



## *LBTS Chronicles NL Jan-Feb 2007*

Dear Prayer and Mission Partners:

In 2006, we accepted the challenge and remained focus to the end. As we entered 2007, we remain committed to taking the next steps along our “Journey of Faith.” LBTS vows to equip called men and women for Christian Ministry. LBTS is thankful to provide an integrated biblical mission and theological experience.

It is a journey that has been sometimes difficult, challenging, ever changing, yet truly rewarding with “Healing for the nations,” Revelation 22:1-5. Along the journey, “we fall down, but we get up”. Moreover, “when we can not see His hand, we have learned to trust His heart.” Daily we pray for integrated learning for our community of faith, “heart, head and hand.” We have forged both home and international mission partnerships. Pastor Shelton Seidi and I journeyed 91 hours to get to Cavalla, Maryland, Liberia with the Gospel! We pray and celebrate with Liberia’s and Africa’s first female president, Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. Combining our calling with gifts, talents and opportunities, we continue to grow the body of Christ, the community of faith.

As we continue to prepare “servants of God, who do His will”, we give thanks to God for keeping LBTS 31 years in mission. Our theme for 2007 is “**Great is Thy Faithfulness**”, Lamentations 3:22-23! We are all blessed to be alive, celebrating Christ Jesus and celebrating life! It is a good place to pause along the way, to pray, to witness, to give thanks, and to renew our shared vision---“Go make disciples of all nations....” Matthew 28:19-20. And let us “be witnesses...” Acts 1:8.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Twenty-five LBTS-LBMEC Eugene Dailey Student Home Missionaries serving in Liberia;
- Student Work Grant for 100 LBTS Students;
- Completion of LBTS 8<sup>th</sup> external professional audit by PKF;
- Mission Partnerships with international and local mission teams, EGIM, Virginia, Georgia, ACTEA, OCI and others;
- Twenty-one Home Mission Partners (Churches and Schools): Bendo, Ricks Institute, Lott Carey, Trumpet of Faith, Gracie A. Reeves Memorial, Bethesda Christian Mission, Child Evangelism Fellowship, ELWA, Edina Bassa Cove First Baptist, Balama, Wonkapalia, Voinjama Mt. Zinai, Sanniquellie Ebenezer Levi H. Martin, Yekepa Pastors School, Zwedru Grace Baptist R. B. Richardson, Sinoe Church Growth, Pleboo First Baptist Church, Harper Zion Ebenezer, Cavalla St. Paul. The Gospel must Go!
- LBTS Trustees, retained and new trustees; Academic Year 2007, Convocation March 6<sup>th</sup>;
- Diploma Program reopened; Teachers’ In-Service Training -Guidance Counseling;
- Operational Fund 2007 FY Budget: US\$403,000; 2006 FY Budget: \$339,701.67, Actual: \$339,701.67. 2003-6 Debt: \$120,000; Uncollected \$80,000 LBTS Pryor Baptist Compound (6.5

### **LIBERIA BAPIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

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acres) estimated value 1.2m; LBTS 170 Atlantic ocean view campus 1.3m; LBTS Endowment US\$113,000; capital projects including electricity and pipe borne running water;

- LBTS 2007 new [www.lbts-liberia.org](http://www.lbts-liberia.org); special thanks to Kevin Gregg and other contributors;
- Guidance and wisdom for President Shelton J. Seidi and the Liberia Baptist Missionary & Educational Convention;
- President of LBMEC and President LBTS commit to reconciliation in Baptist Witness in Liberia;
- Evangelism, Education and Mission Transformation of Liberia; remembering 21 Baptist Schools around the country;
- Bethesda Christian Mission School, Child Evangelism Fellowship Liberia, Leaid, Becky and Children; Becky's birthday 8th, Emmanuel- their son's rescue from a tragic accident, and in the death of Malachi Morris, 10<sup>th</sup> grader;
- Much needed vehicle; operational fund for Bethesda;
- Providence Baptist Church, "Cornerstone of the Nation" turns 176; Liberia turns 160; LBTS turns 31;
- ELWA Ministries (Hospital, Radio and Community) in need of operational funding;
- World peace, missionaries around the world; ethnic reconciliation- Gios, Manos and Mandingos in a land dispute in Nimba;
- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Liberia's and Africa's first female president, renewal; Call US Treasury Secretary Paulson's office at 202-622-1100 to cancel Liberia's US\$3.5billion debt, International Financial Corporation of the World Bank Group as they upgrade 2.3MW of electricity to 7.9MW; two-day intensive government-only Liberia Donor Conference, Feb. 13-14<sup>th</sup> and the two sold out events of The Corporate Council on Africa Liberia Private Sector Investment Forum, Th, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, Grand Hyatt Washington DC [www.africacncl.org/Events/Liberia\\_Forum.asp](http://www.africacncl.org/Events/Liberia_Forum.asp)
- Birthday Celebration for Dr. Tidi Speare Stewart, 75, Feb 11. Pat Bellinger, 78 on Feb. 17;
- Marriage, Family and Community values; rebuilding, remembering Shane, age 15, 6', 10<sup>th</sup> grader, who likes basketball;
- Healing in health needs: Muriel & Elmer Diggs;
- Comfort for Dea. James N. Howard Family and First Baptist Church, Oldest Congo Town, Dr. Frank Adams' Family, All-Africa Baptists, Malachi Morris Family of Bethesda;
- Thanksgiving for LBTS US Talent Workers and Partners, Fellowship of Saturday, February 3 at Eastside Baptist Church, Marietta, GA was a resounding success. For inquiries contact Bro. Bob Stark, Chair, 12 Weatherstone Parkway Marietta, GA 30068 770-578-0262.

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Prayerfully partner with LBTS as we equip called men and women for Christian Ministry!

2007 Budget: US\$403,000 **Make a tax-deductible pledge:**

- ( ) one time gift for Home Mission, Student Work Grant, Operations, Capital Project, Endowment
- ( ) \$25.00 - \$49.00 per month
- ( ) \$50 - \$99.00 per month
- ( ) \$100 or more per month
- ( ) \$700 per student work grant for a semester (home mission inclusive)
- ( ) Others \_\_\_\_\_

"May Thy face to shine upon thy servant..." Psalm 31:16 KJV. "Thank you for having – a heart like Jesus- willing...obedient...faithful." **"PUSH Pray Until Something Happens!"** "You pray for me, and I pray for you."

Shalom! Sie February 12, 2007