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Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary – 30 Years in Mission – 2006  
**“Healing for the Nations ...” Revelation 22:1-5**

“The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name—He is holy.” (Ps. 99:1-3).

Giving glory to God, we give thanks for Jesus Christ, you our beloved Prayer Partners, Trustees, Talent Workers and the Community of Faith of the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary. Academic Year **2006** marked **LBTS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and the **Silver Jubilee Commencement**. It has been a time of renewal for both the seminary and the nation, and both end the year filled with hope for the future. We try to keep before us the LBTS Mission Statement: To equip called men and women for Christian Ministry within the local church, Liberia, Africa, and our one world.

Highlights of the academic year included a student body of 100 with 18 faculty and 58 staff; a theology and religious education program for the laity and persons called to ministry; capacity building for the community; and the actual beginning of the Self-Study, in the steps toward re-accreditation. A more becoming dream is a Teachers’ Training College, to equip elementary and functional literacy teachers for the local communities. There are some 73 elementary schools (1021 teachers) within a 5-mile radius of the seminary.

Spiritual enrichment beyond the classroom included regular chapel services two days a week; Friday cell prayer meetings; the annual John B. and Ann Falconer Pastoral Lecture Series; the William R. & Victoria A. Tolbert Christian Leadership Lectures; and a Spiritual Emphasis Week, with distinguished Dr. James Dixon, Jr., President, Maryland Baptist Association, and Dr. James L. Graham, Jr., Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Herndon, Virginia ministering.

Seventy-one courses were offered during the Academic Year. Volunteers blessed the seminary and the community. Visiting professors including Dr. Deborah Loftis, Baptist Seminary of Richmond, Virginia; Rev. Ken Welch of the New Tribes Mission, Anniston, Alabama; Dr. Karl Dotzbach, Peacemakers Int’l, Billings, MT; and Dr. Earl Trent, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Washington, DC participated in a variety of mission activities, included preaching, teaching, medical missions, workshops, construction, etc.

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**International partners include the Overseas Council International (OCI), ACTEA and New Tribes.** OCI Extraordinary Institute of Excellence, with heads of theological institutions in Africa, was held in Johannesburg, South Africa and focused on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Theological Curriculum. For the first time, LBTS was certified among some 40 institutions. Miraculously, LBTS was also one of the 100 world theological schools participating at the 2006 International Consultation for Theological Educators, held 7-11 August 2006 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, with the theme “Global Christianity and the Role of Theological Education”.

Practical applications of classroom learning included working in local churches; ministry with and to other churches and schools; distribution of schoolbooks; the Rice and Potatoe Greens (RPG) Ministry; postwar rehabilitation and reconstruction, with 25 Dailey Student Home Missionaries; and more. Special thanks to mission teams from Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, LBTS US Talent Workers, Inc. and The Saint Paul’s Baptist Church, including: Pastor James L. Graham, Bro. Troy Crommwell, Dr. Wayne Faison, Dr. Jamie Duncan, Sis. LaDonne Lankster, Sis. Eulalee Wong-Price, Dr. Sonia Banks, Bro. Bernard Johnson, Bro. Rinsland Napoleon Outland, Sis. Joan Johnson, Bro. Leon Jackson. Studying and living are becoming easier with the installation of solar energy, giving light in LBTS John Mark & Betty Carpenter Library and campus, Saint Paul’s generous gift of a generator and LBTS Dorothy Pryor Baptist Compound has received a face-lift, including a new reservoir.

For 22 girls and adults, the Women on Mission program of Bible study, support group, sewing, tie-n-dye and quilting has been in full operation. At the completion of the program, the students made linens for the guest housing, dresses, children’s clothes, and sold some items. The hope is that the women and girls can use these skills to be empowered and help their families.

The year ended with 14 students (seven TH and seven BRE) graduates. Licentiate Wesley M. Johnson and Dr. Darrell Macklin received LBTS Doctor of Divinity, D. D. Honoris Causa; Deacon Joseph N. Boakai, Deacon Ruth Gibson Caesar and Professor Tidi Speare Stewart received LBTS Doctor of Education, D. Ed., Honoris Causa. Twenty-five students are preparing to go throughout the nation on mission during vacation in January and February 2007.

Hopes and dreams for Academic Year 2007 include a good student body with the needed financial support. Through the Student Work Grant Fund, the administration has designed a matching fund to assist students to complete payment of some \$80,000 outstanding tuition and fees to the institution. To achieve these goals, the seminary has compiled lists of priority projects, prayer concerns and a prioritized shopping list of materials needed. These are available on request. A 40ft. container project is slated for late February. (Contact Bob Stark: 770-578-0262). A major continuing need is work-grant scholarships, estimated at US\$700 per student per semester (See Fiscal Year 2006 Financial Report, Budget 2007 attached).

