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LIBERIA

LOVING THE LEAST OF THESE



Orphans in Liberia are often accused of witchcraft. So are the disabled, the elderly, and anyone who doesn't fit neatly into the rest of society. These accusations seem to be based on the superstitious belief that those who suffer misfortune do so as a result of their own involvement in the occult. And there's plenty of misfortune to go around.

In Liberia's recent history, the country has faced HIV/AIDS, a civil war, Ebola, and now the COVID-19 pandemic. These events have left many poor, disabled, and orphaned. The orphans in particular are vulnerable to being trafficked, recruited into crime, forced into child labour, sexually assaulted, and victimised in other ways.

Thankfully, there are kind-hearted believers in Liberia who have opened orphanages to care for these children — often at great personal sacrifice. Others organise associations for the blind, providing them with the support and community they desperately need. And in both cases, Every Home for Christ Liberia is there for them.

Ministry Director Jonel Weeks organised an outreach to visit four orphanages and three associations for the blind — as well as all of the homes in the surrounding areas.

The children at the orphanages and the families at the associations for the blind gathered to welcome their unexpected visitors. It wasn't long before their curiosity turned to joy.



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They clapped their hands and even sang for the team as donated gifts were unloaded from the Pioneer Missionaries' vehicles. At each location, the EHC team provided rice, cooking oil, soap, Clorox, masks and gloves, information about disease prevention, and — of course — the hope of the Gospel of Jesus. Even the blind received the printed pages, knowing that their families could read them aloud and share in the message. Hundreds of orphaned children and families of the blind received ministry.



“We didn’t know what the kids would eat today,” said Mrs. Isata Momo, who runs the Lye Orphanage Home. “But God has surprised us and provided through EHC. We are more than grateful!”

In addition to sharing much-needed material goods with these often overlooked communities, the EHC team also shared the Gospel home-to-home in the surrounding neighbourhoods. By the end of the outreach, over 15,000 families had heard the Good News. Many were amazed to see a Christian organisation showing God’s love in such a practical way and at such a challenging time. The team has since heard many testimonies by phone and by email.

“The humanitarian gifts, a gesture to the less privileged and vulnerable groups, were a bridge used to reach every home in each of these communities with the Gospel,” Jonel shared.

Not only did the team reach those without Christ, but a unique partnership was also formed. Beyan Koty, President of the CAB National Resource Centre of the Blind, promised to have EHC gospel literature transcribed into braille for the blind. This gives the EHC team a new opportunity to take the Gospel to a marginalised people group who otherwise couldn’t be reached directly with printed literature.



Jonel Weeks, EHC Liberia Ministry Director

The photos shown here, though beautiful, cannot fully convey the difference made by this outreach. These children and these families often feel rejected by society — but they received a different message from Jonel’s team.

“To us, you are special,” Jonel told a classroom of orphans — special enough for Jesus to go the Cross for you and for you to know it.



Update from Lebanon

Hundreds were killed and thousands injured when a series of explosions devastated Beirut's large port on August 4th. The Every Home Lebanon team describes the event as "worse than what the 15-year-long civil war left behind."

"The sadness we see on a daily basis as we are scanning homes and fixing the damage is indescribable," writes Lebanon Ministry Director Simon Ibrahim*. "We sit with people who have lost their homes and listen to them as they share their memories with us and talk about how life is just like a vapour that can disappear in a moment."

Simon's team immediately put together a plan to respond by "fixing the fixable." If a home can be recovered, they will help to put it back together. Lebanon was suffering an economic crisis even before the explosion, so many families will not be able to recover without this help.

Their goal is to fix 100 homes in the next month while sharing the gospel in the surrounding neighbourhoods. They expect to reach a total of 20,000 families.

Simon and his team encountered one man who was crying alone. He had lost all of his loved ones and couldn't understand why he was still alive."

We sat with him and talked with him, and he prayed with us and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ," Simon writes. "This explosion opened the doors for us to share the gospel with hundreds of people who would have never been reached any other way."

Please join us in praying for the truth and love of Jesus to spread in Lebanon right now.

*Pseudonym used for security.

ZAMBIA

"THE CHIEF COUNCIL CHASED ME FROM THE VILLAGE FOR ACCEPTING CHRIST"

The African Traditional Religion is the oldest religion in Zambia and Africa as a whole, focusing its belief in the spirits, a Creator, the dead, ancestors, sacred places, and magic among other faiths. Animism and other traditional religions emphasise communal ceremonies and rites, believing that the gods and the spirits are appeased through sacrifices while the powers and the will of gods are sought through divination. With the spread of Christianity in Zambia, traditional religious beliefs are slowly fading, however, this testimony below shows the power traditional religion can still have over the men of Zambia.

