

# The Indigenous Mission, TIM Liberia

**Happy New Year!!**

[Lucas & Lois Richard, Missionaries CMML](#)

## *January, 2021 Update on the LORD's Work in Liberia*

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**On behalf of our Liberian brothers and sisters in CHRIST and the TIM team, Lois and I want to wish you a **Happy & Blessed New Year!!****

**Thank you for your selfless concern, support, and continued prayers for**

## Update from Lucas & Lois

Lois and I want to thank you all for your faithful prayers for us and our team on ground in Liberia as we enter into this new year. As you will see in this newsletter, GOD is working in incredible ways in Liberia and there is much to be thankful and to praise HIM for and look forward to as we prepare to return to Liberia in the coming months. We are currently in the process of getting our visas and vaccinations up to date, arranging flights, and coordinating two teams coming to work with us in Liberia in March and April. We also have five more meetings before we leave the US. I (Lucas) have a couple of procedures on my back/neck scheduled for the beginning of February, after which we will plan to pack and make our way to CMML in New Jersey where we will be flying out of Newark at the beginning of March. Please pray for all of our preparations to return to Africa and for smooth travels, unhampered by COVID, both for ourselves and for those coming to serve with us in March/April. We are so excited to get back to Liberia and thank GOD for the reopening of Grace Christian Academy, the growth of the local assembly, the fruit being borne through the discipleship and Gola Literacy classes, and the preparations to open our Bible School in July!

Thank you for your prayers as we pray, plan, and labor in this direction by the grace of GOD and to HIS Glory!

If you would like for Lois and me to give a Missions Report for your church virtually via Zoom anytime, please contact me [Here](#) or email me at: [LOLRichard7@Gmail.com](mailto:LOLRichard7@Gmail.com) We are flexible and will be able to give virtual ministry updates from Monrovia, Liberia.

## Update from the Field



New Believers in Tahn, Liberia who were baptized on January 3, 2020

**We thank the LORD for the progress of the Gospel in Tahn! On January 3rd our brother Alfred Varney had the privilege of baptizing 13 new believers who were saved in 2019/2020 and whom we've had the privilege of discipling. These believers come out of animism and islam. Please pray for them as they learn, grow, and seek to be a testimony for CHRIST as they walk with HIM in new life, being surrounded and pressured by a society dominated by animists and muslims.**



**In mid January Alfred and James Varney, along with 4 believers from our discipleship group and the church in Tahn, visited a nearby village called Jawajai to encourage a small group of believers and revive a fellowship there started by the Varney's and others years ago. Though a work was started and later hindered by Ebola, etc. some of the brethren have been praying for Alfred and James to return.**

**We are pleased that James Varney will begin traveling there along with one of the disciples from the assembly in Tahn on Sundays. Alfred and I will also visit regularly along with some of the disciples in an effort to revive the work and equip the saints, though our conviction remains to focus on equipping the saints in Tahn for the work of ministry.**

**We are inviting and sponsoring several of the believers from JawaJai to study at our Bible School beginning this July. We are thankful for small groups of Christians scattered throughout our predominantly muslim district who will be**





Musu Varney with kids from her Childrens ministry

We also thank GOD for MaMusu Varney who continues to devote herself to Children's Ministry in Tahn and in Monrovia while bringing along other women to serve with her in this capacity. In December, The LORD enabled Alfred and Musu to buy some Christmas gifts for the children in our village and host a Christmas outreach for the kids in the community, giving them clothes, toys, and sweets using this as an opportunity to preach The Gospel and tell them who CHRIST is and why HE came into the world...to save sinners.



