Learn to do what is right. Promote justice. Give the oppressed reason to celebrate. Take up the cause of the orphan...Isaiah 1:17



## \$15,00 Matching Grant a Success

The numbers are in, and we raised \$17,555 (general fund received \$5,750). Money came in to support a new meeting room at Beautiful Beginnings School; fire safety protection equipment for the school; funding to keep our five interns with us through March, and leadership development in Liberia and Sierra Leone. We are so Grateful for your prayers and support as we take on new challenges in 2025.

## I Will Set a New Record on this Next Trip to Liberia!

I am about to break the new record I just set, on my earlier trips to Liberia. This trip will take 6 airports to get there, instead of the usual 5 airports, which was the old record. And yes, I appreciate your prayers as I travel from Portland – New York – Copenhagen – Brussels – Freetown – Monrovia, Liberia 💮 only 5 airports to get home. (29)

## **Liberia January 27-February 5**

I am sorry I won't be traveling with Roy and Roberta Reed this trip (our education & trauma therapy leaders), but I am pleased to announce that Al Lotz and David Welk (our Board Treasurer) will be joining me. David flys from San Diego and we meet up in New York; Al flys from Atlanta and we meet him in Brussels.

We will (Lord willing) attend the National County Meets Finals in the National Stadium, with an expected attendance of 30,000-35,000. The annual sports festival aims to unite the people of Liberia. The preliminary rounds are played in all 15 counties: with its goal to scout the various talents for the national teams and to develop the promotion of peace. First organized in 1956 to unify the country, the event holds competitions in kickball, basketball, and football/soccer.

## **Prayer Requests**

- Our first day in Liberia we meet with the country's Ministry of Education leaders to continue our partnership to develop the youth of the country through grassroots soccer and Sammy Surge's Life Principles.
- Sammy Surge will again be a featured guest as he presents the Sammy Surge Fair Play Awards at the closing ceremony. We ask that through this event and others we will attend we can model Christ's love and affect many people...and through possible radio and TV interviews.
- -For Al as he prepares to meet with key pastors and to share the video Bible lessons he has been working on. The goal is to teach how these videos can be used in the Bible school our colleagues are developing and in other settings.

"In this fatherless generation, we are sensible to the deep wounds and scars a lot of children are suffering from...Sports plays a pivotal role in restoring hope and happiness in the hearts of children. 2025 will be massive, as we will be in every street corner, sports park, school, and gymnasium with our Learning for Life Program." (L4L).

— Darius Barolle, Surge Soccer Liberia









Can these senior citizens make a difference? We think we can...with you on our Team through your prayers and financial gifts. Our Surge Soccer Liberia and USA Team needs You!

Blessings to you! Dave

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