"My name is Maimbo Kaindu aged 44 years and a resident of Moomba in the South Western Province. I am the only son in a family of 5 and the tradition of our tribe - the Lenje - is that male children should inherit whatever their parents, especially the father, owns when he passes away. My father was a shrine Priest for the Chief. He used to speak on behalf of the gods and he was a respected man in the village.

One eventful day some Zambia Every Home For Christ Pioneer Missionaries came to our village but I have always ignored the Christians who come to our area to share the word of God. To my surprise, when the Zambia EHC Team visited the village to share the Gospel of Jesus, they visited my home. I warmly welcomed them and so did my grandmother.

They introduced themselves and someone shared with me an interesting story from a tract, "The Slave Who Refused to be Redeemed." I couldn't understand the logic behind the story but **when he told me that I was that slave in the story we read, I laughed at him.**

I told him that I was no slave, that I was a free man, besides which I was to be the shrine Priest for the great Chief of our land which is a rare opportunity for anyone chosen to do so. The Pioneer Missionary listened but then explained it to me from the Bible.

I FELT GUILTY AND CONVICTED IN MY HEART AND AT THE END OF OUR DISCUSSION, I MADE A DECISION AND I RECEIVED CHRIST AS MY LORD AND SAVIOUR.

As if that was not enough, I recommended that none of my children will ever be appointed Priest for the Shrine, not even from others from the family line. At my bidding, the Shrine was burnt to ashes in front of many of the villagers. This decision angered the Chief Council and they asked me to leave the village.

In spite of this, I have remained in the village and have asked that a Christ Group be opened at my house, vowing not to leave the village until other key Council Leaders come to the Lord."

Please pray for my village.



Mooba dance is the main dance of the Lenje people



Jesus Changes Everything

**You might have expected
gospel outreach
to stall during
the COVID-19 pandemic.**

But no — The gospel is still advancing!

This is a unique time for sharing Jesus.

SAMOA

The government of the island nation of Samoa issued a stay-at-home order, and harsh penalties were in place for those who violated this rule. But our team is now partnering with the National Health Services of Samoa to distribute important information about COVID-19 along with "personal hygiene packs." This partnership gives the team permission to visit people's homes — and of course, they share the Gospel with every visit. Praise God for making a way!



EAST TIMOR

Atauro Island lies off the northern coast of East Timor. Most of the inhabitants make their living by fishing. The East Timor team visited this island with gifts of food and other needed items. "Praise God for His grace and for supporting all our efforts in the field of evangelism," they report. "He continues to bless all of our work."



ALBANIA

Ministry Director Akil Pano has been active in sharing God's Word on social media, and our Albania team has mailed Bibles to many people. "We make their dreams come true," the team reports. "We can't describe the joy that they had when they received the Bibles. They are reading with so much thirst." In addition, the team has partnered with local churches to provide both food and gospel literature to homes in multiple locations.



In a world in need of help,
we do all we can to make a difference.
But there is only one form of help
that has an eternal impact,
only one message
that tells people how they can be saved
— **the gospel.**

*Your gift ensures
that families
will get to hear about
the life-saving truth and love
of Jesus!*

Let's Pray!

OCTOBER 2020

Bible Readings: This month the daily text will be taken from the books of 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians and Galatians.

For those wanting to do the one-year Bible reading program these chapters are in brackets.

1 PRAY FOR DICK AND DEE EASTMAN Dick is the International President of Every Home for Christ with a large responsibility for EHC ministries across the world. **1 Corinthians 6 (Jeremiah 21, 34)**

2 PRAY FOR DEAN & MURIEL LLEWELLYN Dean is the United Kingdom Board Chairman living in Northern Ireland and has served Every Home for Christ for many years. **1 Corinthians 7:1-20 (Jeremiah 37-39, 52)**

3 PRAY FOR ADRIAN & LAURA STONE Laura and Adrian have served the United Kingdom Every Home for Christ for many years, both in the office, and Adrian on the UK Board of Directors. **1 Corinthians 7:21-40 (Jeremiah 40-44)**

4 PRAY FOR ERIC & LORRAINE LEACH Pray God will guide Eric in his leadership on the United Kingdom Board and as Executive Director in Australia and New Zealand. **1 Corinthians 8 (Lamentations 1-5)**

