

Greetings all,

It is with great excitement that Deb and I are looking at our first trip back to Liberia since the Ebola outbreak caused chaos across Liberia almost 2 years ago. We are anxious to see all our good friends again.

To make sure all our work gets accomplished within our two week stay three volunteers will accompany us: Sandy Nelson, a seasoned missionary serving numerous times in Liberia, and Sarah and Andrew Hostetter, a young couple both having missionary experience, will be making up our team.

Sarah and Andrew are students of Deb's and will also be using this experience as an independent study course for Palmer Theological Seminary. They will be interviewing the principals at three of the schools where we sponsor children and analyzing various options the schools may have to become self-sustaining or at least helping to bring their tuition costs down so that it can become more affordable for parents to send their children to school. We are looking forward to reading their report!

We are thankful for Gary's daughter Jackie who will be overseeing our affairs, and our good friend who will be watching our home while we are away.

I was reading in my devotions the other morning Proverbs 16:9, We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps. (NLT) For all the planning we do, there are no two mission trips that are ever the same. We go in faith resting in the fact that God is directing our steps. We covet your prayers for a safe and productive trip.

Your friends in Christ,

gary and deb