

SECOND QUARTER PRAYER LETTER (2018)

Dear Partners in Christ,

Another quarter has come and gone. We are now past the halfway mark in 2018. Time really flies.

It is now over five months since a popular football star became president in Liberia. The new government's focus is "pro-poor," with the promise to turn things around for good for the masses of people. But the expectation and hope of the people are evaporating rapidly. The exchange rate (U.S. dollar to Liberian dollar) has sky-rocketed, causing prices of basic commodities to be on the rise daily. This includes rice, the main staple food for most Liberians. We are all praying for the best for the country.

April was an exciting month for the Riangan Nursery & Elementary School. The Gala Week for the school was celebrated in this month for the past academic year. It is usually held in March, but for this year, it was in April. It is the time of the year when the school celebrates its anniversary. It was the eighth anniversary. It is a time of many extra-curriculum activities (career day, African costume day, sports day, etc). The Gala Week brings together students and their parents.

On a sad note, early in May, we heard that there was another outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The news brought shock and fear for many in Liberia. It was from this same country that the virus spread to West Africa in 2014 that killed so many people. We are grateful to the Lord that the disease was contained swiftly.

May was also a time of joy and celebration for our family. Tuakah Jr. graduated from the University of Sioux Falls with a degree in music ministry. The Lord graciously provided for him to attend college in South Dakota. Our entire family and some of Ruth's family members were on hand to share in his joy.

We are grateful to the Lord for protection on the highway. While Ruth and I were returning from a funeral, we were unable to keep from hitting a deer. It was our first encounter with deer in our driving history. It was terrible. Even though we were not hurt, we were concerned about the rental car we were using. It only had our liability insurance on it. When we stopped to check whether there was any damage to the vehicle, there was none! We were so happy. Thanks be to God.

June is an exciting month of the year...not only because it is the beginning of summer, but because it is in June that most schools are closed for the year. The Riangan Nursery & Elementary School (RNES) had its graduation and closing program during the last week in the month. Three groups of students graduated (Nursery, Kindergarten, and the 6th grade). We are

grateful to the Lord for another successful school year. Some of the students made professions of faith in Christ during the course of the year.

The discipleship program in the school also had its closing program in June. Students who were saved in the school, through either personal witness or from class instruction, meet every Saturday for Bible study and other activities. The closing program brought together over 75 students and some parents. We are grateful to the Lord for this special ministry, and that through the students, we can also reach out to their parents.

Regarding the immigration issue, there has been no new development. We are still waiting for the interview. We are praying and hoping that we may be contacted in July.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Sincerely in Christ,

Tuakah & Ruth Whiagar