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IMAGINE

Imagine for a moment the state of Tennessee and its capitol city Nashville. Now imagine that, other than privately owned generators, there is no electrical power in the entire state, no running water and no sanitation services. Except for Nashville, where some cell phone coverage is available if you can afford it, there are no communications of any kind other than to the very few that can afford the \$1,000 cost to purchase a satellite phone and the \$1 per minute to use it. Also understand that a job, such as a certified school teacher, pays \$20 per week or less.

As you walk down the streets look at all the high rise buildings and imagine that most of the windows are shattered from automatic weapons fire, that the upper floors are abandoned because there is no electricity to power the elevators and because the businesses that once used them have fled the state. As you walk down the streets there are bullet holes in every building, street sign and utility pole. Many of the buildings you pass are burned out but have been reclaimed by street vendors and others, at least on the first floor. Each person you meet on the street, all 1.5 million of them, has one or more relatives that have been killed by rebels within the past ten years.

Imagine that, if you can find a car or truck going, it takes 15 or more hours to reach Memphis. If your tire fails on the way there is nowhere to buy another except in Nashville. In the city of Nashville people live in shacks build in back alleys and against buildings. Everything they need, food, water, clothing, must be purchased and yet 9 out of 10 people do not have a job. Most do menial tasks each day such as selling cold water, hauling goods long distances in a wheel barrow or selling food that they have prepared that morning. The goal in life is not to “get ahead” but to stay alive. Many (most) people in Nashville are hungry.

Once you leave Nashville the situation changes. If you live near Knoxville or Chattanooga you are able to raise your own food. Of course you have to plant and harvest it first. Potatoes and turnips make up almost every day’s meal but, if you can hunt, there is the possibility of a raccoon, possum or ground hog from time to time.

Think of every home in most towns outside Nashville having been burned and the families not killed being forced to flee into the woods to hide out. As they are hiding they are systematically being hunted and killed. Know that if you live outside of Nashville and have a serious injury you will likely die before you can get to a hospital. Besides, most of the doctors have left the state long ago.

Now imagine that you can’t find your parents or perhaps your children. As you walk down the street you pass thousands of children whose parents were both slaughtered during the rebels’ killing march through the outer areas of the state as they converged upon the capitol city. They are orphaned. If they’re lucky they can find a relative to help them. But many are alone to fend for themselves or starve. There is no welfare system to rescue them, no school they can afford to attend and no place to learn a trade or business that will enable them to earn a living in the future. They are caught in a trap that will ensure the next generation of Liberians will be less literate, less prosperous and more likely to turn to crime than any in the past. If you can imagine all of this, you can imagine what it is like to live in Liberia.

Now imagine a native Liberian who loves his people enough to leave the comfort of the United States, return with his wife and three year old daughter to one of the most remote areas of the country and put into place a children's village to reach these orphans and other children for the sake of Jesus Christ. To give them medical care, an education, a home to live in, food to eat, job training and a personal knowledge of the Savior, this is the work that God has called Shadrach and Gertrude Saywon to join Him in.



“One thing I promised Him is to know His will for my life. I want to be His Servant for the rest of my life. I just tell of His goodness and how He delivers me from death, and therefore He can do it for others too. I want to tell my brothers of how Christ died for our sins, so that they can have the freedom that the world will never offer them.”

Shadrach K. Saywon

A S T A T E M E N T

- MISSION** Reach the nation of Liberia for Christ through a focus on the outlying villages. Train the next generation of business, political and religious leaders of the country. Build a strong friend of the United States of America.
- METHOD** Create Children's Villages throughout Liberia's rural landscape providing housing, education, medical treatment, trade schools and religious training.
- TIMING** Complete the currently established Children's Village underway in Karmo's Town, Sinoe County and use it as the model to establish additional villages across the country as quickly as the appropriate in-country leadership can be secured in conjunction with the necessary funding.
- FUNDING** Self sufficiency of the ministry's operations is the primary goal through commercial business enterprises within Liberia. Initial capital contributions are required for the village buildings and the revenue producing assets. A continuing monthly gift program will be required for the orphans necessitating housing, food and medical care.
- TEAM** Currently Carl Hadley, a retired pastor, heads up the U.S. portion of the ministry with Shadrach Saywon in charge of the Liberian portion. The ministry is supported by several small churches in northern Florida and a few individuals who have found out about this work through word-of-mouth. An advisor committee exists to provide oversight and the finances are managed through the Holmes County Baptist Association. The ministry's primary concern is to reach Liberia with the Gospel of Christ. People with a wide variety of talents including those familiar with overseas business operations, rural construction, medical services, U.S. government relations, etc. are sought by the ministry to assume leadership roles. All participants must be grounded in the Christian faith.
- KEY POINT** It is entirely possible to "own" the country of Liberia for the cause of Christ through the cooperation of a group of American Christians willing to provide spiritual, intellectual and financial gifts. The window of opportunity is at its peak now. Join with God today in reaching a country for Christ.

