

Greetings Precious Ones,

I thought I should get a letter out, and was already feeling remiss, starting about 6 weeks ago, but since then it has simply gotten harder and harder to get that to the top of the priority list ever since.

Prayer:

- God's hand and leading in all things
- Safe travels and stay, including side travels throughout
- That we will be a blessing on campus and off
- Good health
- Energy, joy, and focus
- Kathi's knee

Praise:

- Shortest layovers and total US to Liberia transit yet
- Easiest airport experiences thus far with 5-minute strolls to and between gates
- Rich in-country opportunities

We are currently on our way for our jam-packed double-time half-semester at African Bible College University (ABCU) and, as is the case whenever you think of us, we really appreciate your prayers. We are sitting in the Chicago Airport for our 2½-hour layover before our 8-hour flight to Brussels followed by a 3-½-hour layover and 9¼-hour final leg, followed by an hour drive to the ABCU guest house, followed by a day of provisioning, followed by a day's drive to Yekepa, followed by science labs morning and afternoon the next day (Saturday), followed by a walk across town to the new Calvary Chapel location at Rebecca's house, followed by a full week of double-long classes to get a full semester done in half the time. Well, you get the idea.

Of the 10 weekends we have there, Kathi is hoping to be out in different villages for traditional midwives' workshops 4 of those Saturdays (4-hour roundtrip for 3 of the 4; the other is closer) and, for another weekend, to trek back down to the greater Monrovia area on her own after teaching class on Wednesday morning to arrive for the evening start of a 5-day Calvary Chapel Liberia Women's Conference where she needs to be prepared to teach 3 one-hour sessions. Fortunately, it is scheduled for the week of Liberian Thanksgiving (which is Nov 6), so Thursday is a holiday. Pray for her as well as for Dave as he gets to teach a 2-hour segment on Human Biology for Kathi on Friday. Another Saturday is the Baccalaureate ceremony and another is graduation, followed by driving all day to the airport on Sunday and flying out that night.

Summerville Bryant, the former Dean of Admissions and theology professor at ABCU and pastor of the fledgling Calvary Chapel Yekepa has retired and moved back to the Monrovia area due to his wife's health problems, so we thought that Calvary Chapel, which had been meeting on campus, had gone shepherdless and simply dissolved. Due to campus rules, the church could not be housed on campus unless an approved faculty member was serving as pastor. However, we recently heard from Richmond Gbortokpah, the son of our wonderful housekeeper and "daughter," Rebecca, who told us that there is an intrepid and committed core of parishioners who have been meeting at Rebecca's, though it is overflowing with a dozen and a half members and growing, and they are praying to be able to find a place to meet.

Richmond, whom CC Sonora has been supporting for his studies at ABCU, is serving as pastor. He started his college career majoring in education and planning to be a teacher but shortly began to feel God was calling him into the ministry and switched his major to Biblical Studies. Dave is bringing some Calvary Chapel eBooks and Chuck tapes as resources for him and plans to focus a good bit on mentoring this wonderful young man, who expressed to us how committed he is to the Calvary Chapel model of ministry and how important it is to him that the church continue to exist in the community.

We will experience some changes this semester as we have been bumped to a different house since the newly-hired Dean of Academics has inherited ours. Not quite a return to the old home place and will take some adjustment and more moving in and getting settled. But we are looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and seeing the group of students who started as freshman when we began at ABCU graduate at the end of this term.

Thanks for your continued interest and joining us in the journey and especially for those all-important prayers.

Grace & peace,
Dave and Kathi



View of our new house (last year- the tree across the path had just been hit and knocked down by lightening the night before)