

MISSION OF THE MONTH for APRIL 2018

Liberian Lutheran Schools - Project of Orphan Grain

Please join us in lifting up our brothers and sisters in Christ by supporting the Liberian Lutheran Schools as the Mission of the Month for April. Support for the Liberian Lutheran School is sponsored through Orphan Grain Train.

The situation is quite bleak in Liberia where the First Civil War claimed 250,000 lives and lasted eight years. Peace was short lived and the Second Civil War began a year later. During the Civil Wars of Liberia, all missionaries and Bible translators were pulled out of the country so Liberians had to come forth to fill the void. Joe Boway was hunted because he was a Christian but managed to escape. Currently, Joe lives in Ft. Wayne but returns frequently to Liberia to minister to his people.

The situation for Liberian Lutheran Schools is very similar to the mission in Haiti. There are no schools except those established by the Liberian Lutheran Churches of LCMS and these schools are located 300 miles from Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. There is no electricity, books, or school supplies. The teachers are the only ones who have books. School is taught in simple surroundings by the use of blackboards, note pads, and memorization. Like our school in Laotchikit, Haiti, the desks for the schools are furnished by Orphan Grain Train.

Liberians built fourteen schools which educate 5,000 students. The schools are built of mud bricks and lessons are taught in English. Thanks to Concordia Publishing House, the schools received 5,000 bibles for the children to read and use. The cost to educate a student for one year is \$25 USD.

Orphan Grain Train is collecting money to purchase generators and basic school supplies such as pencils, pens, and paper, for the Liberian Lutheran Schools. This is a very worthy cause because hearing the Gospel and earning an education are the best ways to fight poverty and break the viscous cycle of disease and starvation.

**Please give generously to the April Mission of the Month
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Thank you for your help!