A HISTORY OF LIBERIA

Liberia was an experiment by a group of notable Americans designed in the early 1800's (well before the civil war) to return freed Northern slaves to the west coast of Africa. The name Liberia is a form of the word Liberty. Monrovia, the capital city of Liberia, is named after U.S. president James Monroe.

The Liberian flag is an exact duplicate of the flag of the United States save for a single star where we have fifty. The government is essentially a duplication of the United States politically, constitutionally and economically.

Liberia is slightly larger than the state of Tennessee and has an estimated population of approximately 3 million people. It is composed of 15 counties (much like our states) each containing a capitol city.

The people of Liberia are literate to a high degree but the average life span as of 2004 was only 48 years. Much of this is due to the deaths caused by the recent years of civil war and unrest as well as the lack of available medical care in the outlying areas of the country.

Liberia has been embroiled in civil unrest and war since 1980 when President William R. Tolbert was assassinated by an indigenous Liberian named Samuel K. Doe. Doe was subsequently over thrown by Charles Taylor in 1989 and later killed. The assumption of power by Taylor initiated a six year war. Taylor was well known to be totally corrupt with little concern for his people. Hostilities by rebel forces continued as late as 2003 with the United States embassy coming under attack as late as July 2003. A United Nations brokered cease fire occurred in late 2003. President Taylor leaves the country for exile in Nigeria and Charles Bryant, a businessman, is appointed as head of the interim government. The U.N. peacekeeping forces are only now moving into many of the outlying counties.

For well over ten years the people of Liberia have been killed in large quantities with many fleeing into Monrovia seeking a safe refuge that did not exist. Hundreds of thousands of those fortunate enough to have lived have found themselves in displaced or refugee camps. Food and medical attention both remain scarce. Only within the past year has a form of stability returned to the country. The vast majority of the population is unemployed with most people struggling simply to find enough to eat for the day.

Yet the Liberian people are proud of their country and long for the day it will return to a position of peace and prosperity. When you speak with the average Liberian, they quickly tell you that they long to be like America.

During 2004 the United Nations began to solidify control over the rebel forces moving them out of Monrovia and continuing into the countryside. It is expected that several countries will provide some level of assistance to Liberia over the next few years. The United Nations has stated that Liberia will require foreign aid in significant quantities until its infrastructure can be rebuilt and its economic viability restored. The U.N. and U.S. are currently providing assistance in the areas of peacekeeping, education, health care and food programs.

A HISTORY OF LIBERIAN MINISTERIES

The history of Liberia Ministries is wrapped tightly around Shadrach K. Saywon, a native Liberian who grew up in Karmo's Town, Sinoe County, Liberia. He accepted Christ as his savior in 1986 at the age of sixteen years. Within a year he was organizing the local youth, walking two or more days to share the gospel and then spending one to two months at a time away from home on evangelism trips.

In 1989 rebel forces entered Liberia intent on overthrowing the government. On August 13, 1990 the rebels entered Karmo's Town, killing many of the people and burning almost every home. Shadrach escapes into the forest with some of his family but is found on August 18th and sees two uncles and three brothers murdered before he again escaped into the forest. Six days later they are found again and he witnesses a third uncle killed by the rebels. For four months Shadrach lives in the forest eating leaves and roots for food, sleeping on the ground with no shoes and only the clothes he wears.

November 1990 has him finally captured and prepared to be killed. He prays and during the forced walk to the killing field a rebel commander intervenes and frees him. Again in June of 1994 he is captured (leading his church members on a trip) and, upon finding that he is a pastor, told to preach to the capturers after which he will be killed. He is freed again.

Shadrach's mother, living in America as the wife of a former Liberian missionary, finally obtains a VISA for Shadrach to come to the United States after nearly twenty years. Shadrach enrolls in a Bible college in Philadelphia but hears of The Baptist College of Florida in Graceville, Florida and transfers there. And this is where Liberian Ministries takes on its American roots.

Shadrach joins Gulley Springs Baptist Church soon after moving to Florida and they, hearing that his fiancée was in Monrovia, sponsored her to come to America. They are married and later have a baby daughter.

Shadrach never forgets what God has done for him and longs to return to Liberia to reach out to the people of his village with the gospel of Christ.

In 2000 Carl Hadley moves to Bonifay, Florida where he meets Shadrach and Gertrude at Gully Springs Baptist Church. Shadrach shares his vision with Carl two weeks later. Carl feels the Holy Spirit is in this vision and joins Shadrach in promoting it throughout northern Florida. Doors begin to open.