We pray and continue to partner with critical hope for both the Republic of Liberia, with its illustrious President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President Shelton Seidi of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, and LBTS. Fervent prayer is needed for reconciliation and for God's leadership in plans and actions. "In union strong success is sure...we will overall prevail!" (The Liberian National Anthem).

### **2007 PRIORITY PROJECTS**

- Prayer support (spiritual renewal)
- Partnership
- Bibles, tracts, bicycles/bikes for rural church planting and growth
- Student work grant estimated at 16 credit hrs @ \$700 per student per semester
- Utilities reconstruction (water/wells; electricity/ solar energy); two submersible pumps for campus faculty/staff residence
- Operational Budget for Fiscal Year 2007, \$403,000
- Debt Services for 2002-2005 US\$168,416.05  
[Note: Low tuition turnover; high cost of gas, fuel and maintenance; Drastic decline in foreign support and donor fatigue; envious and under-mining by some nationals at home and aboard; compelling 2003 civil war tuition waiver; some cases team competency and commitment challenges; 9-11 events; wars; world and national economic problems]
- Library internet access
- 48 bunk beds and mattresses \$3,724
- Container Project for February and July 2007 (TBA)
- Volunteers: Mission Short/Long Term

### **LONG TERM PROJECTS**

Projects being developed within LBTS 2007-2012 Strategic Map:

- Spiritual Renewal, Renewed Vision
- 25 Eugene Dailey Student Home Missionaries, January 7, world mission
- Research and ongoing development
- Website update, Powerpoint Presentation, promotional
- Partnership with 240 churches and 120 individuals
- Container Project for February and July each year (TBA)
- Accreditation with the Accrediting Council of Theological Education in Africa (ACTEA), National Commission of Higher Education of Liberia, University of Liberia Senate Accrediting Committee
- Library – Library of Congress Automation
- Textbooks, library books, 70 periodicals
- Theological Education by Extension (TEE), print textbooks, 3000 students
- Departments: Theology, Education (Teacher's College), Missions, Music
- Advanced Theological Studies with Visiting Scholars/Professors

- Partnership w the University of Liberia for a Graduate School of Theology
- Communication - Computer Lab reconstruction, Internet Service (2-3 local mission site links): Pryor Baptist Compound, Schiefflin Campus
- Revised Powerpoint Presentation for LBTS; [www.lbts-liberia.org](http://www.lbts-liberia.org)
- Promotional Brochures: LBTS, US, Welcome to Monrovia, Pryor Baptist Compound
- Partnership in Mission: seven schools, 240 churches and 120 individuals
- 501(3)c, establishing of a NY Citibank account
- Solar Power for Campuses: Schiefflin Campus, Pryor Baptist Compound
- Facilities' Renovation: Seminary Court with faculty and staff residences, mile 11. Phase I: repair roofs, windows, water and electrical systems (see solar power); Phase II: repair utilities in each unit, plumbing and carpentry, finishing touches, painting;
- Solar Energy Inverters \$6,647; Phase I: 32K (Anonymous donor completed); Phase II: \$24K (panels, inverters, batteries, shipment and installation)
- Agriculture Projects: Gardening—cassava, peanuts, cucumbers, watermelons,
- Agriculture supplies, tractor repairs, \$8,400
- 4-2h331 drive diesel jeep for mission work
- **Reconciling, Educating, Agriculture and Development (READ) Ministries**

The Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary stands for Christian truth, love, light and life! The seminary is a community of faith, called “servants of God.” We equip, counsel and challenge the seminarians and the community of faith! We are not just an institution of “religious studies”; we meet the challenges of the community and engage to contextualize theology in home and global mission!

We make no apology that we are an autonomous seminary! God’s Miracle of Love continues to keep the seminary prayerful and focus in equipping some 110 students from cross-country Liberia and some West African States. Our vision also is global.

*“The truth shall make you free!” “Whom the Son sets free, is free indeed!” (Jn 8:32;36)*  
 Shalom! Lincoln S. Brownell, Jr., President, Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary



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**2007 A New Beginning: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Lamentations 3:22-23**

**January 22, 2007 Update**

Dear Beloved Prayer Partners:

Christian Greetings and best wishes as we continue to please God and equip called men and women for Christian Ministry!

