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## Soli Deo Gloria

We can't stop praising the Lord for all he has enabled and accomplished here at ELWA.

On October 22 we celebrated the dedication of our new hospital, built by Samaritan's Purse. Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and Rev. Franklin Graham of Samaritan's Purse spoke at the ceremony.



Cutting the ribbon – Franklin Graham with Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf

nursery and child-sized beds and toilets. If you'd like more of a tour, you can see pictures at <http://bit.ly/sheal610>.

For months Alan has been involved at all levels technical in the hospital construction. By September 26 the complex finally had electricity, after months of frustrating delays in receiving materials and equipment for running new power lines across the campus.



Operating Theater 3



O.R. oxygen manifold and distribution system – no longer leaking!

system. (They even had him troubleshooting the sharps shredder!)

Then came new phone lines, security cameras, and a final check over the buildings to find areas still needing attention and adjustments with wiring, electric panels, battery backup, etc.— right down to the operating room lights and oxygen



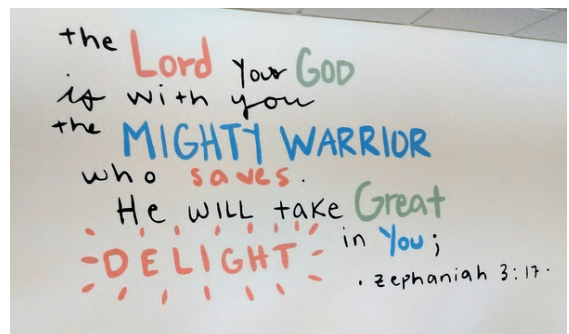
ELWA Hospital central courtyard

This complex doubles the number of beds in the wards (to 80), and the very first day patients were accepted there were more than double the usual number of outpatient visits.

Thank you, thank you for your part in this! The hospital also contains spaces for new doctor and nurses' training. It offers so much hope to Liberia. Pray that the missionaries and staff will serve the Lord as vessels of honor (2 Tim 2.21), entrusted with such an amazing gift through which to serve the people of Liberia.



Three baby boys were born the first day!



Scriptures verses are painted on walls throughout the hospital.

### A Cup of 85° Water

Earlier this year Alan installed the third and final containerized water treatment system. The containers are literally pumping out a million gallons a month from our wells!

He requested and supervised a project to install faucets outside the campus as well, so that the surrounding community has (free) reliable access to clean water. Our campus contains a lagoon which keeps our wells full of water even in dry season; many private wells in the area go dry for a significant portion of every year. (The ground water here is 85° during dry season, so a cup of "cold" water isn't possible, but that's ok!)



New faucets offering clean water to the neighboring communities.



Our hope is that offering clean water will be another demonstration of Christ's compassion and love to everyone around us. Praise the Lord!

Another Kind of Healing

We have often thought that it was a God-sent opportunity to be a part of ELWA ministries subsequent to the civil war, because the country was rebuilding and people were open to our assistance and to the Gospel.

The same has been true since the Ebola epidemic. People are grateful for the medical care provided by ELWA during the epidemic and now through the new hospital, but other care is being offered as well.

Trauma healing classes for adults and children continue to be held in several locations. Training for the leaders of the classes is held at ELWA.



Trauma Healing:  
Bringing your pain to the cross

We hear testimonies of personal healing, restoration between family members, and the breaking down of tribal barriers as people realize that release from bondage and trauma is possible through Christ. We are even told of conflict resolution between two Liberian towns. Praise the Lord!

Still More to Come!

Admittedly, the construction and opening of the hospital here has been close to all-consuming, but within the next 3 months we will begin the final phase of the new radio studio. The radio staff have been patiently waiting through the Ebola epidemic and the completion of the hospital for focus to return to the studio project.



2014: 8000 sq. ft. studio in progress

The additional program production space will enable programming in at least double the number of local languages being broadcast and the number of hours they are



May 2014: Exterior complete

Alan will be very busy selecting and supervising installation of electrical, lighting and studio equipment, and acoustic treatment of recording spaces.

on the air. ELWA is currently broadcasting in 6 Liberian languages, plus English.

The present shortwave transmitters cover all of Liberia and large portions of the surrounding three countries. Since much of West Africa is French speaking, the addition of French broadcasting has great potential.

We have previously mentioned the structural issues with the 350 ft. FM tower. A lot of the damage and rust actually originates from bullet holes! We are praying for the funds needed; Alan is praying that the tower can be purchased, shipped, and replaced before the end of next dry season (before May).

On the Homefront



Our family is doing well. The boys are learning quickly in school, with Josiah now in second grade, Nathaniel in first

grade, and 3 year old Zachary doing preschool activities as it suits him . ;-)



Caught sleeping in class!

Cheri is enjoying new-found freedom after waiting for months to get her Liberian driver's license renewed— first the delay was due to “decentralization”, then a machine was broken... At least Alan doesn't have to all the grocery shopping now!

We praise the Lord for his accomplishments in his time and in his way. We know he will continue to oversee everything to come. Soli Deo Gloria!

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