In 2001 Shadrach graduates from college. Until Gertrude's graduation in 2003, Shadrach spends every Sunday promoting the people of Karmo's Town and his vision of a village to care for the children orphaned by the war and as a base to reach out to the area with God's love. Support begins to build among the churches of West Florida for Shadrach's vision. During this time Shadrach returns briefly to Liberia and obtains 100 acres of land at the edge of the village for the Children's Village.

In May of 2003, after Gertrude's graduation, they returned with their three year old daughter to begin the ministry. Carol Chambers of West Florida also goes as a perspective missionary.

In order to provide financial accountability the ministry is managed by the Holmes County Baptist Association. A five year plan is developed and, in 2001, the Association votes to

send Herb Rushing and Carl Hadley to Liberia for an in-country report. Three hundred people commit their lives to Christ and construction on the temporary school is started during their visit.

March of 2004 sees Donald Hurst, Fred Edwards and Rodney Edwards take a two week trip to review the progress of the ministry, participate in a three day pastor's conference, gather information for agricultural purposes and review the business enterprises currently underway.

June 2004 has Carl Hadley, Carol Chambers and Tanya Rushing making a two week trip to the Village. Carol will stay for one year as a missionary nurse and teacher. The revival and pastors' conference has 250 average attendance including forty pastors. Total professions of faith number seventy-nine. Significant work had been completed as the property was cleared, the medical clinic, temporary school, guest house and an open air church were completed.

In October 2004 pastor Gary Wiggins, Buddy Shuemaker and R.D. Easterling made a trip to the Children's Village. Per Brother Wiggins "it was the most difficult and most rewarding I have experienced in missions". There were multiple professions of faith during their visit and, per Brother Wiggins, the three of them "baptized until we were tired". They hosted a pastors' conference which was very successful as well.

March 2005 as well as a November 2005 trips are planned. Participation is open to all interested Christians.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?
(Romans 10:14-15)

A CONCEPT IN ACTION

The Children's Village concept was based upon the large number of children that were orphaned through having both parents killed during the war. Additional components of ministry have been added where they meet the Mission and Method statements.

These are the four groups targeted by the ministry and their related requirements:

Orphaned Children – Food, clothing, housing, medical care, primary education and job training

Village Children – Medical care, primary education and job training

Village Pastors – Medical care and Bible college education

Village People – Medical care, job training and entrepreneurial support

The Village infrastructure needed to achieve the above ministry goals includes:

School Building – The ministry currently serves over 300 students in a tarpaulin and thatch building with small, dark rooms. Shadrach believes that there are approximately 1,500 children within walking distance of the Village that would attend if the facilities, teachers and supplies were available. The Liberian government has required a permanent building in order to maintain accreditation of the school. Funding was supplied and construction has started on a 20,000 square foot school to be constructed out of block, wood and tin. This building will have 15 classrooms (18x25 each), 5 offices, 7 bathrooms, a teacher's lounge, library (18x20), Laboratory (18x20), cafeteria (18x30) and storage space. The total cost of this new school building is approximately \$60,000 (somewhere around \$2.50 per square foot).

Health Clinic – The ministry currently has a medical clinic building with six rooms. Its construction is plaster covered mud block with a concrete floor and a thatch roof. As with the entire area, there is no constant source of electricity. The clinic does not have lights nor running water. Although the current structure is good by local standards it should be upgraded or replaced at some point in the future. A laboratory, with improved instruments, is needed to test for malaria which is a major cause of death in Africa. For November 2004 ten babies were delivered by the clinic. Estimated cost for a new structure is \$50,000.

Church Building – The current church building is an open air pavilion made from cut saplings with a tarpaulin roof and no sides. The benches are sawed boards of about 10 inches in width. This is a temporary structure and does not provide sufficient protection during the rainy season. In addition, the Bible college (when started) will utilize the church building for its classes and the current structure will not allow that. Even with a substandard building the church already averages 120 per Sunday with four Bible study classes covering all ages. Estimated cost for a new structure is \$50,000.

