



CHRISTIAN REVIVAL CHURCH ASSOCIATION

5th Chronicles

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“To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” Revelation 1:6

Joyful greetings to you, our family in Jesus Christ--our Risen and Returning King!

The setting is a place called Peter’s Town—a small town that has faced some Goliath-size trials and challenges, but like David, has seen the power of God to defend His children and defeat His foes. Although the CRCA church in Peter’s Town was one of the first, the road to growth and multiplication has been rocky. Some leadership changes and spiritual attacks, in the form of evil curses, threats, and property damage from within the community, put the young church in a critical position, totally dependent on God for help. CRCA, under the leadership of Dennis Aggrey, continued to seek and trust God while offering guidance to the struggling church. Blessedly, in February, 2009, God supplied a strong, faithful, missions-hearted pastor to lead the church and oversee the Monrovia region. Pastor Zinah Williams and his wife, Fatu, moved into the community and faced the struggles head on, on their knees. Pastor Williams met and began sharing the gospel and mentoring two young Muslim men. The two became followers of Christ and evangelists alongside Pastor Williams, joining the leadership in the church and reaching other local communities with Jesus’ love. Some of the fruit of their labor includes two new churches planted in Brown’s Town and Jungle Farm.

As the church continued to grow in number, God moved the local Firestone authorities to give land and Ma Kebbeh, an older woman in the community, to freely give up her garden for the construction of a church building. Not only did Ma Kebbeh, give her cash crop despite family discouragement, but she gave her heart to Jesus and joined the CRCA church family. God also brought a partner, Water of Life, to put in a well for clean drinking water in the community. Then in His generosity, He provided the resources and funding for the construction of the church building through many individuals and partners. Church members, CRCA school students and teachers, and a few community members, young and old, eagerly joined in to help with the construction, joyfully working side by side in unity. Even though the outcome is sure, the enemy doesn’t give up quickly and so the battle was on! Continued fight from some community members caused the authorities to put a stop on the construction for some time. CRCA, Pastor Williams, and Peter’s Town church members persevered and persisted and prayed. They held evangelistic outreach in the community, joined with Operation Christmas Child to bless local children with Christmas gifts, hosted a youth day, and joyfully took the responsibility of hosting the CRCA Women’s Conference in July, 2010. Because of their faith and belief in the power of God, they couldn’t relent!

The journey was long, but God is faithful and on Easter, 2010 we celebrated Jesus’ victory over death and His victories in Peter’s Town as we dedicated the completed building and the true church back to God. It was really an entire weekend of rejoicing as CRCA church members from churches across Liberia, including a group of 76 students and teachers from Lofa, joined together to take part of the dedication and sporting events, delicious goat soup, singing, dancing, and beautiful fellowship. Sunday morning before the ribbon cutting and worship service a parade of Christians marched through the streets of Peter’s Town singing praise to the King of Kings and reminding the community of God’s faithfulness to His children. Partner Kendell Kaufeldt, Samaritan’s Purse Country Director, cut the ribbon and the church entered in jubilation. Choirs sang, the Peter’s Town story was told, and the people praised the God who is able! CRCA Mission Director, Dennis Aggrey, preached on the Temple as the body. “Jesus answered the Jews, ‘Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.’” (John 2) The temple that Jesus spoke of was His body. Also, believers are the temps of God (1 Cor. 3:16). The “church” that we speak of today is His body too. “And He [Jesus] is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in Heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.” (Colossians 1:18-20) The building is truly a blessing from God, but the Church is the Christians that persevere through trials; work together trusting God; daily following Jesus Christ, the Head; loving the lost; and eagerly awaiting the Final return of the blessed Redeemer! We were encouraged to continue loving one another and giving all of ourselves to the one who gave all of Himself to bring us back to God!



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Prayer Requests

April, 2010

- **Thank God for His kindness and faithfulness displayed in Peter's Town. Pray for the continued momentum and growth of believers there and for salvation for the lost in the community.**
- **Praise God for 20 Acres of land near the new University of Liberia that God has provided for CRCA ministry and for His leading for the future plans for the land.**
- **Pray for our 3 mission teams coming to CRCA from overseas in May.**
- **Praise God for the favor He is giving CRCA with the traditional leaders of Kpassagizia, the town on the Liberia-Guinea border.**
- **Pray that Dennis would be able to secure his visa to the UK to speak at the Samaritan's Purse 20th Anniversary conference.**
- **Pray for our Brother, Deacon James Washington and their family as they are missing wife and mother (Sis. Esther) who went to spend Easter in Heaven with Jesus.**
- **Pray for the upcoming CRCA national women's conference scheduled for July, 2010 in Peter's Town.**