



DEATH *to* LIFE

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Dear CERT Family,

I WRITE THIS WITH TEARS FLOWING ...

"We just found out that a 48 year old female patient was lying dead in a village hut very near our clinic ... the whole day yesterday. Why you ask? She was turned away from the local hospital because she had no money to pay for treatment. Her family was rushing her to our clinic because they heard we were going to be there providing FREE medical care.

Unfortunately the patient did not make it. The pastor just told us today, as he did not want to discourage us from all the good that was going on yesterday in our clinic. Imagine living in a country that turns people away who have no money or insurance, no matter how sick the patient is. From the symptoms we heard about the patient, it was something we could have treated! Mission trips save lives, not just spiritually but also physically." (Michele Wyatt, CERT Staff, Liberia team leader ... penned 4.14.21)

Tragic, heart-ripping news straight from the mission field. Literally, you can feel Michele's hurt and frustration dealing with the stark realities of LIFE & DEATH in a developing nation. Yes, our mission is to bring all to faith in Jesus Christ, and providing for physical needs is the example Jesus modeled to show all His saving love. Cross-roads like these shape and guide our lives ... FOREVER! ***Onward to Jerusalem ...***

Stories like the one above spur our emotions and Spirit, providing greater empathy and compassion to answer God's call ... **WHATEVER IT TAKES LORD ... HERE AM I, SEND ME.** If we are not careful, we might digest the sting of death and miss the greater calling ... we must be about our Father's business, we must be His witnesses. (Acts 1:8)

FROM DEATH TO LIFE ... "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." (John 12:24)

Because a small medical team died to self and went to Liberia ... because supporters like you fell to the ground, giving and praying so others could go ... two Liberian journalist came to know Jesus Christ! These two journalist; Emmanuel and Pewu, lived and traveled with the team all week covering the clinics, witnessing everything that was going on.

And on the very last clinic day, Emmanuel and Pewu could no longer deny Jesus' great love for them, and they too decided to lay down their lives and follow Jesus. Our local partner, Pastor Alfred baptized them both that day (photos right). Thanks be to God and you, two more souls were rescued from **DEATH TO LIFE** in Jesus!



Saving Lives & Healing Hearts Since 1974

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON *LIFE* AND TESTIFY TO THE GOOD ... BECAUSE GOD IS GOOD AND DEAR FAMILY LIKE YOU MAKE *GOOD* HAPPEN !!!

One night, our CERT team had dinner with the Honorable Saah Joseph, a senator in Liberia. His love and desire to help his people poured from his heart. He has been working in these villages for years. His vision to help the people with ongoing and future projects are life changing and much needed. The team had the opportunity to go and see some of these projects.

Senator Saah has committed to building four vocational schools throughout his district. The first is under construction and will hold 3500 students (photo right), a fourth floor to be added. The schools will be FREE for all to attend once finances have been raised and the schools are complete. Bible studies will be taught as part of the curriculum for all students who attend; Truly Good News! These schools are being built in some of the most rural areas where there is a great need for teaching and training.



They recently purchased another 50 acres for the second school which will accommodate 7000 students. This facility will also have dormitories so students can focus solely on their studies. The team was also able to visit and see numerous villages and the people whose lives will be transformed by these life building projects.

BECAUSE YOU PRAY ...

BECAUSE YOU GIVE ...

BECAUSE YOU GO ...

... in 5 days of clinics your small CERT team (photos right) treated **1252** patients, gave out **2044** free prescriptions and **452** pairs of reading glasses. And **two** local journalist are now writing about Jesus.



THIS IS TRULY GOOD NEWS!!!

Thank you CERT family for your faithful prayers and support. It seemed like forever, but thanks be to God and you, we were able to return to the foreign mission field. Thank you ... Thank you !!!

Due to political unrest and COVID restrictions our Lebanon trip scheduled for May 12th had to be canceled. This is a difficult chew as we had a strong team anxious to go love on the Syrian refugees. Please keep praying as we navigate today's times and humbly follow Jesus unto the ends of the earth ... until the whole world knows Him.



Always praying,



Bruce Rainwater

CERT Staff

PS ... THANK YOU FOR PRAYING ... THANK YOU FOR GIVING ... THANK YOU FOR GOING ...