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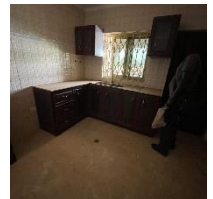
Numbers 23:23c "...What hath God wrought!"

January 2023

Happy New Year, Friends! "...Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come..." (Revelation 1:4)

As we begin a new year, I continue to be amazed at God's wisdom, protection, and provision. The transition from 2022 to 2023 has been a busy and exciting one!

In the later part of November, God began opening doors for me to **rent an apartment** in Liberia. After prayer and discussion, my authorities and I were sure it was God's will for me to go ahead and rent this place. As of **December 1st**, I have a home and office in Liberia! Many people have expressed concern for my safety on the field. This apartment is a **great place**, at a **good price**, in one of the **safer areas** of Monrovia. The landlady is a Christian and has been very easy to work with. My team mate, Monique, lives right next door and has an office space right below me. We are excited to be neighbors and co-laborers in Liberia! I'm also happy that my home isn't sitting empty in my absence. It is **already being used for ministry!** It has been used as a guest house for other missionaries and has provided storage for missionaries in transition from one area of the country to another. I'm sure God has many more plans for this space, and I can't wait to find out what they are!

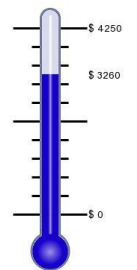


I had very few meetings in **December**, but there was still **a lot of work accomplished!** A **man** at one of my meetings, **surrendered to full-time ministry.** I have been in communication with my team mates and other missionaries to get a better idea of what will be needed to live and minister in Liberia. They have given me great suggestions about things I will need, which things to get here versus there, and how to ship it in the most reliable, cost-effective way. Several people have already donated supplies for the work in Liberia. Some helpers and I have been **working to get those things sorted, cleaned, organized, and packed.** I've had several people tell me to send a list of needs, so they can help purchase or donate those items. Lord willing, I will be sending out that list in the near future.



I hit the ground running in **January.** I've had meetings every Sunday and one Wednesday this month and had the **opportunity to teach Kindergarten** at my old school for a few days! It was an extra special blessing to **be invited to four of my supporting churches** to teach their children and give an in-person update. I also had the opportunity to **present in a new church** and **teach their ladies'** Sunday school class. I never know from one day to the next what my schedule is going to look like. There was a time when that would have thrown me into a panic, but I've come to enjoy **waiting on God and following His lead** – step-by-step and moment-by-moment.

Many have asked me when I'm leaving for the field. As most of you know, it was my prayer to be on the field by the end of January. God said "no" to that request, and I am content with His answer. His timing is best. As I wait for Him to give me the "green light", my church and I are **planning my commissioning service, gathering necessary paperwork, and preparing things to be shipped.** I'll be sending a shipment when I get to 80% monthly support.



Promised support: 79%

Thank you for your prayers regarding financial support. God has continued to bless, and I am happy to report that I now have **over 79% of my needed support.** In addition to the monthly support, God has provided an apartment, all the funds needed to move to Liberia, and a good start on the funds needed to purchase a vehicle. As I look back over the last year, I can't help but marvel at God's provision and blessing. Raising over 65% support in 12 months has only one explanation – **God has done it!!!**

Prayer Needs:

- Health and Safety while traveling
- Final funds and needed supplies to come in
- Final details of deputation and transition to field to go smoothly.

Sending Church.

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Many of you have been asking what my needs are. First, thank you for asking and seeking to help! Secondly, I have been compiling a list to send out. Below, you'll find three major areas where you can help.

Amazon List

In response to many requests, I have published a wish list. It will be updated as needs arise. The information to access it is listed below.

Online at Amazon.com

Name: Carrie Whaley

List Type: Custom, Public

List Name: Liberia

Location: North Carolina

Direct Link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2XHU5EJ44GG81?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_w1kDbl65KxqYl

Items Not Listed on Amazon

These items do not have to be new. We are happy to have any used items in good condition that you wish to donate!

- **Bibles:** We need *lots* of Bibles!
- **Gospel Tracts:** We need *thousands* of Gospel tracts! Some that have worked well are “Thank You” tracts, “Smile” tracts, “This Was Your Life” chic tract, and the “Wordless Book” cross tract. Personal testimony tracts are always good as well.
- **Betty Lukens Flannel Graph: (2)** Large sets with boards and book
- **Reproducible Bible Coloring pages**
- **Bible Song Visuals**
- **Missionary Story Books**
- **Puppets:** Male, Female, and animal puppets
- **Magic Bag (wordless book):** Store bought, home made, used – doesn't matter. These are a wonderful evangelism tool! We can use as many of these as we can get.
- **Abeka K-5 Creation to Christ Flash Cards (large set)**
- **Abeka Eclectic Readers (Full set if possible)**
- **Medical Supplies:**
 - Wheel chairs
 - Canes
 - Walkers
 - Crutches
 - Orthopedic Braces
- **Old Board Games:** If you would like to get rid of an old board game, don't throw it away. We can use the boards. Quarter-fold boards work best but half-fold boards will work, too. We use these to make communication boards for kids and adults who are non-verbal.

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• **Toys:**

- Slinkies
- Yo-yo's
- Small cars/trucks (not battery powered)
- SMALL stuffed animals
- Frisbees
- Jump Ropes
- Plastic Jungle animals
- Soft Dolls and Clothes (not Barbies)

Vehicle Fund

It is necessary for me to have a vehicle for the ministry in order to reach people in the city as well as the bush areas. Due to the unpaved, muddy roads, it is important to have a larger vehicle with 4-wheel drive suitable for rugged terrain. I have been praying the Lord would provide a reliable, rugged vehicle (similar to the one pictured below) suitable for transporting people and supplies for outreach projects in the city and bush areas. Such a vehicle will cost approximately \$38,000 for purchase, taxes, and title transfer.

If you would like to partner with this special project, please follow the giving directions for the vehicle purchase below.



Giving Directions for Vehicle Fund

- **Checks:** Written to SMW
 - **Designate:** Whaley - Special Project in the memo line
- **Online:** SilentWord.org/Give
 - Fund: Whaley
 - Sub Fund: Special Project

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