- Trade School – No facility currently exists and no ministry is now provided in the trade school area. A facility that could provide the necessary space would cost an estimated \$40,000. This would not include any equipment or other fixtures.
- Children’s Dorms – One each of a boys’ dorm, girls’ dorm and young children’s dorm are estimated to be required for the expected 250 orphaned children the village will serve. Each dorm will need to house over 80 children. The cooking and eating facilities can be shared with the school building and the weather dictates that most of each day be spent outside. As of November 2005 the Village has received 85 orphans for which to care. They currently sleep in one large room. The three dorms would require an estimated \$120,000 total to construct.
- Staff Housing – Most of the teachers, clinical staff and other trained workers come from Monrovia and must be provided housing. Currently these workers sleep several to a room in the guest house (a concrete block and tin roof structure of approximately 2,000 square feet) and a cut sapling and tarpaulin three room hut with tarpaulin floors. The village employs about 20 people requiring housing at this time. At the point of full capacity there will likely need to be housing for 100 or more individuals (1,500 school children will require at least 75 teachers alone). The adults, many married, will require individual space which will likely cost \$200,000 or more for minimal housing. Some thought has been given to using 40 foot shipping containers as housing and the ministry is searching for assistance from individuals familiar with this type project. While there are immediate housing needs, the housing will only be constructed as ministry growth demands it.
- Outbuildings – Minimal outbuildings for storage, power production, etc. will be needed. Most of these building can be built from local materials at minimal expense. The total estimated cost is \$5,000.

I M P A C T

Decisions for Christ:

- May 2001- Initial visit. Revival held with approximately 300 professing faith in Christ.
- May 2003- Second visit. Carol Chambers goes as a two week missionary.
- March 2004- Third visit. Three day pastors' and church leaders' conference. Average attendance of 700 with approximately 350 professing faith in Christ.
- June 2004- Fourth visit. Revival and pastors' conference. Average attendance of 250 with 79 professing faith in Christ. Carol Chambers stays for one year of service as a nurse and school teacher.
- October 2004- Fifth visit. Pastor Gary Wiggins, Buddy Shuemaker and R.D. Easterling traveled to the Children's Village. There were multiple professions of faith in Christ and a tremendous number of baptisms performed.

Pastor and Church Leader Training Provided:

- March 2004- 128 churches represented with approximately 500 church leaders trained during five sessions. EvangeCube's were given and training was provided to three members of each church to encourage accurate sharing of the Plan of Salvation.
- June 2004- Forty pastors trained per day during the revival and pastors' conference.
- October 2004- A pastor's conference was held providing much needed question and answer periods for those in attendance.

Children:

- Education- Three hundred average attendance at the Village's accredited kindergarten through twelfth grade school.
- Orphanage- Eighty-five full time children are now being cared for. The cost of food and clothing, as well as lack of sleeping facilities, currently prove a challenge for the Village.

MINISTRY FUNDING

Liberian Ministries does not pay any administrative expenses or salaries for the work performed within the United States. Everyone serves the Lord in this work without remuneration. Only expenses directly related to the Liberian effort are paid from ministry funds (Western Union fees, shipping costs, etc.).

Self Sufficiency of Operations-

The primary financial focus of the ministry is for it to become self sufficient. Making the ministry independently sustainable allows for reproduction of this model throughout Liberia without a corresponding increase in annual contributions. At our current level of service the Monrovia business enterprises of the ministry are close to producing enough profit to provide for the operating expenses. This is significant given that the ministry currently employs to some degree over 55 people as teachers, clinical staff, drivers, ice staff, loggers, etc. We also have building rent in Monrovia, truck and taxi expenses and the myriad other expenses that add up over time.

The operating model for the in-country ministry is based upon supplying capital generating assets based upon the business enterprises that the Liberian participants have determined can be profitable and for which they can operate. So far the enterprises include truck transportation of materials between Monrovia and Greenville, Jeep transportation of people and merchandise to outlying areas, taxi service within Monrovia and a cold water/ice making facility in Monrovia. Within the next couple of months a school van enterprise will be in place for the transportation of private school children in Monrovia as well. In addition a small logging/sawmill operation is in place in Karmo's Town which does not produce revenue but rather raw materials for construction efforts at the village. The profits from these businesses are designed to be capable of supplying the daily operating requirements of the village as well as the replacement of the revenue earning assets over time.

Self sufficiency also means that the children under the village's care provide labor for the farming and other activities of the village. With assistance and equipment crops can be planted and harvested which will provide part of the food eaten. Fruit trees can be planted. Plus the care of the grounds and maintenance of the structures can be performed by the older children. These activities also provide an education which they can use to assist them as they mature and leave the village. Much like the farm situations in the United States 50 to 100 years ago, the Liberian economy offers success to those who can grow and sell agricultural goods.

Capital Gifts for Village Structures-

As detailed in a previous section, there are numerous structural buildings necessary to create a fully functioning village. To fund these projects from the profits described above will ensure that the ministry does not achieve its goals within a reasonable time frame. It is therefore required that these assets be built through capital gift funds. The various needs are made known to all we come into contact with so that you may ask God if He will use you for their accomplishment.

