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Dear Partners in Christ,

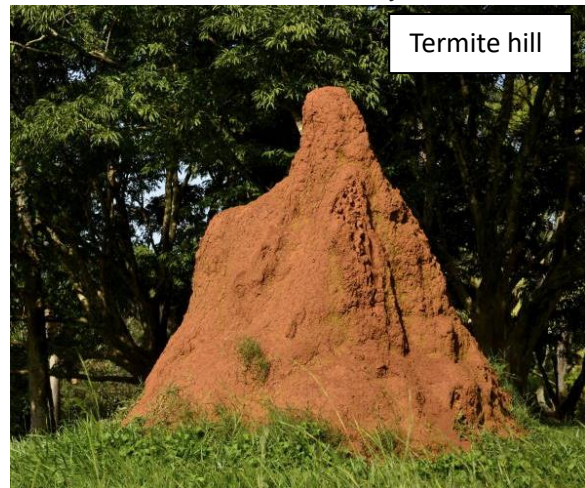
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Quite a number of our partners have said in the past, "Let us know if there is anything you need." This need is not for us personally, but for a church in Liberia, West Africa, where we used to be missionaries. Todee Repentance Baptist Church is a struggling group 70 miles in the rainforest from the capital city, Monrovia. I have been there and preached at Todee.

Todee is one of those special churches with a wonderful spirit in the church and the best choir in the country. The Civil War in Liberia not only killed thousands of people and caused us as missionaries to leave the country, but also all land and property records in the government offices were lost.

Now, the church can purchase 50 good farming acres near the village of Todee for \$1,200, a new motorcycle for \$900 so that the pastor will have a Chinese motorcycle with 150cc engine, and a helmet all paid for, and the congregation will possess great farmland, all paid for with a title and a deed to the motorcycle and the land. The people in the church will use the farmland to grow crops to sell to support the pastor and to provide for their families.

A river flows through the middle of the property. Termites have built there several 20-foot-high mounds or hills out of clay. The people will dig down and crush the termite hills, mix the clay with water, fill forms to make mud bricks, and allow them to dry in the sun. When dry, the clay stands up to the heavy rains which cannot destroy the bricks at all. The people will use



these bricks for the walls and perhaps the floor. Time and time again in my seventeen years in Liberia, I have witnessed this brick building operation. Houses, churches, and hospitals are all built from these termite hills.

In all of missionary efforts that we see today, this is one of the best ways for us to invest. Where can you buy 50 acres of good farmland and a new motorcycle to jump start a ministry for \$2,400? Liberia is a very poor country and at the present time there are several pastors of the 130 pastors that are still remaining in Liberia, trained in our Bible School, living on \$20 a month! The Todee church membership today does not have \$2,400 for this project, nor do the Zerbes.

The Zerbes can put \$500 toward this project. Could some others pitch in together to make up the \$1,900 balance? Any gifts beyond this amount will go toward the rafters and the metal roofing or nails and the church benches. The new church will seat 200 to 300 people when finished. The motorcycle for the pastor, which is greatly needed to help the ministry go forward, will last the preacher for years. Some of these motorcycles like the one the pastor is going to get, I have seen carrying four adults on the same motorcycle, as if it were a taxicab. Would you pay even a good motorcycle driver on 150cc motorcycle to give you a ride somewhere and pay a taxicab fee with four people on the same motorcycle?

Todee Repentance Baptist Church is an outreach from Repentance Baptist Church in the capital city of Monrovia, where Moses Kpah has been pastor for many years. Pastor Moses Kpah and I grew up together in Liberia during our teenage years, as his father studied at Bible school. Later as Jane and I returned to Liberia as adult missionaries, Moses was one of my students at the Bible school.

If you should like to speak on the telephone to the pastor of the Todee church or to Pastor Moses who both speak English, please call me first at 907-322-8807 anytime day or night and I will patch you in to talk to him together in Liberia. For God's glory, "Lord you know what Todee Repentance Baptist Church needs."

Sincerely,
Les and Jane Zerbe
Now serving in Costa Rica.

PS Remember this \$2,400 is paid in full for the land with a deed and the motorcycle and a title with helmet. Thank you for helping together with us for these dear African people in prayer and giving.



The Todee pastor will get a motorcycle like this.

Señor Sam Sez:

*Let's keep Terminix away from
Todee's termite hills!!*



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