



CHRISTIAN REVIVAL CHURCH ASSOCIATION

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“Ministry Marathon”

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“...However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the Gospel of God’s grace.” Acts 20:24

The “race” for CRCA this past month and a half has been much like a marathon, but in the running has always been the most important task of testifying to the glorious Gospel of God’s grace! At the start of December, our friend, Jose, came to plan and discuss agriculture and solar power projects that he and a group of students from Clemson have been working on for CRCA. Dennis and Jose went to Konia to do some research on the existing fish ponds and see how they might incorporate rice production into the fish ponds. The time was fruitful and Jose went back with a plan of action.

At the same time a team of CRCA Monrovia church volunteers as well as some of the teaching staff at the Brewerville Orphanage Home were preparing to host a Christmas Vacation Bible School for the children. The theme was: “Happy Birthday Jesus!” They heard about Jesus’ birth and all those that were there to announce, welcome, and worship the newborn King. The children were also able to receive bunk beds and a soccer ball as gifts to the orphanage home, but most important, they learned that it is great to give and that the gift God wants from them is for them to love Him with all of themselves—heart, soul, mind, and strength. (Mark 12:30)

On December 27th, a convoy carrying CRCA youth and leaders from around the country headed to Konia for the first ever CRCA National Youth Conference. The theme for the conference was “Shine like Stars” (Ephesians 5:14-21 and Philippians 2:12-18). The youth kicked off the festivities with welcome messages from their youth leaders and a parade. Pastor Willie Johnson of Konia and Dennis Aggrey, CRCA’s Mission Director, both gave challenging messages commissioning the youth to “Shine” for Jesus by living wisely, filled with the Spirit and knowing the Lord’s will, and speaking the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the joy and boldness. They also enjoyed sports competitions and working together on the church farm projects. The youth left encouraged, challenged, and looking ahead!

After returning to town on New Year’s Eve, CRCA ushered in 2010 the very next day in Grand Bassa County for the area’s Regional Conference. In continuing with the “Operation Andrew” theme and sharing the heart of CRCA to be multiplying, discipling, and self-supporting, the churches were encouraged to boldly proclaim the Gospel and to work hard for the Lord. They celebrated and worshiped Jesus together, Bassa-style! The church was blessed by the teaching and started making plans for practical application.

The day after Dennis returned from Bassa, we received a mission team from CIG in Vienna, Austria. The group of 12 came unified and ready to work hard, loving the Lord, each other, and the people of Liberia. We climbed the hill to Malawu once again where some of the team had gone the year before on their first mission with CRCA. From there we headed to our project sites: God opened doors for the team to join with CRCA church members from around Lofa county to start construction on church buildings in **two** villages—Borkeza and Kpassagizia. Along with the construction, the team helped with medical clinics, children’s ministry, preaching and training with local church leaders, agricultural project planning, relief supply distribution, and friendship building. Each person had unique gifts and experiences and God didn’t allow anything to be wasted! God also gave us the joy of standing at the “Gateway to Guinea” (the road being built from Kpassagizia into Guinea) with great hope of Liberian missionaries soon carrying the Gospel of Jesus Christ to dispel the darkness across the border.

To date, Dennis is in Sierre Leone. Please lift him and the team up in your prayers as well as our brothers and sisters there, the furthering of the Gospel in that country, the future of ministry and partnerships with our friends there.

To God be the glory!