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Boundary Markers...

The sun's tropical rays pounding down through 85% humidity made each boundary marker Alan and Jeff found in the overgrown African grass a small victory. Having been asked during the first week of his latest trip to Liberia to plan out a new electrical system for Bethesda Christian Mission School (three miles from ELWA), Alan and his friend Jeff Kennell knew the best place to begin was with an accurate



survey of the 15 acre campus. Not surprisingly, the boundary lines were not all straight nor had all the neighbors strictly followed them. By the end of the week,

however, they had completed a map of the property, and had a plan well underway for upgrading the electrical power distribution system for this

school of 450 students. With better power there will be lighting in all the classrooms and better security, and we praise the Lord for that! Installation is projected for next January.



Alan, Bethesda Director Leaid Zeyoe and Jeff Kennell.

Psalm 16:5-6 speaks of boundary lines in one of my favorite passages. As believers, the Lord has chosen our “lot” or “portion” in life, and it is he who is our true inheritance. What joy!

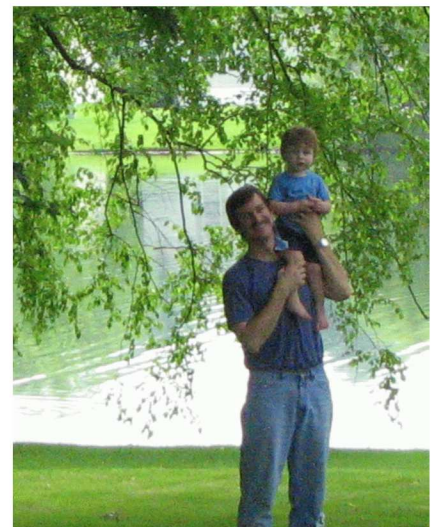
Sometimes though in past months it has felt to me like our family's boundary markers were hidden away somewhere like those in the thick African grass; I have not felt sure what kind of place the Lord had prepared for our family to be or of the next step he wanted us to take. These last few months have been a test for my faith, with Josiah getting sick with asthma so often (the doctor feels it has likely been related to the place we've been living) and

knowing we don't have space for Josiah's new little brother—happily due to arrive July 21!



We struggled for months to find a new place to live, but soon after we sent out an email update asking for prayer we found a mobile home that will just fit our growing little family. It's surrounded by big trees, with a very nice view of a small lake.

Increase in our support has also come at just the right time, as we will have an increase in rent and not have the income over the summer from my teaching ESL part-time. I am reminded once again in a very tangible way what a wonderfully important part of our “portion” each of you are; without your prayers we simply could not make it! 🙏



With the mapping at Bethesda complete, Alan and Jeff turned their attention to the larger project of the trip. They were joined by a team at ELWA to make a major upgrade to the power distribution system. 4,000 feet of misused steel guy wire needed to be replaced with



proper copper power lines and 28 new transformers had arrived to replace the existing rusty and failing ones. The 7,200 volt distribution system also needed to be changed to 2,400 volts so ELWA's insulators, only rated for 4,000 volts, would no longer risk dangerous electrical "leaks". A great deal of work went into the project before and after but the team was able to do the actual voltage conversion in one day, meaning the hospital, academy and radio were without power



Troubleshooting an IntelliGen controller. Jeff and Alan met in college and have collaborated frequently on various projects. He runs the family farm in Illinois and designs electronic controls for an after-market farm implement business, Headsight Inc.

For Praise & Prayer:

- Recent new supporters
- Successful and safe trip to Liberia
- New home
- Safe delivery for new baby
- Josiah's adjustment to new home & brother!

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for a minimal amount of time. There were immediate reports of better power from all over campus. Praise the Lord for the improvement! Alan and Jeff were also able to solve some problems with the IntelliGen computer control system in the powerhouse, install a controller to automatically switch generators based on demand, and even write up a technical manual for the maintenance personnel at ELWA.

More than once during the trip the Liberian staff at ELWA expressed to Alan how anxious they were for him to come to stay! [Jeff also mentioned that he saw much they need Alan at ELWA.] We are very thankful for the many, many people who have joined with this ministry through prayer



and support, and we're thrilled that our support has been steadily growing. We're now close to 70% of our support, with several more referrals upcoming.

As of this writing I am a little overwhelmed at the boxes still surrounding us but praising the Lord we are moved and will be settled in plenty of time for Josiah's baby brother to arrive. "The (boundary) lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance." Thank you for your prayers!

Soli Deo Gloria,

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