Capital Gifts for Revenue Generation-

The beginning of each business enterprise listed above has started with a capital gift of the primary asset(s) required for that business. So far gifts of a transport truck, jeep, two taxis, two passenger vans, a diesel generator and ten freezers and a sawmill operation have been made either directly or by combining cash gifts. The ministry is designed to “teach a man to fish” but no man can fish until he has a fishing pole. Capital gifts of this nature provide the “fishing poles” of this ministry.

New opportunities for business are available due to the lack of capital and infrastructure within the country of Liberia. One example is the lack of transportation. The ministry currently puts every vehicle it can obtain to use in transportation of people and goods. Yet an entire food and basic goods transportation opportunity exists now. Fruit and vegetables harvested in the outlying areas of Liberia increase nearly five-fold if transported to Monrovia. Likewise, common goods such as flour, sugar and other staples gain significant value when taken to the villages. Additional transport trucks would allow a complete distribution system to be implemented which could prove a tremendous source of funding for the children’s villages. With competent help from U.S. individuals the ministry would like to pursue the distribution of electricity, large city transportation services, and other basic human needs. Liberia is very much like the United States at the turn of the last century with the advantage of having a solution for most problems that are incurred yet lacking the capital to put it into place.

Monthly Orphan Sponsorship-

The only gift of an ongoing nature requested by the ministry is for a monthly donation to care for the orphans which will live in the villages. Although the dorms themselves will be provided through one-time capital gifts, the day-to-day costs of caring for a child full time are significant. It is possible that the business revenues from the ministry’s enterprises will one day be able to cover the cost of these children however the window of opportunity diminishes with each day as these orphans age and are displaced. To wait until the business enterprises have grown sufficiently means to miss the key opportunity that God has given us to influence all of Liberia for His kingdom. Through the care of the orphans, education of the village children, training of the pastors (who in turn train their flocks) and supply of medical care to the villagers we earn the opportunity to teach a large segment of the country and, therefore, to determine who the next spiritual, political and business leaders of Liberia will be. \$25 per month per child will supply food, clothing and an education for the orphans under our care. The sooner we develop this funding source the sooner we can begin caring for these children.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The ministry does a good job of accounting for the monies that are provided by donors in order to assure that every dollar is used as directed by the contributor. Therefore monies given to purchase specific assets are used only for that purpose whereas monies given in general support of the ministry are pooled and used as various needs arise. The U.S. side of the ministry has a firm control over the monies received and disbursed.

Liberia does not have a financial infrastructure that supports proper financial controls. While banks do exist, setting up an account, clearing deposited funds and other standard financial transactions are slow and expensive. A check sent to be deposited in Liberia may take two months to clear. Few establishments accept payment by local check and payment of workers is not regulated and is completely in cash. The exchange rate hovers around \$40 - \$50 Liberian dollars per U.S. dollar which means not only that all the money earned is kept in cash but also that the physical quantity of the bills is huge. Twenty U.S. dollars may be 200 LRD yet the denominations of bills have not been adjusted accordingly. Therefore a literal sack of money is required to make fairly routine payments. Based upon the March 2004 trip it is my belief that setting up a properly secured system of accountability within Liberia will be a significant task.

Therefore, one area of accountability that has not been properly established is over the earnings from the Liberian business enterprises. There is no inference here that any inappropriate use of funds has occurred, only to openly state that a proper accounting system is not in place within the Liberian side of the operations. We are actively praying that God will send one or more U.S. citizens that will be willing to travel to Monrovia and spend the necessary time to establish the appropriate systems, train the Liberian nationals and oversee the ongoing financial reporting. The initial task will likely take months to accomplish and require significant time in country in order to transition the trained Liberians through several accounting cycles. In addition, the personnel involved would be expected to provide this service at no charge and would be responsible for raising their own travel money.

It is imperative that God's money be fully accounted for and properly presented for the information of past, current and future participants. Even more important than proper accounting is the usage of the information this will provide. Without good accounting information the ministry will not know if it is using God's gifts to their maximum effectiveness. The best usage of revenue generating assets can only be determined when the financial results of their use is accurately tracked. For these reasons the Liberian Ministries is firmly committed to improving the level of financial accountability within Liberia.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Pending accurate Liberian results of operations we offer the following estimated revenues and expenses based upon a study of the various ministry and business enterprises while in country during March 2004. Included in the estimated and actual figures below are the full staffing costs of the school, clinic lumber operation and administrative personnel. Shadrach and his family do not take a formal salary so their living expenses are also considered within these estimates.