Please continue to pray for Alfred and Musu Varney as they faithfully labor in the work of the Gospel among their own people! Please pray particularly for Alfred as he has been fighting malaria recently and not feeling well due to





Alfred and Musu Varney, their daughter MusFraline, granddaughter Angela, adopted daughter Hannah, two orphan girls Metto and Hawa, and three other kids living on the Mission, Kemah, Junior, and Arthur

## The LORD's Provision of Reliable Transportation

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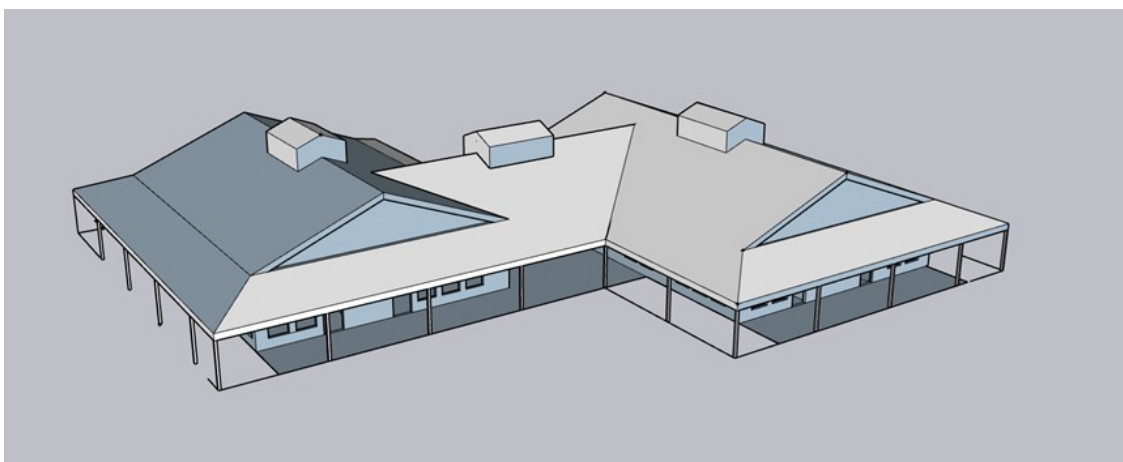
Thank you all for praying with us concerning the LORD's provision for a Toyota Land Cruiser as we've been struggling with our vehicles breaking down in the jungle. We prayed specifically for a Toyota Land Cruiser series 78 as it is designed for the jungle terrain that we have to traverse for ministry and supplies. Most government, ministry, and humanitarian entities in Africa use these vehicles because they are extremely rugged, easy to repair, and parts are

from the factory in Gibraltar! Praise the LORD!!

The vehicle is currently being built at the factory and will be delivered at the port in Monrovia by the end of March, LORD willing. Please pray as we navigate the corrupt bureaucratic process of clearing the vehicle through the port and customs and that it will be available for hauling building materials and team members as the [Team Workers Abroad team](#) arrives in April to help with the construction of our Missionary Housing Duplex.

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## [Team Workers Abroad-Building the Duplex](#)



Duplex as redesigned by Cathy Cameron, a godly believer who studied passive solar design/architecture and helped us rework the duplex, designing it to stay as cool as possible in the equatorial climate in which we live.

We thank The LORD for [Team Workers Abroad](#) and its director Fred Scott for agreeing to take a construction team to Liberia in April to help us build this long awaited and much needed housing for Alfred and Musu Varney and Lois and myself (and future workers).

We have, over the past few years, been living in the old Bible School dormitory along with Alfred and Musu and 4 of their children. We have completely renovated this facility so that it is ready to house Bible School students this coming July. In order, however, to free up these facilities for the Bible School, this Duplex needs to get built and the Varney's and Richard's move over.

Alfred began breaking ground in November, 2020, clearing trees, molding blocks, and preparing to lay the foundation. Alfred has to date been able to mold 3000 clay blocks and hundreds of cement blocks.



