

Kyle & Elisabeth Burchwell

Preaching the Gospel of Christ in **LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA**



Dear Praying Friends,

December 2025

We are so excited and grateful to God to be concluding our first six months on the field! Wow, it's crazy how time flies. We hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas season, and we're praying that God blesses you all with a wonderful new year in 2026!



Praises

We would like to praise the Lord for the strength and grace He has given during the ongoing process of adjusting to our new home. We are very grateful to the church members and friends from the Temple Baptist Church of Monrovia for their help and gracious understanding – it is such a big help to have folks who are willing and happy to help you learn!

We are slowly but surely picking up on the Kolloqua, or Liberian English, and it's getting much easier to communicate, although we still have a long way to go. Elisabeth is even picking up bits and pieces of basic greetings in several of the dialects. We are very thankful for the time we spent at BBTI as it has really conditioned our ears to listen and recognize basic pronunciation patterns and variations.

We have been adjusting to the different climate fairly well – although Elisabeth is still getting sunburnt a bit when she's out and about in the community. When we got here, we had to adjust to the heat – but when Kyle had to go back to the states for his hand, he couldn't wait to get back out of the cold! The Liberians on the trip back thought it was funny that the white man was just as cold as they were.

We would also like to praise the Lord that Elisabeth has recovered from her procedure in October without any known complications. We would like to give special thanks to everyone who was praying for us for her procedure!

First Salvation

All glory to God, we were able to lead our first Liberian to the Lord in November! Kyle had the opportunity to begin discussing spiritual things with one of his friends, and after a few weeks, we were able to see him accept Christ in our home after several hours of discussion. He is currently attending church; please pray for us for wisdom and guidance with discipleship.

Kyle's Hand Injury

During the last week of November, Kyle injured his hand breaking up a fight between two of the guard dogs. The sagittal band on his third finger on his right hand was torn, a painful injury that typically requires surgery. After consulting with several doctors, he flew back to the states to have it examined. The doctor there said he didn't want to operate on it, and he was hopeful that it would heal if splinted in certain position. We pray that he is correct. We want to praise the Lord that Kyle was able to be seen so quickly, and that he was able to get there and back quickly. We covet your prayers for speedy and complete healing.

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Literature Container

Praise God, our literature container finally arrived! Two days before Kyle flew back to the US for his hand, we received a notification that the container had arrived in port – very unfortunate and complicated timing. Then the same day Kyle arrived back in Liberia, we were able to secure the release and delivery of the container. The devil is in the details, but our God is truly greater! It was an all-day process, but by eleven o'clock that evening, the container was sitting safely at the property where we are storing it. We want to give God the glory and thank all of you for your investment and prayers in this long, arduous project! Praise the Lord, over 36,000 pounds of Bibles, John and Romans, Gospel of Johns, New Testaments, and children's supplementary educational materials have made it here to Liberia to be used for the furtherance of the Gospel and the glory of God! We are so relieved and excited to be able to begin putting these resources to good use. Thanks again so much to all of you who gave, donated, and prayed to make this milestone a reality!

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

We are very grateful for the weekly ministry that we are blessed to partake in at Temple Baptist Church here in Monrovia, and the church here has been such a blessing to us. In the next few months, God has been opening doors for us to participate in conferences and outreaches in conjunction with several other ministries as well in different parts of the country. Other doors are still opening, with further possibilities still on the horizon. Please be in prayer for us that God will give wisdom and guidance concerning which opportunities to pursue, as well as leading towards where He will have us to minister once we conclude our first term.

Special Prayer Request

We are requesting special prayers concerning our health, Kyle's in particular. There is always a lot of sickness whenever you move to another country – it's just part of the process, but Kyle's health has been nearly unnaturally poor lately. In the space of four weeks he has experienced a malaria relapse, a painful, unidentified throat infection, stomach and intestinal irritation, the torn ligaments in his hand, an extremely aggressive rash that covered his body and caused severe swelling, and a severe flu with lingering symptoms, all consecutively with some overlap. Please be in prayer that God will shield us and protect us physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for health and God's spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical protection over us.
- Please pray for upcoming ministry opportunities.
- Please pray for safety as we travel more in country this coming quarter.
- Please pray for several individuals that we are building relationships with and sharing Christ with.

Thank you for your prayers,
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