Budgeted Annual Operational Results (U.S. dollars):

<u>Ministry/Enterprise</u>	Revenue	Expenditures	Profit+/Loss-
Medical Clinic	\$ 2,133	\$ 8,920	\$ 6,787-
Village School	\$ -	\$ 22,238	\$ 22,238-
Transport Truck	\$ 22,222	\$ 12,518	\$ 9,704+
Transport Jeep	\$ 13,333	\$ 7,560	\$ 5,773+
Lumber Operation	\$ -	\$ 8,779	\$ 8,779-
Water/Ice Operation	\$ 43,236	\$ 17,460	\$ 25,776+
Taxis (2)*	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000+
Vans (2)*	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000+
In Country Administration	\$ -	\$ 17,472	\$ 17,472-
Totals	<u>\$120,924</u>	<u>\$124,947</u>	<u>\$ 4,023-</u>
Monthly Average	<u>\$ 10,077</u>	<u>\$ 10,412</u>	<u>\$ 335-</u>

Actual Operational Results:

October 2004 (rainy season ends)	\$ 4,680	\$ 4,460	\$ 220+
November 2004 (dry season begins)	\$ 7,920	\$ 7,500	\$ 420+

* Taxis entered service June 2004 and estimated revenues and expenses are not based upon specific detailed information. Vans will not arrive in Liberia until March 2005 and are included as future information only.

Give us this day our daily bread. (Matthew 6:11)

FINANCIAL NEEDS

	Estimated Need	Funds Received	Funds Needed
Capital Structural Needs:			
Village School Building*	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -
Church/Bible College Building	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000
New Health Clinic	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Trade School Building	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000
Dormitories (3 @ \$40,000 each)	\$120,000	\$ -	\$120,000
Staff Multi-housing (5 @ \$40,000 each)	\$200,000	\$ -	\$200,000

* Funds received, construction started January 2005 with estimated completion by end of March 2005.

Capital Revenue Equipment Needs:			
Transport Trucks (any number)	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Taxis – Minivans (any number)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Vans – 15 Passenger (any number)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Jeeps – Land Rover/Toyota (any number)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Land/Building (Monrovia operations base)	\$unknown	\$ -	\$unknown

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. (Luke 11:9)

THE PEOPLE FACTOR

Perhaps the greatest need is in the area of people. We have a need for Liberians and for Americans in order for this ministry to reach its full potential.

Liberia-

Administrators are needed to properly manage the business aspects of the ministry. Much like the new testament church in Acts chapter 6:

³ Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. ⁴ But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

we find ourselves with Shadrach performing the administrative tasks of the ministry which interferes with his ability to minister to the people of the village. Pray that God will supply some men of “honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business”.

Spiritual leaders will be needed for the other children’s villages as they are started. What a blessing to have a man with Shadrach’s love and commitment. How many people would leave the benefits of the United States and return with his wife and young child to a country without adequate housing, electricity, food and healthcare. Pray that God will raise up men of commitment all over Liberia to become the next “Shadrach’s” in their village.

United States-

Businessmen willing to spend the time in Monrovia to set up a system of accountability for the finances which will enable the ministry to show proper stewardship for all that God gives us. These people would also transfer to Liberian administrators the knowledge necessary to determine the most efficient and effective way to operate the businesses which the ministry operates. This task could be performed by retired individuals with the appropriate experience. Given the difficulties of travel and living conditions, persons going to Liberia should be in good health.

Persons with experience in **overseas shipping, transfer of funds** between U.S. and African banks (we currently pay fees of 4-7% for all funds sent), **power production, connections with the Firestone** Tire and Rubber Company (they have a large operation in Liberia) and many other fields are requested to join us. We need your help.

A person skilled in **construction management** is needed to train the local ministry personnel in the proper way to plan, conduct and track construction projects. This person would need to spend a month or more in the Children’s Village in order to oversee and train their personnel during an actual construction project.

Sawmill operator to determine the viability of operating a portable sawmill for the production of lumber. Selection of the proper equipment as well as travel to Liberia to setup and train its users would be required.

Medical trainers and those with **connections within the pharmaceutical industry** are needed to provide annual training to the clinical staff and to secure free drugs for use in the

clinic. **Optometrists, dentists and medical physicians** are all needed for diagnosis and training.

A **refrigeration expert** to determine the best way to expand the ice making business currently using ten Kenmore freezer units.

People who will take on the **financial development** (capital gift acquisition) aspect of the ministry are needed. These people would have the time and connections to contact and promote the ministry to individuals and organizations able to make significant financial contributions to the ministry. Coordination among multiple individuals and groups to accomplish a selected capital need would also be beneficial.

People with IDEAS are always welcome. Jesus instructed us to be “wise as serpents” and we need people with experience in a wide range of fields. The opportunities in Liberia are endless and people of vision and experience are needed to take advantage of them.

Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. (Luke 10:2)

THE SERVANT

My name is Shadrach K. Saywon. I was born in the year nineteen seventy on the seventh day of December. I was born in New Kru Town on Bush Road Island, Monrovia, Liberia.

