

WE'RE STILL IN THE BUSINESS OF TRANSFORMING LIVES - ONE PERSON AT A TIME

Colossians 2:2-3, NIV

As we look back on this past year, we are reminded yet again that followers of Jesus are not immune to the pains and hurdles of this world. We are reminded of the unprecedented territory we were forced to navigate as a global pandemic ripped through the lives of people, our family included, across the world. A global pandemic forced the world to come to a deafening halt. God's purpose however – His plan for the students of PHI Academy, for the academy itself, for the nation of Liberia – never stopped. There are no words to fully articulate how grateful and thankful we are for your continued prayers, generosity, and overwhelming support. Support we received during the tumultuous seasons of the past year and the support we continue to receive as we enter this next season.

UPCOMING MISSIONS

DENTISTRY - Over the past two years we have been praying about the future expansion of our ministry in Liberia. A team of leaders from Southeast Christian Church accompanied us to our home country earlier this year. During the visit, the team was made aware of the immense lack of reliable healthcare infrastructures in the nation. Liberia has a population of over five million people. Of these five million people, there a total of five dentists – only two of whom are fully certified. This harrowing statistic had an exceptional tug on the heart of Dr. Charlie Vittitow, a retired dentist, and the Mission Pastor at Southeast Christian Church. Dr. Vittitow. The SECC team immediately began plans to assemble dental training for Liberian church members. By training members of the church, this dentistry venture will be another means for evangelism throughout the country.

OPTOMETRY - During the trip to Liberia the team also learned about the absence of optometry practices in the country. After careful planning and prayers between the team and ourselves, we initiated our next mission. We hope to offer free eye exams and screenings to the residents and students in the communities surrounding PHI Academy. Our hope is to offer prescription glasses and reading glasses to the visually impaired in the area.

These healthcare initiatives are all part of a greater vision for the empowerment of the Liberian community. We continue to pray for a full transformation of hearts of the Liberian people. By centering the training, treatment, schooling, and pastoring around Christ, we hope to slowly embed the word of God into every life sector of the Liberian culture.



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THE ANNEX

We began the construction of an annex building this August due to the limited space of the original six-room school building. Southeast Christian Church donated eleven laptop computers for a full computer lab shortly after annex construction began. This additional space is set to hold our 7th grade class as well as this new computer lab. We were forced to temporarily put this project on hold during construction due to lack of funds. This setback required us to convert the teachers' offices into a classroom for the 7th graders. The teachers are currently officing out a living room in our guest house next door until the annex is completed. Once funds are available, we hope to have the teachers back in their own space and the annex completed before the New Year.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. **Pray for our students and their parents.** Poverty in Liberia is at an all-time high. Most of the families of our student population struggle to make ends meet daily.
2. **Pray for Beth, Tony, and a team as they make their way back to Liberia.** Beth will be traveling to Liberia at the end of November and will remain in the country for three weeks. Tony and a team of three others will be joining Beth at the beginning of December. We will be overseeing the completion of previous projects related to the school, as well as laying the groundwork for the new healthcare missions. Please pray for everyone's safety.
3. **Pray for our teachers.** Pray that God will continue to provide the means to give our teachers their monthly pay as they invest their time into our students' futures.
4. **Pray for the annex funding.** Our prayer is that this project will be completed by the end of the year.
5. **Pray for transportation.** The ministry is in need of a reliable vehicle for transportation around and outside of the city. Transportation is imperative for ministry outreach in the surrounding villages.

We update family, friends, and supporters weekly with praise and prayer updates via the mobile app called "WhatsApp". If you would like to receive these updates on our ministry you can simply add your name to the "Friends of Petals of Hope" group via the app. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

In Him Always,

Elizabeth and Tony Weedor