5 PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY - sons, daughters and grandchildren, plus others to come to Christ. Get a piece of paper and write down their names. Get their photos and pray every day for their salvation; eternity without Christ is a long time! **1 Corinthians 9 (2 Chronicles 36:1-8, Daniel 1-4)**

6 ESTONIA Pop. 1,300,000 Map. 97 The team in Estonia is generating new plans and ideas for outreach. They ask for prayer that Jesus will guide the process and the Holy Spirit will inspire each brother and sister involved. They want to see God glorified in everything they do. **1 Corinthians 10 (Daniel 5-6)**

7 MOZAMBIQUE Pop. 31,300,000 Map. 8 Armed militant groups have attacked communities in the northern province of Cabo Delgado. The majority of fatalities are believed to be unarmed civilians, mostly women and children. Please pray for peace in this nation and for the restoring and redeeming power of the Gospel to be known there. **1 Corinthians 11 (Daniel 7-9)**

8 BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA Pop. 3,300,000 Map. 70 The team faces two threats during outreach. One is COVID-19; Bosnia and Herzegovina are currently "red zones" for infection. The other is that they will be working in an area where many Muslims live. Please pray for their protection and for the Spirit to prepare hearts to receive the Gospel. **1 Corinthians 12 (Daniel 10-12)**

9 BRAZIL Pop. 212,600,000 Map. 218 The team reports that they have been in quarantine for 110 days. During this period, reports of family violence have increased by 55%. Please pray for the Lord to sustain and deliver all those who are suffering. Pray that the Gospel will somehow reach these families and change them. **1 Corinthians 13 (2 Chronicles 36:9-21, Psalm 137)**

10 CREATIVE ACCESS Please pray that the gospel literature recently shared in villages and cities would be well received. Pray that hearts would be soft to the message and that many would come to Christ. And pray for believers in these areas to be strengthened. **1 Corinthians 14:1-20 (Ezekiel 1-3)**

11 MYANMAR Pop. 54,400,000 Map. 135 Teams across Myanmar are holding various evangelism trainings and discipleship courses. They ask for prayer that these times of instruction will be fruitful and that many would come to know the Lord deeper through the study and the sharing of His Word. **1 Corinthians 14:21-40 (Ezekiel 4-11)**

12 ZIMBABWE Pop. 14,900,000 Map. 9 This team is launching a "Be Fruitful and Multiply" app for discipleship. They are also sharing God's Word through talk shows. Please pray that both of these outlets will deliver transformative lessons and generate an audience of spiritual seekers. May many come to Jesus as a result. **1 Corinthians 15:1-29 (Ezekiel 12-17)**

13 AUSTRIA Pop. 9,000,000 Map. 80 Please pray that people in Austria will not be hindered from accepting Jesus because of bad experiences with churches in the past. Pray that many would respond to the team's online teachings, messages, and books. The team hopes to get in touch with many people to share the Gospel. **1 Corinthians 15:30-58 (Ezekiel 18-20)**

14 CREATIVE ACCESS Please pray for young believers in this nation. They face high levels of persecution, including pressure to de-convert and even violence. Please pray for these young people to grow in their faith and become strong in the Word and in the Spirit as they share the Gospel with others with both wisdom and boldness. **1 Corinthians 16 (Ezekiel 21-24)**

15 REP. OF CONGO Pop. 5,500,000 Map. 20 Praise the Lord for many recent conversions. One was a retired army officer. Another was the chief of Makana. When the chief came to faith, so did his whole tribe! Please pray for these new believers to be disciplined in Christian community so they can grow in their new faith. **2 Corinthians 1 (Ezekiel 25-28)**

**Write your prayer request
and we will pray for you too!**

16 **SPAIN** Pop. 46,800,000 Map. 60 This team is using a new piece of gospel literature called "Starting Over". It's designed for people who have lost someone or something important to their lives. Please pray that each person who receives this material will see it as an opportunity to start a new life in Christ. **2 Corinthians 2 (Ezekiel 29 - 32)**

17 **INDIA** Pop. 1,380,000,000 Map. 129 In one area of this nation, gospel literature is used by 90% of churches. During the COVID-19 lockdown, the demand for this material has been higher than ever, but the lockdown has also made delivering the material difficult. Please pray that God will make a way for these churches to get and use the literature. **2 Corinthians 3 (Ezekiel 33 - 35)**

