

Hello Friends,

It's hard for me to believe that I am writing a letter to let you know that I am a part of a mission team going to Liberia, Africa in February 2013. I have been praying for the people in Liberia for several years now as our church in Muncie, Harvest Christian Fellowship and the mission we started called Hope 2 Liberia, has taken several trips there in previous years. My wife, Heather, has been able to travel to Liberia 3 times now, but this will be my first trip to Africa!

I'm not 100% certain what my skills or abilities are for this trip yet or how God will use me along the way, but I have been praying for God's timing for quite a while, and feel very strongly that He is calling me to be on this trip. I am not real sure how all the details are going to look, but I am excited to know that God is able to use me however He sees fit with the people of Liberia and our mission team of 22 people.

Our team will be seeking to live out the vision of Hope 2 Liberia by watering both the physical and spiritual thirst of the people of Liberia. There are 5 main components of the trip that we are hoping to provide: a basic medical clinic, construction of the church roof, spiritual training for adults, a program for the children, and to provide water systems to local people.

As you can imagine, a trip like this requires a lot. For me prayer is the big thing. But there's also the financial side. To cover my expenses (travel, supplies, etc.), I need to raise \$3000. These two areas are where I am asking for your support.

1. Would you accept a challenge to pray for me and my group as we plan for, and take this mission trip?
2. Would you accept an invitation to financially sponsor me for this mission trip to Africa?

I really appreciate your thoughts and prayers: for this trip in general, for the financial needs, and most importantly for the people of Liberia. Please pray for these needs as we prepare for and make this journey to the other side of the world.

If you feel called to assist me with this mission trip financially, please complete the enclosed form and send it to the church address with your check (or if you prefer, you can return to me and I'll take care of the details for you). Our goal is to have most of our funds raised by December 16th in order to cover the major expenses that need to be paid in 2012.

Thank you so much for your support! I can't wait to share with you the impact that your prayers and financial support make with the children and people of Liberia, Africa.

Excited to help make a difference,

Steve McDowell