

Prayer requests

- finishing well
- physical protection and health
- traveling mercies

Praise

- our friend, Charlie Hunt's successful visit, moving the *Light for Liberia* project forward
- restoring health and God's physical care
- restored internet connection

It has been far too long since we have been in touch, and I must gravely apologize. This semester is short for us, which means we are already heading your way in a mere 10 days from when I wrote this, now a mere week, and arriving home within a week and a half. I wrote this shortly before the internet cables to West Africa suffered multiple breaks and knocked us off the grid. I still have not been able to access the airline sites to check our itinerary, so I am taking that on faith. It has not been easy, once again, and time is double-impacted, what with teaching a whole semester in half the time. We are so thankful for all your thoughts and prayers despite our failure to communicate.

So, to quickly recap, Kathi arrived brewing a case of COVID that set her back for the first couple of weeks. Fortunately, it was a mild case, although passing it along to David likely accounted for the extra difficult and extra-lengthy weeks of jet lag for him and perhaps even the ongoing lack of feeling well. Kathi is teaching Cell Biology with a lab plus French 1 and French 2, for 20 hours a week of in-class time since we are completing full courses in half the time and leaving early. David's primary responsibility has been preparing and teaching a course in basic electronics for the Mass Communication students, a subject area covered by his undergraduate minor but one he hasn't thought of much for the past 30 years. He is also reviewing an equally ancient knowledge base on building data bases and beginning to build one for ABCU to streamline a great deal of the administrative paperwork, including simply making and updating rosters for each of the courses, currently being done by hand. He was also called upon to sub for one of the math teachers for a few classes while he was out of town working on his doctorate degree and also to evaluate the teaching of one of the senior education, math-specialty, students as he taught the freshman algebra students for a session.

Kathi was able to make it out to Gio country again with an all-day Saturday workshop for traditional midwives at the end of February – always a great pleasure and, as ever, very well received. This time the trip was to a village called ZorGowee, a little this side of Karnplay, a larger town with a bigger clinic where we taught a workshop in the fall and much closer than Larpea, which is on the far side of Karnplay, where we have taught twice. In attendance were 14 traditional midwives along with the local registered midwife and the clinic director. This time an ABCU student, who is in Kathi's cell biology class and aspires to be a doctor, joined us as part of the outreach. Kathi was greeted with a traditional kola-nut greeting and arrived home with a pantry full of plantains and bananas, two fat pumpkins, and two ripe pineapples as the village thank you.

The day before this trek Kathi heard news that both her older brother and older sister were diagnosed with some serious health issues. Brother is slowly recuperating from a challenging surgery; sister is dealing with chronic changes. Thanks so much for your ongoing prayers on their behalf if God brings them to mind.

This semester's Health Check radio broadcast has focused on topics inspired by international as well as American health awareness days, weeks, and months on the calendar and have covered cancer, dental health, prenatal infection prevention, teen dating violence, birth defects, kidney health, high blood pressure, diabetes, epilepsy or other seizure disorders and brain injury. Often the on-air conversations have been between Kathi and the student host on ABCU Radio, but it's appreciated when Poandeh Bryant, the other midwife on faculty, is available for the show.

There have been a lot of changes on campus. Some will be of solid benefit in the long run. Some have been challenging and more difficult in the immediate implementation. We appreciate your prayers for both us and for the institution.

Calvary Chapel Yekepa is growing and has moved, with the blessing of the college, to the Mass Communications building on the far side of campus. Please pray for the church and Pastor Summerville and for the children's ministry and Sam, the student who has been faithfully serving with us in the Sunday School and will be taking charge of it until we are back in August. Attendance varies between 6 and 23 children ages 2 to 14.

Our friend, Charlie Hunt, Professor of Electrical Engineering at UC Davis, arrived on campus March 13 for a several-day stint getting ready for the off-grid solar-power project he hopes to establish next semester on campus and the course he will be teaching for students so they can learn how to specify, build, troubleshoot, maintain and repair solar power systems as a business when they are back in their home towns around Liberia. It will be taught through the campus business Department. In the process, he has made connections with an Agribusiness professor who is excited about getting involved at ABCU as well. The visit appeared very productive and encouraging, and 25 or 30 students attended his preparatory afternoon course on Saturday.

We will be driving to Monrovia Saturday, March 23, staying at the ABCU guest house overnight, touching bases, we hope, with Richard, Henry, and Moses from Calvary Chapel Saving Grace and Daiwudu Preparatory/Jianjay Vocational Schools. They have been busy working on the main floor slab for their church building which provides the roof for the basement area, giving the school indoor toilets and offices and a conference room to meet the needs of both the school and church for gatherings as they wait for the ability to build the main floor building above. We fly out the evening of March 24, land in Sacramento late March 25, and arrive home the 26th. We are looking forward to seeing all you Sonora-ites.

Grace & peace,
Dave & Kathi



ABOVE pregnant ladies
at ZorGowee clinic



ABOVE (R) ZorGowee midwives
thank you & farewell



BELOW (R) our ABCU home



Above coffee trees by our house
Below Charlie & Dave in chapel

