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Listening to God's call

This May I return to Liberia for my 13th "mission" in 14 years. A lot has changed in Liberia. The war ended in 2003 and the entire country is rebuilding. Although I have also changed as well, my goal and the purpose of Serve the Children remains the same; to provide educational opportunities and demonstrate the hope of Christ to children who have no access to education.



The term "mission" means: *Calling* – a task of special importance, for someone sent to carry out a special purpose with love and devotion.

Further, the verb "send" is inherent with the word mission. In Latin, mission is *missus*, from which we

derive the English word missile. Basically, mission from a Christian view means God's projectile hurled into the world.

Behind the Latin word *missus* is the Greek work *apostolos*, which means sent one. Jesus called 12 men to follow him, trained them as apostles and sent them into the world. They were called on a mission trip.

In modern times, mission is more than traveling to a third world country to help people. Mission is the Church in motion. It embraces evangelism, social action, church planting, Christian education, compassion, and justice. Are you "*called*" to go on a mission trip? It takes a person to hear God's call and be ready to step outside their comfort zone and practice their faith.

God's mission may be as simple as air in your lungs to bring laughter and smiles to children.

Doug has learned, simply blowing bubbles is a way to express God's love in the war-torn country of Liberia.

Being an apostle has many forms.

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*The prayer of a
righteous man
availeth much.*

Please **pray** for our team members during their scheduled mission call.

May 11-29, 2010 team to Liberia: Doug Collier, Bill Herried, Joyce Harrell, and Julie York. We plan to train pastors and lay people in areas of leadership and provide immunizations.

June 15-26, 2010 Mercedi Benien, Sani Chartudomdej, Antoinette Dillon, Chad McMillan, Heidi Otis, Chad Rieck, Kathy Rooks, Alison Sprague, and Rachel Tweet. This team will be involved with child evangelism and teacher workshops.

October 16-30, 2010 to India include Noel Canifax, Luanne Collier, Doug Collier, Cleveland Futch, Aubrey Moss, Kristin Repp, Sara Sandefur, and Jodi Smith

*Doug with
children in India,
enjoying God's
special treats.*

Also, consider going on a mission trip as you hear God's call.



If you are sponsoring a child or staff person in Liberia, the May and June teams can take in letters and very small packages for you.

Mark this date: **Saturday June 5th** - Serve the Children Spring Fundraising Dinner at Centerpoint Christian Church in Tacoma. More information to follow soon, so watch your mail and email.

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*10 ways you
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Support Education, Food, and Shelter

Without your support, countless children would have no hope for their daily essentials. Thank you for your support.

Here are ten other great ways you can help STC:

1. STC prayer time: First Saturday each month at 10 AM.
2. Join our Board. We meet quarterly and have two openings.
3. Become a volunteer. Writing grants, web page support, sponsorship program.
4. Go on a short term mission trip to Liberia or India.
5. Ask a friend to sponsor a child: \$25/month, teacher for \$50/month.
6. Buy online? Two online marketplace web sites (GoodShop.com or IGive.com) donate a percentage of purchases to STC. Can choose from hundreds of merchants shopping, exactly the same as retail websites.
7. Search the web? Try GoodSearch.com. This Yahoo powered search engine has a social mission and makes donations to STC!
8. Volunteer for Spring Fundraiser, June 5th. Our major event of the year needs you! From securing donations, to set up and take down, etc.
9. Have a web page? Consider adding a link from your site to ours.
10. Contact STC to schedule a speaker for your Bible study, small group or Sunday school class, or your missions committee.

Your support is greatly appreciated by the children in Liberia, India, our STC Board and our Staff. You make a direct impact on the lives of over 1,000's of children.

Thank you.

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