22 Because of **the Lord’s great love** we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail,  
23 They are new every morning **great is your faithfulness.**  
24 I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; Therefore I will wait for him.”  
Lamentations 3:22-23

Let me use this communication to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you who have served faithfully and sacrificially, during these challenging years (1980-2006) of the seminary and our beloved Liberia.

Congratulations to the retained, rotated and **new trustees** of LBTS! Pray and trust that LBTS will continue to cherish its heritage of a sound mission (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8), vision, charter/enactment (1975) and constitution. We pray for guidance for elected trustees, peace, reconciliation and moving LBTS to the next level.

**Prayer of Appreciation for Trustees rotating off:**

Dea. Cornelius W. V. Reeves, Chair  
Bro. Francis A. Dennis  
Dea. Wesley M. Johnson, Co-Chair  
Bro. Anthony Jonah  
Dr. Evelyn Kandakai  
Rev. MacDonald Saa  
Bro. Morris Saytumah  
Sis. Gloria Musu Scott  
Bro. Moore Titus Worrell

**Memorial for Trustees:**

Dea. Evelyn Diggs Townsend

Dea. A. Romeo Horton

Rev. James Z. Summerville

**2007 Trustees** (One year period):

Dr. Joseph N. Boakai

Dr. Ruth Gibson Caesar

Rev. James Jones

Rev. William R. Tolbert, III

Sis. Rebecca Zeyoe

**2007-2011 Trustees** (Four Year Period):

Dea. Frances Johnson Morris

Rev. Dr. Walter D. Richards

Dea. Olivia B. Williams

LDBC designee / Dr. Toga McIntosh

LBTS AA President

LBMEC Educational Commission Chairperson

LBTS US Talent Workers, Inc./Georgia Baptist Convention designee

Virginia Baptist Trustee or designee

Progressive National Baptist Convention designee

President, LBMEC ex-officio Rev. Shelton J. Seidi

President, LBTS

These first 12 days of **traveling** with Pastor Shelton J. Seidi, President, Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, (LBTS Alumni 1981) have been rewarding. Several meetings have been held with great anticipation of growing partnerships for the seminary with US Pastors in Virginia and Maryland. Two mission teams are lining up to partner with the seminary and local mission partners in Liberia. The Gospel must Go!

**LBTS-LBMEC Student Home Missionaries** have been on hold for two weeks, due to lack of funding/cash flow. \$1250 have been loaned the seminary, through Pastor Seidi and my family. Priority I: 14 student home missionaries going the farther distances will depart on Tuesday, January 23. We hope later this week to send out Priority II: 11 students to surrounding counties. Would you continue to pray for the students in their outreach and mission work, 12 Home Mission Churches and Schools?

**Academic:**

It is our prayer that you will shortly complete contract and provide LBTS with an Academic Dean. Rev. Toby A. Gbeh has been recommended, interviewed and ready to begin his official service on February 1.

Self-Study (ACTEA) is underway and we are thankful for LBTS committed faculty and staff. LBTS Library automation is underway following several delays. Nine thousand of

20,000 volumes have been completed in bibliography format, for onward to US Librarian for LBTS Library of Congress Automation.

Twenty-four scholarships will be provided to local Baptist Churches to have students attend the Tuesdays and Thursdays (Baptist Compound Site) LBTS William R. Tolbert, Jr. Interdenominational Theological Center **Diploma Training in Theology and Religious Education**.

We also hope to develop an **In-Service Teachers' Training** for 240 of the 1075 teachers (within a 5-mile radius of LBTS) on Tuesdays and Thursdays (Campus Site).

Student and LBMEC **inability to meet financial commitment to LBTS may delay the reopening** of the seminary for Academic Year 2007.

Opening Convocation, Dedication and Welcome of LBTS Trustees are scheduled for LBTS Bradley & Carolyn Brown Fellowship Chapel, Mile 11, Paynesville, Liberia, West Africa, Thursday, March 6, 2007, 10 a.m. "Great is Thy Faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-24.

**Financial:**

Pannell Kerr Forster Accountants (PKF), contracted auditors, and Bro. Prince Williams, LBTS Accountant, have updated the 2006 accounting records. 2006 FY Audit is also underway with PKF this week. Please pray for Acting Comptroller Rev. Jessy Togba-Doya, an affiliate of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Financial Challenges:

- Cash Flow is a major problem for the healthy operation of the seminary;
- Commitment of Financial Team to give accurate and timely financial reports;
- Commitment of Students, Families, local churches, LBMEC to financially support the operational budget;
- Understanding the three integrated ministries of the seminary: Theological and Teachers' Training, Mission Partnerships (local and international), and Guest Facilities;
- Theological Training has been running at a deficit of three months salary; LBTS total indebtedness (2003-2006) is \$140,000.

