

Alive Liberia Missions Inc.
Progress Report
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FOREWORD

To God be the glory for the many good things he has done.

Quite frankly, since our suspension and subsequent lifting of our suspension in December of 2014, we have been unable to convene a board meeting as a result of two successive visits to the United States, one to the Republic of Ghana and one to La Cote d'Ivoire for training purposes. Even though there has been difficulty in arranging a suitable schedule for board members due to their own engagements in and out of country, efforts have been made to give regular updates.

We want to thank God for the board of Alive and our Revive Liberia partners for standing by us in very difficult and challenging moments. We also want to thank God for the faithful few who are still by our side.

We are especially grateful to our donors, without whom, we would not have gone any further. We are hopeful that God will continue to use them as channels to provide means so that together we can strive for the glory of God in this kingdom venture.

Lord Bless!

I. The Wood Shop

Issues

- Working capital melted away into a contract that was 100% pre-financed and that the products made were outrightly rejected by the customer as products did not meet up with the specifications and quality.
- The involvement of Jenkins, a Ghanaian trained carpenter that was brought on board through the help of the Carpentry Union in a bid to strengthen our technical arm, into a fatal motor accident that sent him into coma for months brought us back to square one.
- The frequent breakdown of equipment, either because they were damaged for non-commercial purpose or because they were carelessly and unprofessionally handled.

- Substantial drop in sales revenue due to the intensity of the EBOLA crisis
- The breakdown of the big generator as a result of wear and tear and parts have not been available for repairs
- Theft – stealing of items from a storage container that included metal sheets, generator, kick starter etc by the shop security and his collaborators.

Progress/Prospects

- In an effort to save the shop from total collapse, an emergency arrangement was made which resulted into the coming to Liberia of two professional Ghanian carpenters who are currently holding unto the shop and gradually bringing back our lost customers and even making new ones.
- To address the frequent wave of equipment breakdown, the president of Revive Liberia has made a commitment to supply the wood shop with heavy duty machines that can cope with the type of species we have here as well as to withstand the volume of production that may be required to ensure profitability. He has also identified a wood mizer expert from the U S who has consented to provide training in the effective use and maintenance of the machine.
- While in the U S, in collaboration with Revive Liberia, we acquainted Partners Worldwide with our activities in Liberia with the expectation that we could forge a marriage. This engagement resulted into a partnership arrangement between LEAD – Liberia, the implementing arm of Partners Worldwide in Liberia, and us. LEAD - Liberia has therefore decided to allow us run the saw mill that was given to them by Wood Mizer. LEAD - Liberia has also consented to infuse some capital into the wood shop to address some of the crucial problems retarding the growth and development of the shop. These arrangements will only come into force upon our willingness to subscribe to the four pillars of LEAD's operation: mentoring, advocacy, access to finance and business development training.
- Revive Liberia has been supportive in every way in ensuring that the wood shop survives. Based on the report that the generator the shop was depending on

was down and that parts could not be found, a 35 kva generator, a make with available parts, has been sent and is currently in the country.

- It has been agreed with LEAD - Liberia that prior to the full resumption of activities at the wood shop, the issue of security will be fully addressed to curtail the continuous wave of stealing at the shop. Entrusting the security of the shop to a reputable security firm is an option under consideration.

II. The Beach Property

Issues

- The beach house has been in a condition not favorable to guests, especially our foreign guests.
- There was a huge pressure from the property owner to pay for the property in a relatively short period of time or the deal will be nullified.
- People have encroached on some portion of the land.

Progress/Prospects

- The beach property has been fully paid for and the deed and title obtained.
- The beach property has been refurbished to acceptable standard.
- Because the deed and title have been turned over, there will be no further encroachment on the land.
- A demonstration garden has been developed as part of a long term strategy for training our pastors, members and community dwellers into improved methods of making garden.
- A hand pump has been installed to supply both the guest house and the demonstration garden with water.
- Our desire for the vast land surrounding the beach house is to construct a conference hall, skilled training center for youth, a catering center and possibly a facility that will accommodate young people taken from the street and transforming them through skilled training programs into becoming useful citizens.

III. Ministry

a. Pastor Support

Issues

- Difficulty in obtaining reports from supported pastors
- Mobility

- Training
- Getting more pastors on the pastor support program

Progress/Prospects

- Reports are now coming on time because of the strategy in place: no report no support
- The number of pastors who have been assigned motorbike for outreach purposes have increased from three to five. In the month of March this year, one motorbike was assigned to the pastor of the Headquarter church.
- Two training sections, targeted at building the capacity of church leaders and members alike, have been organized to date. One of the sections was held in Monrovia and the other in Buchana.
- Our donors/partners have been approached on ways of incorporating additional pastors since the ministry is growing. This matter is being studied while there are indications that funding is being sought.

b. Schools and Teachers Support

Issues

- Other teachers pushing to get on the teachers support program
- Amount allotted for teachers seem small given harsh prevailing economic reality

Progress/Prospects

- The number of supported teachers risen from six to sixteen
- Donors are being engaged about the possibility of increasing allotment
- The school in Buchana has been upgraded with annex attached and the school in Qwakpojain is under construction (3 class room building)
- A nursery school has been established in Dyedeah. It is currently in a makeshift structure.

c. Church Matters

Issues

- People worshipping under makeshift structures
- Pastors not formally trained

Progress/Prospects

- Three of our churches (John 3:16, Central church, Buchana) migrated from temporary places of worship under makeshift structures to permanent locations under improved structures.
- With the help of our Revive Liberia partners, our pastors were thought quite recently on how to use the Thompson Chain Reference Bible as a way of

teaching them to effectively use the bible. Thanks to Pastor Dan Eckart and Pastor Ryan East for facilitating the training.

- Thompson Chain Reference Bibles were given to all pastors that participated in the training

d. Girls Scholarship Program

Issues

- Number of beneficiaries dropped from 13 to 8 without any expressed reasons
- The program Coordinator in the U S has been unable to attract new donors due to very serious engagements

Progress/Prospects

- Four of the beneficiaries are in senior secondary school
- Four of the beneficiaries are in college
- Two of the four in college will be graduating this year from the science and business colleges
- The expectation is that people benefiting from the scholarship program will offer services the ministry in the future.

e. Foreign Travel

In December of 2014, we travelled the U S to attend a conference. The conference was intended to build the capacity of outreach ministers that are in ministry. During our stay in the US, we visited our partners. We also visited SIFAT, an organization that carry out training in the areas of community development and appropriate technologies for basic human needs. We have paid for this course some eight years ago but could not travel due to circumstances beyond our control. We were however accepted to attend the training that was scheduled for September 2015.

As part of our ministry's development, we were opportune to travel to the U S in September of 2015 for study at a place called SIFAT in Lineville, Alabama to do a specialized course in community development and appropriate technology for basic human needs. This trip was in compliance with the arrangement made earlier on our first trip.

At the end of the course, we were given slides that we could then use to conduct similar training in our various countries of origin. We were also certified.

Thanks to Apostle Syd Weah Wilson, Chairman of the board of Alive Liberia, for providing us the resources we used to process our papers for the trip. We also want to

thank Cllr. S. Yarlor Saywon who provided us loan to purchase our air ticket. Many thanks to Revive Liberia family for the immense support while we were in the U.S.

Recommendation

- a. That a regular running budget be crafted to facilitate the salaries of 3 regular staff and operations
- b. That support be raised for CHE training for major outreach
- c. That the moving of our office to Buchanan be supported by the Missions