At the age of two, one of my uncles, the late Rev. Willie N. Wylie took us to Sinoe County, where we grew up. We were living in Karmo's town Jurazon district. The only mother and father I have ever known were the late Rev. and Mrs. Jessy J Wylie, may their soul rest in peace.

At the age of six, I started my primary school year at Jurazon Central High. I came to know the Lord when I was sixteen years old. I felt my call at the age of nine, but refused to live for the Lord. I did my entire running away from the Lord with the thought that I was very small to work for God. After all, why would He call me to work for Him? One thing I forgot to know was that God had already made His plan concerning my life.

In May of 1987 I went back home to my grand parents in Sinoe County. I started to organize various youth in most of the churches in the surrounding areas. We used to walk on foot for two to three days to carry the gospel to people. At the time we had to provide our own food and drinks. Sometimes we had to leave our church and go on evangelism trips for almost one to two months. The greatest thing about this was, everywhere we went the Lord always brought people to hear His word. People begin to give their lives to Christ. Some of these people didn't even know if there was God. They only had their traditional beliefs. They even worshipped some gods that were made by them. But glory to God who, in His own time, gave peace which they never had before.

The turning point of all this was 1989, December the 24th. This is a year that the Liberian people will remember forever. It is a year that we will tell to our great, great grandchildren and their children's children. This is the year that death and destruction of human lives began in Liberia which destroyed almost fifty to fifty-five percent of the outlying Liberian population.

The war started when a rebel group entered the Country to over throw the government. Even though everyone thought the war would last only a few days but it lasted for seven to eight years.

The war began to spread all over the country, leaving people homeless, killing innocent people, with the destruction of properties. There was no food, there was crying everywhere, it was a time that death began to flow like a running water. The worst of it was when the soldiers started to kill and eat human beings. People that were created in God's image were like animals to other people.

On July 27th of 1990, the rebels entered the village where I was living. This was a year that God really showed me that He was the only one who can give my life over to death. He is my Lord and my God; I will praise His name forever. He has done amazing things; He has faithfully carried out the plan He made long ago. I can remember on the 26th of that same month, which is the Independence Day for Liberia. We went on the Soccer field to celebrate

the day. It was the last day for some of us to see our friends, family and loved ones. It was the last time that we will ever celebrate this day together again.

On the morning of July 27, 1990, I was sitting at the front of my house when I heard that the rebels have entered Sinoe County. We only heard that they had entered the county but would not reach us. But it was not so, it was our time to feel the pain too. When I heard the news I started to cry because they told us that these rebels are going to kill all the people. When they catch you they are going to cut off your head and drink your blood.

I called my grandfather and grandmother and told them everything. For this reason every one in the city ran into the forest for safety. There was no one left in the whole city because of the fear of death. After a few weeks we decided to go back in the city thinking that the rebels were not going to enter the city. Remember that at this time they were already in the county but have not yet enter our city. So on the 9th of August every one came back from the forest to return to their normal businesses, they didn't know that there was going to be blood shed in that city.

At about 9am on the 13th of August we started to hear some shooting in the middle of the city. When I ran out to see what was going on the only thing I could see was smoke all over the city, the death bell started to ring. It was a time that the mother was not able to go back in the house to pick up her child and there was no time for the son to locate his parents. The town was set on fire, every where you could hear only gun sound, the devil missionaries were in control of human life. Killing woman and children, opening up their stomachs and taking their heads off.

That day I could not locate my grand parents. I ran into the forest with my bare feet. When I sat down to rest I could see that the skin under my right foot was off. I could not believe it. I never knew how it happened. I said to myself that if others are loosing their lives what much more about me only loosing my skin. I begin to ask the Lord why this was happening to me, what have I done? I decided to go and surrender myself to the rebels because I didn't want to die in the forest, it is better for me to die in the city than dying in the forest. But as I opened the book of Isaiah 41:10-13 (At this time I had my Bible wrapped in a piece of plastic paper to protect it from the rain). I started to build up my confidence in the Lord.

On the 18th of August 1990 the rebels found our hidden tent and killed two of my uncles and three of my brothers. I ran from there and went in a different direction with one of my uncles who is now the late James C. Kaffa. I want you to know that all this time I have only one shirt and a trouser on from the day I left the city for four and half months. I never had the chance to take a bath. My only shower was raining water. I used to sleep on sticks. I had no food and I only had to live on leaves and roots.

On the 24th of August the rebels again entered our other hidden tents and killed my uncle (James Koffa) who I was with in the forest. Now there was no where to turn. I couldn't find my grandparents. I decided to kill myself rather than to live.

