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"Disability does not mean inability"



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Beloved Co-Missionaries,

We hope that this letter finds you all well as we wind down on another summer season. Usually during the course of a year we send four newsletters, but because of the serious conditions we find that it is necessary to send this **emergency appeal**. We thank you for all of your recent donations through our raffle but we have come across even more great hardships in Liberia due to the Ebola crisis.



In our last letter we mentioned the Ebola outbreak in Liberia. We have been asking for prayers for all the victims of this terrible disease but unfortunately, the disease is now OUT OF CONTROL. It has been difficult to physically reach any of the disabled that JCADF have been helping farther out in the villages because the Liberian government has blocked off the borders between towns and created checkpoints to try to contain the disease. The government has come to a complete halt. Nurses and Doctors went out on strike yesterday because they had not been paid for two months. Schools are all closed and no one is working or getting paid. We have had many calls from the villagers begging for food, but our Liberian staff cannot safely travel to them with food and supplies. We are currently working on a plan to have the families

meet our staff at designated areas in order to pick up their food. Many people will probably die of starvation and dehydration, malaria and typhoid due to lack of medicines as all of the hospitals and clinics are only accepting Ebola patients. Yesterday the main hospital in Monrovia turned away over 800 patients with Ebola for lack of beds. They were sent home to die and infect everyone at home as there are so few health care workers. Please pray and pray some more.

Ebola has been spreading rapidly but fortunately, the Rehab family has remained in good health. Up to now, not one resident has come down with either Ebola or even malaria or typhoid, which prior to the onset of the Ebola outbreak we were battling as well, sending many residents to the hospital. So, once again, they have been spared the influx of this crisis. Certainly our prayers and yours are helping to keep them safe while death is all around them. The government has voluntary teams who are supposed to come and pick up anyone who becomes ill or the bodies of those who pass away. Because of the great stigma associated with this disease, the bodies remain in homes or in the streets for days and sometimes a week before anyone even attempts to assist. Contrary to what the government is presenting to the media, the bodies are not being cremated but they are being buried in shallow graves at night so that residents cannot see what is going on. In fact, the graves are so shallow that packs of dogs dig up the bodies and feed on the remains. The dogs will not die but if they were to lick someone or bite a human, the Ebola would be transmitted.



Most merchants have closed down in order to hoard food and Clorox (used to disinfect) for their own families and friends. Those small markets that remain open have drastically raised their prices. A cup of rice which used to be \$0.30 is now \$1.00 U.S. and the price of cassava has risen 150% and peppers by 133%. We are advising all to stay indoors and not to go out to crowded areas unless it is absolutely necessary to leave home. Since Ebola is spread through bodily fluids we have compiled a list of things NOT TO DO and up to now, the Rehab residents seem to be listening.

As many of you know, we have been collecting items and supplies to be shipped to the Rehab via sea container. Although we still have a ways to go before we have enough stockpiled, it will be virtually impossible to ship the container until after the Ebola outbreak is eliminated as we are extremely concerned about possible looting as well as the status of Monrovia's seaport being unknown to us at the present time. The desperation in the country is extremely bad.

Our Rehab family in Liberia is also dealing with other issues that need our immediate attention. Victor informed us that two of the buildings are completely infested with carpenter ants and termites. The roofs are caving in and someone could be seriously injured or even killed if any of the beams fall. This has to be taken care of now.



Problem One - We are once again low on funds and we need extra money to make the emergency repairs. Anyone who can make an extra sacrifice will be helping His Least in a desperate situation. Kindly make a copy of this letter and pass it around to friends and neighbors. No donation is too small.

Problem Two - Armed robbers and looters have been trespassing onto the Rehab property at night in an attempt to hide from

government patrols. There is a deep valley where Sister used to grow vegetables and raise pigs. Eventually this area became spoiled and it no longer can be used. We have to put up a barrier wall to protect the residents and the rest of the land. We received a quote for a cement block wall but it was too high and now we are looking into a chain link fence with razor wire and hopefully this will be more affordable. We still do not have the funds as most of our savings were invested in the new water system, septic system and pump and generator while Kevin was in Liberia in March and in stockpiling food, diesel and other necessities when we heard that the epidemic had begun. That was a positive investment and done just in time before the outbreak of this disease. I truly believe we were being prepared for this EBOLA crisis without even knowing it.

Also, since 2004 when there was the fire in the boys' dormitory, there have really been no major structural repairs made to the Rehab buildings. So, it stands to reason that things would one day begin to fall apart. Again, we need your help!

Problem Three - After Sister repatriated and bought the land in 1998, there were refugee camps in the surrounding areas with tens of thousands of starving Liberians who no longer had homes to live in. Sister and all of the residents bought extra rice and fish and they set up a soup kitchen outside the walls of the Rehab. People would line up at night with their bowls and Sister and some of the older residents would fill up the refugee's bowls. Hundreds would show up.



There are so many community people around them today who have no food or supplies. The residents are currently confined to their land but they would like to help the people who are within their immediate reach, by making up packages of food and handing them out at the gate. They want to do as much good as they can by taking the time to save a few lives from starvation and praying with their neighbors. But in order to do this, we need your help. No donation is too small and your generosity is always appreciated.

For all those with computer access, our web site is: www.africandisabilityfoundation.org

We have set up a Facebook group site which will keep you up to date on everything that is going on. The address is: www.Facebook.com/groups/JCADF. There you will find all of our updates from the Rehab residents. Donations can be made through the online store or they can be sent to JCADF at 47 Harford Avenue, Shavertown, PA 18708.

Finally, we have the winners of our recent raffle. Congratulations to the winners!

- 1st prize - Omaha Steaks Gift Card - Sharon Orlowski - Dallas, PA
- 2nd prize - Best Buy Gift Card - Sr. Marinetta Harenza OSF - Reading, PA
- 3rd prize - Barnes and Noble Gift Card - Tom Wingerter - Tulsa, OK

God Bless each of you for caring and sharing. You are all in our constant prayers. Please keep us in yours.

God Bless You All,



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