

Back in the Bush Mission Letter #7....2006

Greetings to all,

Three months??? Where has the time gone? But, I am positively ready to go home. It's time to put my bucket of cold water aside and enjoy a hot shower. One forgets what running water is. And ice cream?? What is that??

We have been without email for most of the week and I am sending this letter from Phebe Hospital. I hope no one had anything important to tell me. Butch, Jim and I are spending Saturday here before our trek to Roberts Field for our Sunday evening flight to Brussels than on to JFK. Not knowing when a rain storm blows in making the first half of the trip from Curran impassable, we decided to play it safe and go to Phebe Hospital a day ahead. Besides, this will give us some time to spend with our friends at Phebe and I can gather all the information sheets and pictures for the 2006/2007 Tuition Sponsorship Program.

By the time you read this I will probably be over the Atlantic Ocean or maybe even have reached home, taking a hot shower.

Butch and Jim Foster have spent most of their last days inventorying our tools preparing them for 9 months of storage awaiting the 2007 US work team.

I have spent the last few days putting finishing touches on various things on the Curran Lutheran Hospital phase #1 project.

Last week end, Bishop Harris along with numerous others of the Lutheran Church in Liberia and even members of the press made the long drive to Curran to tour the newly renovated hospital. They were to arrive early Fri evening but only reached us about 1:30 AM Saturday morning.

We had a good bit of rain and the long dirt road from Gbarnga to Zorzor soaked with water is more dangerous than any snowy roads in Pa. They said their travel was slowed to about 10 MPH due to slippery roads and stuck vehicles blocking the road.

On Saturday when Bishop Harris and friends got a chance to tour the hospital, everyone was extremely excited to see the big change from a roofless shell to a finished facility. Praise God!!

Thank you all for your faithful prayers. This Curran Hospital rebuilding was an amazing project. To come to a point of completion as we did in about 11 weeks, even with all our handicaps and struggles working so far back in the bush, would have to have been blessed by God to finish when we did. You could see His hand at work in so many places. Pretty neat!

He heard your prayers and ours too. And now as the hammers are put away, the healed building is readied for His miracles of healing the sick.

Thank you Father, for your faithfulness.

In His service - gary