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Dear Friends,

It was a busy summer...lots of contact with our African pastors as well as Alaska missionary flying. The new plane engine is working well, and the second plane which was recently donated is also flying very well.

We thank each one of you who still send \$35 per month for one bag of rice and support for pastors. Thanks for your gifts. A metal roof was provided for the orphanage. The old roof was full of holes, and now it is rainy season, meaning -- 200 inches of rain in about six months. They had rain dripping or pouring in everywhere. The widow who runs the orphanage continues to have a wonderful Christian testimony which in her youthful school days helped bring the pastor we are featuring later in this letter to the Lord. Thanks for taking care of this need!

We spotlight Pastor Larque Vaye of Calvary Baptist Church in Monrovia, Liberia. Years ago during the civil war, Vaye and a young missionary (who was from Alaska) were standing at the gate inside the mission property trying to protect the Liberian believers inside, when the rebels shot and killed the missionary. In order to save his own life, Vaye threw himself over the concrete block security wall, cutting his arms on the broken glass cemented on top to deter all but the most determined!.

When we visited Liberia, we stood at that very gate in the wall of the mission compound, which is now the Jake Memorial Bible College, named for that missionary who died. Vaye showed me the ugly scars remaining on his arms to this day.

During the war years many of Calvary's members became refugees in the US, Ivory Coast, and other countries. Many current members are caught in the poor economic situation in Liberia or are students. Obviously, the tithes and offerings are not what they would be under better conditions. Pastor Vaye has no salary from the church, and any extra funds go to support the evangelists who have been sent out by Calvary Baptist. He teaches in the Jake Bible Institute with little pay, only receiving gas money for his transportation. Periodically, Vaye travels out to villages for evangelistic meetings.

His wife, Roseline, rises early to bake cornbread to sell on the streets for breakfast. Believing that the Lord wants her to attend Bible college to be a better pastor's wife and leader of the women, Roseline has added studies to her busy schedule. They grow a garden beside the parsonage. For a time they also had a small business with their children selling bags of water on the streets, which they had frozen in their own freezer. On a hot day the melting ice was very popular! Electricity is so costly now that they can no longer afford to plug in the freezer. (Too bad a large solar electric system is so costly to set up.)



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Pastor Vaye has chronic typhoid, and Roseline was injured a while back when a taxi veered off the road toward her, and she had to jump out of the way. Doctors recommended that she go to Ghana for treatment, where she will have surgery on Sept 16. We have given to help them get started with treatment there. On a praise note, since we began writing this letter, someone we know has covered the current medical bill of Mrs. Vaye. There will be more expenses for travel, housing and food.

Note from Liberia: Evangelist John K Flomo received the gift of a \$900 Chinese motorcycle three months ago. Previously he was walking 140 miles each week. He could use \$15 week for gas for his motorbike.



I thank you, Rev. Zerbe. The areas I was not able to reach, I can reach there now. In October we will baptise ten persons (formerly Muslims) and start their church building in Gola Conneh District. I now have four men working with me in Western Liberia. Please pray for our financial support because there is no one, or a church helping us now besides you with the Bible given me. We work with our own hands, to support ourselves in this muslim church planting.

Thanks, John K Flomo 8-7-2013



Thanks to all of you who remembered to help with camper fees here in Alaska. Pictured is a young lady from Fort Yukon holding her recent acquisition from WalMart—a stuffed husky puppy doll. She is from the Athabaskan Indian tribal group. One guy from the Lower 48 couldn't quite say the name, so he referred to it as "a half a gas can" Indians! Since the Tower of Babel, language has always been a problem, hasn't it?

Keep praying for Jane and the jail ministry. They had 13 women who attended last week, with 6 praying to receive the Lord! Pray for ladies who have been released from jail to continue going to church and Bible study on the outside. Pray for the deaf woman who is addicted to alcohol. She wants to quit, but keeps going back to the bars. Folks have pretty much given up on her.

Thanks so much for your faithful giving, as Alaska is an expensive place to live, and for helping us encourage our very hard working African co-workers. Thanks you for helping with all this. Should you want to help our African Christians with a 100 lb. bag of rice for \$35 or send that much to support a pastor or evangelist in Liberia, send your donation to CMC with a note attached with our name and designating how you want it spent, for example: "Zerbe—Liberia pastors," "Zerbe—Rice," or "Zerbe—(other)."



SOURDOUGH SAM SEZ:
"I need brain surgery before I die, but since I don't expect to get any dollars for this, I'll donate my brain to Congress!"

Faithfully yours,

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P.S. See our website for a favorite recipe of ours adapted from Liberia for our Alaska garden produce—collard greens.

[Fathom the hypocrisy of a government that requires every citizen to prove they are insured, but not everyone must prove they are a citizen; and now any of those who refuse, or are unable, to prove they are citizens will receive free insurance paid for by those who are forced to buy insurance because they are citizens.]