18 **MEXICO** Pop. 128,900,000 Map. 178 Mexican pastors are being significantly affected by COVID-19. More than 150 older pastors with health problems, died of the disease in one month alone. Please pray for God to protect Mexico's pastors. **2 Corinthians 4 (Ezekiel 36 - 39)**

19 **CREATIVE ACCESS** The community of "V" is experiencing a lot of persecution. Several people have been arrested and remain in prison. Please pray that old and new believers in this village will stand strong in their faith - even in the face of opposition - and grow in maturity to become a great witness to the surrounding community. **2 Corinthians 5 (Ezekiel 40 - 42)**

20 **SLOVAKIA** Pop. 5,500,000 Map. 81 A military pastor has contacted the team because he would like to partner with them. He is interested in spreading the Gospel over the internet and starting evangelistic discussion clubs. He has asked for a large quantity of gospel literature. Please pray for this partnership to be fruitful. **2 Corinthians 6 (Ezekiel 43 - 48)**

21 **CREATIVE ACCESS** This team was hiding its gospel literature in one believer's home, but now that person no longer wants to keep it. Perhaps it has become unsafe for him to do so. Brother "S" is transporting it to his daughter's home instead. Please pray for a safe and smooth relocation of this important material. **2 Corinthians 7 (2 Chronicles 36:22, 23, Ezra 1:1 to 5:1)**

22 **NIGERIA** Pop. 206,100,000 Map. 35 "Killer herdsman" attacked a community in Katsina state and killed several families. Please pray that God would bring this violence to an end, protect the innocent and confront those who are taking lives. **2 Corinthians 8 (Haggai 1 - 2)**

23 **HUNGARY** Pop. 9,700,000 Map. 79 The first 12,000 copies of the booklet "What Is It About?" have run out. Local churches have shared it with every family in multiple settlements. The team is planning to print 11,000 more copies. Please pray that the reprint goes smoothly so that even more people can receive the message. **2 Corinthians 9 (Zechariah 1 - 8)**

24 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA** Pop. 8,900,000 Map. 146 Pioneer Missionaries were bold and courageous as they preached the Gospel at an open air outreach in Mount Hagen. The outreach was a great success, and many lives were touched. Please pray that all the new believers will be welcomed into Christian communities where they can grow. **2 Corinthians 10 (Zechariah 9 - 11)**

25 **CREATIVE ACCESS** Pioneer Missionaries in this nation face persecution as they go out to share the Gospel. They are using a "run and hide" strategy when confronted by the government. Please pray for protection and success. **2 Corinthians 11 (Zechariah 12 - 14)**

26 **SOUTH AFRICA** Pop. 59,300,000 Map. 1 The Be Fruitful and Multiply discipleship method is growing in popularity in South Africa. In Vaal and Vanderbijlpark, four church leaders were trained and seven new Christ Groups were planted. Please pray for all of those studying God's Word together to grow strong in the Lord and encourage one another. **2 Corinthians 12 (Psalms 107, 126)**

27 **GERMANY** Pop. 83,800,000 Map. 83 A 90-year-old woman told the team that she's been praying for her village for 32 years. Now, the COVID-19 pandemic has opened her neighbour's hearts to the Gospel, and she has requested literature to share with them. Please pray for this prayer warrior and evangelist as she conducts outreach. **2 Corinthians 13 (Ezra 5:2 to 6:22)**

28 **BARBADOS** Pop. 287,000 Map. 207 Please continue to pray for the 160 families who received food and other assistance through the team's COVID-19 project. Pray that the gospel literature they received will minister to their lives and that many will receive the salvation Jesus offers. **Galatians 1 (Esther 1 - 2)**

29 **CREATIVE ACCESS** Pastor "K" was arrested two months ago while praying with his church. He was just released after paying a large fine. Please pray for God to give provision and grace to Pastor K. and his family as they put their lives and ministry back in order. **Galatians 2 (Esther 3 - 7)**

30 **TANZANIA** Pop. 59,700,000 Map. 16 At the time of writing this, our team is rejoicing that there is no lockdown in Tanzania and they are able to continue doing outreach. Please join them in praying for everyone to remain safe and for any who become sick to be healed quickly. **Galatians 3 (Esther 8 - 10)**

31 **FRANCE** Pop. 65,300,000 Map. 89 The COVID-19 lockdown in France has led to extreme economic instability for many people. However, the churches have not stopped spreading the Gospel to every home when they are able. Please pray that those struggling in this time will find their hope in the abundant and everlasting love of Jesus. **Galatians 4 (Ezra 7 - 10)**