The ongoing financial trend is dangerous for operations and faculty/staff development.

**Facilities:**

Special thanks to Bro. Koon Morris, Manager, and LBTS Guest and Property Staff for the much needed capital repairs on LBTS Pryor Baptist Compound and LBTS Campus. They have renovated nine compound units; constructed a new water tower; connected compound to the city water system; expanded and landscaped compound; and removed debris from warehouses and grounds.

Faculty housing renovations included: WMU Duplex, occupied by Rev. Carole Davis and Rev. Thompson; Davidson Cottage, occupied by Dr. K. Murray; Greer Cottage to be

occupied by Academic Dean designatee, Rev. Toby Gbeh; Hardy Cottage, being renovated to be occupied by Luther & Christine Tarpeh; Scott Cottage, completed and to be occupied by Comptroller, Jessy & Calandra Togba.

LBTS Campus Housing Renovation of the Holder Cottage for LBMEC President is underway and should be completed by February. Upon the return of the President from the US, his home in Monrovia should be ready. The Fairburn Cottage will be renovated and ready March 15, 2007 to accommodate the LBMEC Executive Secretary. Would you continue to pray as we raise support to complete electrical and water system for LBTS Faculty Staff Court (residences)? Estimated cost is \$8,000.00

We are also seeking partnership with Living Water to drill three wells: complete 140 ft drilled well on the compound; one well on the main campus near the chapel; water tower and one well at the faculty staff court near Georgia Cottage water tower.

We are in the process of developing a shopping list for needed items, including electrical and plumbing materials. We are also fund raising for student work grants, scholarship fund and a container, to be shipped in late February 2007.

On a daily basis, capacity building and mission teams; children and youth ministry teams; and wedding parties for photos are making use of God's paradise at LBTS Campus and Compound.

LBTS remains committed as an autonomous seminary, committed to the founding values of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, "to equip called men and women for Christian Ministry within the local church..." 90% of LBMEC leaders have been trained by the seminary.

#### **LBTS US Talent Workers, Inc.:**

Special meeting with LBTS US Talent Workers Inc. is slated for Saturday, February 3, 2007 at the Eastside Baptist Church, 2040 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta GA 30068.

LBTS continues to develop its endowment fund. LBTS Endowment is channeled through LBTS US Talent Workers Inc. and Crestview Baptist Church, Marietta, GA, in keeping with Georgia Baptist Foundation requirements.

#### **LBTS Management Team: January 10 – February 26, 2007 President's Travel**

Seminary: Rev. Edwin B. Dorley, Bro. Archie Ashcroft, Bro. Joseph Flomo

Compound: Bro. Koon Morris, Bro. Boimah Tarlah

Consultant/Chair Board of Trustees: Dr. Cornelius W. V. Reeves

See 2007 LBMEC and LBTS Presidents US Travel Itinerary (attached)

Special thanks for the commitment and sacrifices being made by the Management Team in 2007. You are moving LBTS to the next level. Therefore, we give thanks to God for each of you. There is progress from prayer, team-togetherness, focus, capital repairs, library, academic, facilities, and especially the security, water and electrical systems at

the compound. The seminary remains committed and indebted to these dedicated “servants of God.”

The future is bright for the seminary, with partnerships and an empowered called faculty and staff. I prayerfully recommit myself to serving you as we rise to God’s potential and productivity. “In union strong success is sure. (The Liberian National Anthem). Go make disciples until Jesus comes.

“Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant....” Psalm 31:16 KJV

Thank you for having a heart like Jesus – willing... obedient...faithful!

Thank God for your obedience. May you always know joy, ridiculous prosperity, great health, grace and love in abundance, today and always!

“You pray for me and I pray for you.” I love you and appreciate each of you.

Shalom!

