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## Serve the Children News

### Why I am going back to Liberia.

In May of this year, I had the divine opportunity to go to Liberia.



Going to Liberia was a very unique experience, and I'm really thinking that the trip was more for me than for those to whom I was able to minister. I'm thankful to God for providing a way that moved me out of my comfort zone and caused me to look at ministry in a new way.

*The children's smiles warm the heart like God warms the soul.*

While in Liberia I had the opportunity to share with children, pastors and lay people, and in turn they taught me about true worship. Maybe if we gave up some of the "stuff" we have then we could offer up true worship and praise to God.

After being exposed to how these sweet people live, and after being exposed to the joy they exhibit to the Lord (in spite of their living conditions and the horrible things they have experienced because of war) in their worship and praise, it made me examine my worship and I was filled with a sense of shame, and was led to repent.



*Liberian's dance for joy in worship and praise.*

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*God's Sanctuary  
is a safe haven;  
a refuge from  
the terror of war.*



### *Why Dr. Harrell is going back to Liberia*

I want to return to Liberia because the Lord has allowed me to see the need for the country to be built up on a biblical foundation. I want to return to Liberia because I believe that the only safe country is a saved country. I want to return to Liberia because the children need to be educated and encouraged to keep trusting God, and pastors and lay people need to be encouraged and taught to teach the basic fundamentals of the Church. I want to return to Liberia because I believe that is God's will for me! *Dr. Joyce Harrell*

### *Annual Spring Fundraiser*

Serve the Children is looking for volunteers to work on our Spring Fundraiser. We are also looking for donations for the auction. Please reply to this email if you can help.

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### May and June Mission Trips

### Plan your trip for May or June

Mission trips to Liberia are scheduled for May and June. The May team will serve from May 11th to May 25, 2009. June dates will be June 14 to June 30, 2009. We have estimated the cost for each trip to be about \$2500. Team member applications can be found on our web page. Our first team meeting will be on January 9th at 7pm at Doug Collier's home. This team will be limited to 12 people. We plan to book the plane reservations as soon as possible to ensure the lowest airfare so the first 12 people who complete an application and return it with a \$500 deposit will go.



### What will you do on a mission trip?

We plan to host a three day pastor's conference during the May trip. We have been asked to organize child evangelism programs, teacher workshops, or perhaps an immunization clinic at our new school. Playing with the wonderful Liberian children is always an option. We plan to spend one night at our new school. It is located in a very rural area of the Firestone



Rubber Tree Plantation. Conditions will be very basic and primitive and mosquito nets will be required.

*You can go,  
Serve the  
Children*

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