I started to pray to God and He spoke to me from His blessed word, saying "SHADRACH, I AM THE LORD, I WAS THERE AT THE BEGINNING, AND I WILL BE THERE AT THE END" (Isaiah 43:13-17). I spend almost four months in the forest, with

only one shirt and trouser. One thing I want to be thankful for is that, in all of this, I was never sick at all.

On the 24th of November 1990 a letter was sent to the rebel in charge of human destruction in Sinoe stating that there should be no more killing. Not knowing that it was a plan to kill any male who would come back to the city.

On the last Sunday of November 1990 I entered the city and was arrested. The rebels tied me with twine to slaughter me, this happened at about 8 am that Sunday. I was lying on my back with my hands tied behind me. At about two in the afternoon I could not feel my hands any more. There was blood all over my body. The twine had penetrated through my flesh, trying to reach my veins. I started to imagine the wonderful words of our Lord to the children of Israel, "REMEMBER THAT I AM STILL YOUR GOD AND WILL FOREVER BE YOUR GOD. DON'T BE AFRAID! STAND YOUR GROUND AND YOU WILL SEE WHAT I WILL DO TO SAVE YOU FROM THESE PEOPLE" (Exodus 14:13). Surely the Lord performed a miracle that I will forever remember for the rest of my life.

There were four guys that day and I can still remember their names. Brothers and Sisters, there's none like unto God. He is faithful and will do what He has promised. When one of the guys took his gun and pointed it at me, saying "my friend it is time for you to die, get up let us go to our killing zone." But I can still remember what the Lord has promised. I knew that my lord was still in control of the whole situation. As we were going to their killing zone confusion broke out among the four of them, two was against their plan to kill me while the other two still insisted they were going to kill me.

Before we reached their spot their commander started coming and they all ran away leaving me tied up. When the commander reached me, he asked me what was going on. I started to explain that his soldiers wanted to kill me for what, I do not know. He then untied me, and told me that I was free to go home. I then remember the words of the Lord, "To whom can the Lord be compared, is there any god like Him? He will always fulfill His promises" (Isaiah 40:25).

On the 20th of June 1994 the Lord performed another miracle in my life again. One day I was caught while taking my Church for a memorial service for one of our pastor's. The soldiers told me to preach to them after which time they were going to kill me. The Spirit of God led me to preach to them on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ from the book of 2 Peter 3:8-16. While I was preaching, the Spirit of God took hold of them. One of them said to me that he was a Christian before but he really never knew what he was doing. He then asked to rededicate his life to God. He asked me to pray for him and his friends; I offered a prayer of rededication. After my prayer for them I was set free and was told to go home. There was so much that I could not say, but thank God for He, who makes a way through the sea and a path through the mighty waters, will always be there when his people need Him. Those who know and put their trust in the God of our Lord Jesus Christ will never ever be defeated. He never will forsake His people.

With all that Christ did, which I can not explain all because I have no time left to complete what the Lord has done and keeps doing for me. One thing I promised Him is to know His will for my life. I want to be His servant for the rest of my life. I just tell of His goodness and how He delivers me from death, and therefore He can do it for others too. I

want to tell my brothers of how Christ died for our sins, so that they can have the freedom that the world will never offer them.

When I came to America I decided to go to a Bible College for the Lord to prepare me to go back and take the Gospel of Christ to my country.

Right at this very moment I am fighting to keep the tears from rolling down my face as I write this testimony. I am a man who wants to know the will of God, only depending on His grace to survive. One thing I know is that God called me and promised to complete in me what He has called me to do (Phil. 1:6).

Many folks have asked me how I got to America. I am here because God willed it. My mother and father had divorced and mother met an African American missionary in Monrovia. Shortly after that, they were married and of course when he came back to America she came with him.

The desire of the world is to come to America whether to get an education or to live out the American dream. In Africa it is very hard to get an American visa to come over here. It took my mother almost twenty years to get my brother and me the American visa that we needed to leave Africa.

When we arrived I enrolled in bible school in Philadelphia. Times were hard and I found I just couldn't afford to continue my education there. I had heard about The Baptist Collage of Florida in Graceville. I applied and was accepted, praise God. I joined Gully Springs Baptist church and about a year later they sponsored my fiancée to come over here and we were married.

I finished school in 2001, my wife will be finished Dec. 2003. Since we were married God has given us a baby girl. At first we thought about naming her an American name but we had never given up the vision that God had given me many years before to go back over to the Bush Country of Liberia and begin a Children's Village for the orphans and homeless children that were left from the war.

Because in my young years my grandfather helped me with my spiritual life and then was killed in the civil war, I have chosen to name the village after him, Willie N. Wylie

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands (Revelation 7:9)

VILLAGE MODEL

