent container shipment that was shared among several

ministries is a good example of this service. In addition, an individual provided funds to start a retail store in Karmo's Town and STS has taken on the responsibility for moving the funds to Liberia and ensuring that they are used as designated. Two ministries also have mini-websites within the STS website.

- Accounting & Financial Integrity Services – This can be as simple as moving funds into Liberia for a specific ministry with the proper signed receipts or as complex as providing full accounting services to an organization.
- Entrepreneurial Services – We believe that, to the extent possible, each ministry should become self-supporting. STS provides assistance in locating capital, evaluating profit potential, training business owners and providing startup management services to Christian organizations seeking to develop in-country revenue sources. This also provides jobs to Liberian Christians where the unemployment rate is as high as 80%.

You can learn more about Service To Servants at our website.

There are many people actively working to spread the gospel in Liberia through Liberian Ministries and Service To Servants. How can you help us *Reach the Nation of Liberia for Christ*?

1. Pray daily for the work. Join our prayer teams through the website.
2. Give your time. We need people to take ownership of the various areas of service within the two groups. Managing the logistics, providing collection of materials, handling the shipping, etc. are all important.
3. Give your presence. It is hard to overstate the encouragement that the people of the Children's Village get when visitors come, take time with them, speak at church services, etc.
4. Give the money that God has entrusted you with. There are monthly needs for the orphans (\$25/month each), one time needs for special occurrences and needs for capital investments for things such as orphan housing, job training facilities, etc. Also needed are business startup funds to enable us to become self-sufficient and provide needed jobs. The new ice making business will take \$192 per day in diesel fuel to run full time. There is a need for a month's startup fuel which would be \$5,760.

I leave for Liberia Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and return to the U.S. on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. I will spend the entire time in Monrovia on this trip. The main tasks will be to work with Shadrach to get prepared for the container's arrival, to prepare a place for the new refrigeration unit (8'x40') and to develop a business plan to ensure that it will produce the maximum funds possible. I will also be meeting with several ministry and business leaders to form the two committees that will prepare for the Crown Financial Ministries' financial training event. Please pray that everything I do will bring glory to God and that the enemy will be defeated.

Your efforts (time, money & prayers) have not been wasted. The work it takes to accomplish the tasks we have taken on are difficult but perseverance is the key. God's word reminds us that when we've done everything we know to do that we're just "to stand". I pray that you will continue to stand with us in the work of reaching Liberia for Christ.