

**2 Days of Travel** – drove to Portland Airport then flew United to Chicago (meet up with Roy & Roberta Reed); United to Brussels, Belgium; three-hour delay then Brussels Air to Freetown, Sierra Leone then on to Monrovia, Liberia. 35 hours from my home to hotel. In bed at midnight.

**Day 1** – spent morning in fellowship with our key Liberian leaders – Miss Ollie White [facesmission.org](http://facesmission.org); education specialist; and Amos Gayflor & Darius Barolle; our Surge Soccer Liberia leaders – afternoon lunch at newly opened Beautiful Beginnings School 2 with Surge leadership interns and administration at the school. Rich times of fellowship!

**Other highlights & surprises** - Meeting with Technical Director for Football and with President of Liberian FA (LFA) canceled due to an emergency; then Minister of Education did not come to next meeting because it was his birthday. But meeting with Assistant Minister of Education was inspirational as he is ready for us to provide vision for [grassroots soccer throughout the school system and training in trauma relief](#).

Through God's providence we then met Technical Director to develop plans with him for ongoing coach's training and whole life coaching in the residential soccer; then a visit and devotional with the U20 Boys National Team. **Goal:** have chaplains with all National Teams.

Two-day coaching seminar went well. Lecture and field session were positive, and we emphasized **Whole life Coaching** in their approach with their players and **Learning 4 Life (L4L)** on the field – training players to learn to make decisions. Bible verses part of the presentation.

Roy and Roberta spent time with Ollie in **education and in trauma relief development**. Roy came to Liberia to meet with George Blamoh who is a leading trauma leader in Liberia. An emergency with his father took him to Ghana, so in God's infinite wisdom he had Roy in Liberia zooming with George in Ghana and Holly in the US to develop trauma relief in a Liberia, a country still traumatized by the war.

Part of our youth development was running a 12 team Sammy Surge Under-12 tournament. Hard rain delayed the start because earlier high winds had blown off the covering for the spectators. No problem we moved to the old national stadium and got rolling, only to have to move back to the original field when there was some chaos.

**What transpired:** In order to encourage others, sometimes - despite many obstacles - "YOU JUST HAVE TO SHOW UP," and we did. Our visit continued to "cement" our role in incorporating Jesus' love and Biblical principles into the nationwide soccer scene and into leadership development; aiding in Christian education, including providing emergency funds to pay teachers and with a fundraiser for one of "our" teachers with breast cancer (who greeted us at the Liberia airport); and we continue to be a part of all Africa sports ministry movement to share Jesus.



We are so blessed to represent you in little villages, schools, and national soccer stadiums. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

*John 3:16*





Warm greeting upon arrival – Day 1 meeting – visit to Beautiful Beginnings School 2



Visit with U20 National Team (Goal is to have a chaplain for each team)- with Liberia FA TD & President – at LFA HQ – Coaching seminar



Coaches training in old national stadium, once used as staging ground for African peacekeepers after civil war



Coaches with Surge Soccer Special Topics Certificates – Sammy Surge U12 Boys 12 team tournament



Generous donations provide our first Surge Liberia transportation to help share the good news throughout Liberia – inspirational time at Beautiful Beginnings 1