

Greetings and wishing you all a Blessed Christmas,

Time passes so quickly and projects that once seemed so far in the future are now just right around the corner.

If we can jam everything laying on the floor into our suitcases, Deb and I will be headed to the airport Thursday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. We thank God for the opportunity to serve as Christ's extended hand bringing help to our brothers and sisters in Liberia. We also thank God for my daughter and her family house sitting for us. We are traveling earlier this year as we need to set up a construction site back in the bush at Day Memorial Church ahead of an Upper Susquehanna work team coming from the States mid Jan. Yes....a tent city back in the bush!! Pretty exciting!

We will be building a 13 X 30 storage building to keep our tools and supplies. After Day Memorial's reconstruction is complete, the local school will use our warehouse building as the first phase of their school building complex.

After about 4 to 6 weeks at Day Deb and I will be moving our efforts to Curran Lutheran Church in Sanoyea.

We will be doing some much needed repairs to the church as well as renovating the parsonage.

The last construction project will be a girl's dorm at Feleta Children's orphanage. This is a personal project of Butch and Jim Foster and the Winters family. These kids are really neat and it will be a very gratifying project.

Deb will again be conducting teacher training workshops. All the locations are not yet known as it depends on our timing and how many American volunteers join her team.

We will be gathering the TSP student information and pictures for the 2010-2011 school year. This will be our 11<sup>th</sup> year and we praise God for His provision over the past 10 years and we look to Him in faith for another great year. We have acquired 2 small Note Pad computers and will incorporate them in the information gathering. With the number of TSP students now approaching 1500 we need to make our efforts as efficient as possible. One neat addition that we are doing this year is giving every TSP student a tract that will let that student know it is the love of Jesus Christ that brought them a sponsor and of the greatest gift of all that Jesus paid for their salvation!

The efforts at Day Memorial Church will be bitter - sweet as we grieve the loss of a missionary friend instrumental in the planning of this renovation. Jerry Freeze went home to be with the Lord Dec 8<sup>th</sup> after a painful battle with cancer. Jerry wanted so very much to be part of the work team renovating Day Memorial Church but it was not meant to be. One day we will all understand these things. Jerry and his wife Doris had spent many years in Liberia over a 30 year period. His quick inventive mind and genuine concern for those in need will greatly be missed. We lift up in prayer Doris, their 4 children, and 18 grandchildren as they grieve their loss.

In closing, we ask for prayers of safety in travel and work, and productivity and wisdom in our projects. We pray not to forget the real reason we are there. It's not just to hammer nails and saw wood, molding building back into shape but to touch lives in the name of Jesus Christ allowing the Master Potter to do the molding. We are all work in progress in His hands!

In His service  
gary & deb winters

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Fingers crossed, we should have access to e-mail back in the bush.