

Feb. 14, 2010

Larry & Jackie Owens Missionaries to Sierra Leone



Prayer Request

- Church growth
- Larry's hearing
- Funds to repair our generator
- Peace in Sierra Leone

We hope that everyone had a joyful Christmas. It has been a very snowy winter in the Washington, D.C. area. Enough already.....

Wish we had some definite news about Larry's hearing but we don't. He has his last visit with the specialist and will once again have a hearing test. There has been little change between the others and we both feel it is perhaps a little worse. The Dr. has given little hope that there is anything that can be done. He has stopped all salt but has noticed little difference and has been taken riboflabinoid which was suggested by several people but that also seems to have made no difference.

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We have been in weekly contact with our people back in Sierra Leone and the reports continue to be good. The children especially continue to be faithful with 50-60 attending every Sunday. We are encouraged that our core group continues to be faithful. We have a young man that is planning to come over late spring, early summer. He played soccer in college and we hope to have him do a soccer camp while in the country. This will offer him the opportunity to combine two of his loves. Please pray for us that we can make this happen.

Thank you for all your prayers for Dayo and Bakarr. They were blessed with a healthy 8lb. baby girl in December. So far all is well. She was named Sia Jackie Owens Neuman. I am anxious to see my namesake although using just one of my names would have been enough!!

Finally, we were blessed with the opportunity to go to Haiti a couple of weeks post earthquake. One of our supporting churches, Eastland Baptist, in Orlando, has supported a ministry in Haiti for sometime. It includes an orphanage, church and school. Thanks to a physician that has a ministry to Haiti, we were able to take many medications, bandages, vitamins and food to this ministry. We were able to visit and minister to these entire ministries in Port-au-Prince and the providence of Beledere. Although we had seen many pictures on the news to actually see the amount of destruction was incredible. The pictures do not truly show the destruction. We were told by the community we visited that we had been the first to come in and check on them. We treated about 350 in this community many with symptoms of post-traumatic syndrome. The community blocked off the street and set up tarps in the alley ways to sleep under. We likewise slept in a tent for the week as the buildings were deemed unsafe. Every evening the ladies would pray and then sing into the night. We were told that the night following the earthquake 10 members of the community were saved. Please pray for Marsella and Darwin 2 young people that we dealt with regarding salvation while we were there. Although they made no professions, I believe a seed was planted and pray that there will others to water.

Finally, we have just confirmed our return date to Sierra Leone for April 25. We wanted to leave immediately after Easter but could not due to unfavorable ticket prices.

Thank you for your faithful giving

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Specials

May God continue to richly bless you in 2010.

Thank you, Larry + Jackie