

The REIMER Family



Dear prayer warriors,

November 12, 2024

Thank you for taking the time to read this update letter, and for bringing our family and ministry before the Lord in prayer. We are eternally grateful for your investment!

- **Evangelism** - Over the past couple of months, it has been a blessing to have a couple of our young people join me for evangelism. We had a good conversation with a group of young men who were surprisingly Biblically illiterate, we spent more than an hour talking to an elderly woman who is a Seventh Day Adventist, and we led two young men to the Lord! I have been meeting with a couple who is planning to get married in December, and after going through several months of Bible studies with them, they have now both put their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation!
- **Baptisms** - We praise the Lord for the direct answer to prayer as S.G. submitted to believer's baptism and was added to the church a few weeks ago. Another young adult, J.D. was baptized this past week as well!
- **Marriage Conference** - We hosted our second annual marriage conference with mixed results. We had a lower attendance than expected, which was quite disappointing. However, a number of the attendees gave testimony of how God worked in their life through the sessions. Several of the sessions dealt with forgiveness and conflict resolution, and one of the most powerful testimonies was given by an elderly woman who is a widow, who said that after attending some of the sessions, she asked God why she hadn't heard this teaching earlier in her life, as it would have made a big difference. She said that even now it would impact her relationships within the community.
- **Children's Ministry Retreat** - Over 20 of our church children took part in a Children's Ministry retreat comprised of seven different churches and over 250 children. They quoted Scripture, took part in Bible quizzes, and enjoyed some outdoor games as well.

• **Family News**

-A bad cold had been making the rounds in our home, and through it we found out that Micah has similar respiratory issues as Emmalyn. He was hospitalized for one night before being released and being given the same protocol as Emmalyn.

-Jackie's pregnancy continues to progress as we get closer to the expected arrival of our baby in early January. Please pray for the rest of her pregnancy to go well, and for a smooth and healthy delivery.

-As our children get older, it is a blessing to see them be able to take a more active role in various ministry opportunities and activities. I am reminded that I am not only mentoring and discipling Liberian believers, but my own children as well.

Looking Ahead

-The year is quickly coming to an end, and that means that I will get a 3 week break from my own classes, our children will get a break from their school, Jackie will bring a new baby into this world (no break for her), and I finalize our ministry schedule for next year.

• **Praise and Prayer**

- **Pray for** E.D. to be baptized,
...lasting fruit from the marriage conference,
...a smooth, safe, and healthy delivery of baby,
...overall health for our family.
- **Praise God for** the baptisms of S.G. and J.D.,
...several professions of faith,
...the physical and spiritual growth of our family,
...the development of the church property!

Ever grateful,

Benjamin & Jackie Reimer and family

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(1-2) Puzzling and colouring together, (3-4) Alexis, our girl of many expressions, (5-6) Micah in the hospital in respiratory distress, and back home enjoying his trains, (7) big smiles all around at the opportunity to visit a local library and borrow a tote full of books, (8) Levi helps dad work on a kitchen cupboard, (9-11) Emmalyn with her 'treasures' and her dog, and a new dog we got, (12) a beautiful double rainbow over Monrovia.



(1-3) Baptisms are always a great church event, (4-6) investing in future Liberian spiritual leaders by mentoring and training, (7) we enjoyed great teaching at the marriage conference, (8-9) over 20 of our church kids took part in an annual Children's Ministry conference, (10-11) Micah with his little Liberian friend, and his big daddy friend, (12-13) sword drill time, and our four oldest girls singing a special in church, (14) helping move sand for a church construction project, (15) meeting with four Liberian pastors regarding church planting, (16) enjoying an evening with some long-time missionary friends.

Introduction to Liberian English

Liberian English word - lappa: [lapa] n., African cloth. Bright in color and sold in two yard lengths. Commonly wrapped around the waist and worn as a skirt by women. Also used to carry babies on the back. *A wan back da baby wif de lappa. You muh plea help me, yah?* (I want back the baby with the lappa. You must please help me, you hear?) "I want to tie the baby on my back with the African cloth. Could you please help me?"

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