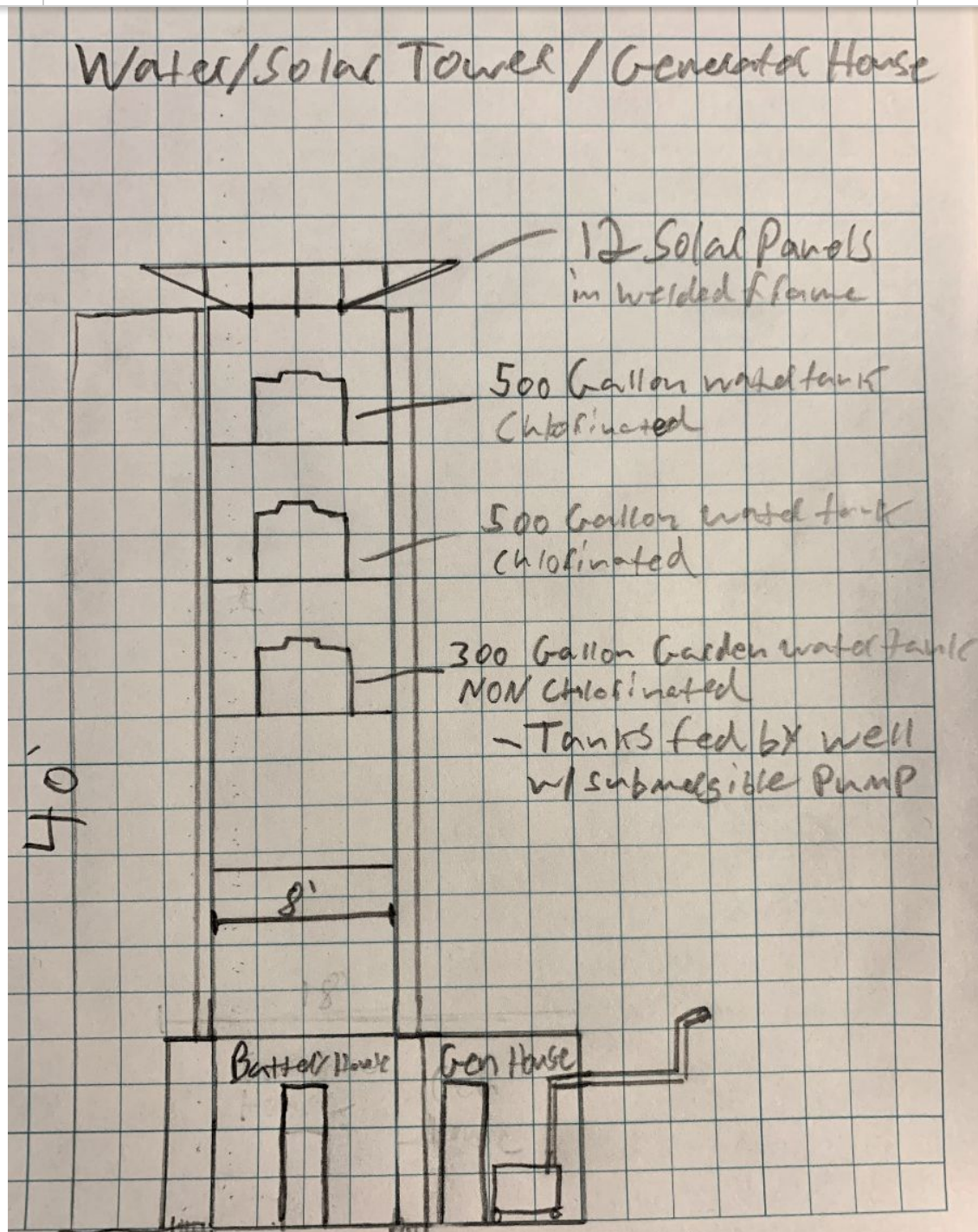


**Please pray with us for Team Workers Abroad as they work to assemble a team of people with the skills needed in construction, masonry, plumbing, and electrical to come to Liberia in April and help with this project.**

**If you or someone that you know would like more information on going to Liberia with Team Workers Abroad, please contact Fred Scott at [work4hisglory@gmail.com](mailto:work4hisglory@gmail.com) or visit [Team Workers Abroad's website \(Click Here\)](#).**

**We are praying and hoping to have the Duplex completed and be moved-in before the rainy season begins (May-October). Please pray with us.**





Water Tower with Solar Panels atop. Generator, Solar, and Pump house at the base for the Duplex.