Dr. Lincoln S. Brownell, Jr.,

## 2007 LBMEC AND LBTS Presidents US Itinerary

Rev. Shelton J. Seidi, President, Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc.  
Dr. Lincoln S. Brownell, Jr., President, Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary  
US Line: 678-778-3795; Liberia: 011 231 6 551855 or 443689

### January

- W 10 Depart Liberia; Th 11 Arrival Dulles, Herndon, Virginia F 12 Rest  
Sa 13 Ministers and Leadership Institute, MPBC  
Su 14 8:00 am, 10 am 12:00noon MPBC, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Herndon VA  
Dr. & Sis. James L. Graham 703-407-0102 cell, Rev. & Sis. Ralph Duke (703-568-6198)  
M 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's 1<sup>st</sup> Year Anniersary)  
Jimmy & Frances Crowther 703-729-0881  
Tu 16 Meeting w Peoples' Community Baptist Church, Silver Spring, MD Pastor Haywood A.  
Robinson (443) 677-1551; Bible Study Mt.Pleasant/Beacon Hill  
Th 18 Meet IMB, St. Paul Baptist Church, Rich, VA; Liberian Church; WA, IMB, SBC  
F 19 Tour of Richmond, Mission Team meeting for Liberia  
Sa 20 Worship 5pm w St. Paul BC, Richmond, VA Seidi & Brownell  
Su 21 Worship 8am SPBC, Richmond, VA New Life Missionary BC St. Paul BC;  
Tu 23 Visit with Virginia Baptists  
W 24 Seidi: Visit with LBMEC and LBTS Graduates in the Richmond Area  
Th 25 Richmond/Union, DC 9:15am ; Herndon and Silver Spring Elmer & Muriel Diggs  
Sa 27 Meet Progressive NBCWashington DC Dr. Earl Trent, 1-800-876-7622; 202-396-0558  
Su 28 El-Bethel Baptist Church 11384 Livingston Road Fort Washington, MD 20744  
Dr.& Sis. James Dixon202-258-1427;301-292-0800 Bethlehem BCWhite 703-850-7430;  
The Peoples Community Baptist Church 8am, 10:45am worship, MPBC, El Bethel 3pm  
M 29 Depart Dulles for Atlanta; depart Dulles 9-1059 79Ar Tran;184;  
Tu 30 Visit 1pm Culpepper, Mercer University 678-547-6471; CBF – 2pmDan Vestal 770-220-  
1600; Rob Mash, Carpenter; Meet Georgia Baptist Conv. Ex. Dir. Bob White, Gerald  
Harris Christian Index Interview; 770-936-5203  
W 31 Work w LBTS US TW / Nap Outland; Church The Lord's House; Joseph Jackson  
[jjack\\_5@bellsouth.net](mailto:jjack_5@bellsouth.net) 678-480-0271;JoeWms 404-313-9833/ 841-3299

### February

- Th 1 Work w LBTS US TW/Nap Outland; Depart late flight ATL/Richmond 448 -6pm 241  
F 2 Open 3 LBTS US Talent Workers Fellowship, Eastside Baptist Church, Marietta, GA  
Su 4 Crestview Baptist Church (AM Service); Eastside Baptist Church (PM Service)  
F 5 21<sup>st</sup> Century PEACE w Rick Warren, Graham,Watson, SPBC6:49-8:35pm AirT  
Sa 6 Work w Nap Outland visit w John Mark & Betty Carpenter, CBF  
W 7 Ken Welch, AL visit w churches Julia Comer 256-847-1010  
Su 11 Thankful BC, Rome, GA Dr. Bernard Russell 706-681-0917, 8 am 10:45am  
Brownell at Dalengae School, Rome, GA 5pm Call Stephen Union BC 609-213-2581  
M 12 Open for Pastor Seidi travels to Minnesota Washington Yonly 763-496-1251; 198  
Tu 13 Eastside Baptist Baptist Church, Marietta, GA Mission Committee Medical Checkup  
W 14 FBC Marietta, GA Mission Meeting 4:30pm; FBC Eastpoint, GA McCall 6:30pm  
Su 18 Pastor Seidi w Liberian Congregation of Atlanta, Pastor Sundaye Olayee Collins  
Beulaland BibleC M,GA MauriceWatson, 478-808-9695; 784-1555x17;7;8;10;11:45;  
W 21 Dr. Margaret Stubblefield; Troy Cromwell Family, MPBC Team;  
W 21 Beacon Hill / Shiloh Baptist Church, Arlington, VA  
Th 22 Travel to DC: Courtesy call to BWA and Lott Carey; Travel to Valley Forge, PA  
F 23 Meet American Baptist Churches 610-768-2184/2191; National Baptist Convention &  
Worship w Dr. Nap Divine 267-971-6561, Christ Int'l BC 2210 S 65th  
Su 25 St. Paul BC Darrell Macklin, Pastor, 703-407-6935 "Liberia: Hands across the Ocean"  
Tu 27 Depart Atlanta 9am arrive Liberia on W 28th Sabine Chrysler 785-565-0104