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Serve the Children News

May Liberia Mission Team by Dr. Doug Collier

Our five member team arrived in Monrovia on Sunday night May 10th at 8pm after a 35 hour flight including layovers. We were tired, hungry and hot. We ate a dinner of chicken, rice and plantains. This would be our nightly, staple dinner. We all went to bed early. God brought us here safely and with all of our luggage

We awoke to the sound of a rooster crowing before the 6am dawn. We would grow to hate that rooster. After a hardy breakfast, we went downstairs and visited the children and our staff at the Sinkor School where we were staying. Each class greeted us the same way “Good morning visitor, how are you this morning?” We would respond, “I am fine, how are you?” They cheerfully responded in unison, “We are fine, thank-you.” Life does not get any better.

Tuesday through Thursday, four of us worked with 81 pastors and laypeople from 30 churches teaching at a leadership conference organized by our country director in Liberia. They were as eager to learn as one of our children at school in Liberia. God is clearly using these leaders for great things happening in Liberia.

Angena stayed at the school and used skits and stories to teach our children about God. You could tell she made a positive impact by her loyal following of children. The staff appreciated her involvement in the lives of these children also.



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May Liberia Mission Team, cont.

On Friday, we visited our school at 15 Gate and passed out sponsorship packages to the children who have a sponsor. We also played with the children. In September, we will be re-opening our school at the Civil Compound about 45 minutes from 15 Gate and we visited this school. This school was re-built with funds from a Dutch organization called ZOA. The area served by this school is extremely rural and the people are very poor. Most of them tap rubber trees for a living.

Leaving is always an emotional event. You want to go home to your family and friends (running water and electricity are also a big draw) but you have had such a great life changing time that you really want to stay. Taking a mission trip with Serve the Children to Liberia or India will change your life forever. Contact STC now for more information about our 2009 trip to India or our 2010 trip to Liberia. You will never be the same.

June Liberia Mission Team

Our second Liberia Mission Team for the year leaves June 16th for Monrovia, Liberia. They will be in country until July 7th. Pray for Melissa and Aubrey Moss and Rachael Kendall as they travel to serve our staff and children. They will focus on our sponsorship program, working with sponsored children and interviewing those awaiting sponsorships. Melissa will continue her work around HIV/AIDS education programs, and they will work with the staff at both our Sinkor and 15 Gate Schools.

Fundraising

On behalf of the STC board, children, and staff, thank you for your support and generosity. The Annual Spring Auction was an overwhelming success. We raised over \$20,000 for children in Liberia and India!

Mark your calendars for our First Annual 2K Fun Run. Join us in Gig Harbor on September 19th, families are welcome.



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