## Please Pray for the Kids!

Please Pray for the kids who live, learn, and labor on our Mission in Tahn and who are very much a part of the TIM family. Arthur, Junior, Kemah, Flourish, Metto, Hawa, Hannah, and Musfraline all have their own stories, their own reasons for living on our



whom the ministry supports who come everyday to be fed, be taught, do chores, play, go to school and church. We are thankful for each of these precious souls and seek to present CHRIST to them in word and deed, and to ground them each individually in GOD's word. In coming newsletters I will continue highlighting each of these kids as we ask you to pray for them by name:

### **Metto (left) and Hawa (right)**







Metto and Hawa, Loama by tribe, were only 3 and 8 when their parents died from the Ebola Virus. For several years they were shuffled from one family to the next until they were united with their mother's sister, a muslim who is married to an abusive man. The Aunt, desiring to see Metto and Hawa be protected from the abuse and to have an opportunity for a better life, sought out help from our school, Grace Christian Academy. In 2018 Metto and Hawa joined our family and were given into the custody of Grace Christian Academy (GCA) to go to school.

When Metto first came, we knew her to be a very introverted and quite girl who would frequently wake in the night screaming for her Mom. Hawa, however shy, was and is a sweet and gentle spirit, very compassionate and caring.

Education wise, Metto and Hawa were too far behind their age group to be successfully integrated into GCA, and after praying, Lois and I decided to begin homeschooling/tutoring them both in order to be able to assimilate them back into the school, which they now are. Within a couple of months Metto, who was quiet and introverted, came out of her shell and began to be more social, MUCH more talkative, and to be happy again. Hawa also began coming out of her shell and today is very much an active and joyful kid! It was a joy for Lois and I to homeschool these two sisters and to daily point them to CHRIST.

We think that Hawa knows the LORD and Metto has professed salvation, but the LORD knows their hearts, and they are daily surrounded by godly believers and being instructed



love, educate, mentor and minister to them! Please pray for their salvation and discipleship as Alfred and Musu and our team continue to raise Metto and Hawa.



## Prayer Requests

### 2 Corinthians 1:11!

We have 2 Prayer Lists: one Spiritual and one Practical/Material.

Folks have asked for prayer requests and lists of practical needs. We do not normally publicise needs so please only follow these links and read if it is your desire to know our specific prayer requests and needs: [Click Here For Spiritual Prayer Requests](#) and [Click Here for Practical/Material Prayer Requests](#)

### ***Fellowship & Support:***

Folks have asked us how they can get involved in the ministry here in Liberia and how they can send support. Here is our contact and support information. Support for Alfred and Musu Varney may also be sent here, please contact us to let us know your designation:

Lucas and Lois Richard

Email: [LOLRichard7@gmail.com](mailto:LOLRichard7@gmail.com)

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or on CMML's website by [clicking here: www.cmml.us/donate/missionary/831](http://www.cmml.us/donate/missionary/831)

or by check **made out to** "CMML, Inc." designated for "Lucas and Lois Richard" and sent to:

CMML, Inc.  
P.O. Box 13  
Spring Lake, NJ 07762-0013

\*It is our policy that we do not advertize specific needs or ask for money. If you would like to know more about how you can practically partner in the LORD's work here in Liberia, please contact us via [email by clicking here](#).

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Click the Blue "F" on the left to go to our Facebook page. We try to regularly post short pertinent ministry update blurbs with pictures and information that usually dont make it into these email updates.

**Please Pray for the TIM Team-For unity, wisdom, protection, provision, and fruitfulness! But pray most of all that GOD be Glorified in this work!**



(From left to right) Alfred & Musu Varney; Lucas & Lois Richard; James Varney & (MaMarry is absent in this photo); Kollie & Ruth Harris

**Group picture of the believers from our local assembly,**





Please pray for the Assembly in Tahn and specifically for these 12 believers being  
discipled by Alfred and Lucas.



***"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your  
good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."***

***-Matthew 5:16***