

FaithSeeders News & Update

Seeding a Harvest of Believers

And sow fields and plant vineyards, And gather a fruitful harvest. **Psalm 107:37**



Man in the Mirror – Liberia Calling Reflections from Willie Givens, Jr.

Many have great expectations for 2015. The journey ahead for Liberia, West Africa, (my home country) is clearly a long and challenging one. The Ebola virus exposed many gaps and deficiencies in infrastructure and basic governance that exacerbated the crisis. Fourteen years of "uncivil" war and 160+ years of a history and culture of division, strife, corruption, greed, rampant immorality, dependency, and superstition cannot be undone in 6 or 12 years.

Clearly, the leaders of Liberia are best positioned to address challenges in healthcare, education and other key sectors in my beloved nation. However, we must not preach about the speck in the eye of others and ignore the plank in our own eye (Matt. 7:3-5).

Fixation on the many problems and challenges will produce disillusionment. Discouragement and negative thinking will blind us to opportunities. Instead, let us be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may test and prove what the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God is (Romans 12:2). Let us therefore obey and stand firm on God's word that He who started a good work in us is faithful to complete it (Philippians 1:6), *and if I may add "In His perfect timing."*

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Monthly Scripture:

Joshua 1:9

"9 ...Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

2014 REFLECTIONS

Walking by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7), and being obedient to the Spirit's leading, we **legally formalized FaithSeeders Ministries, Inc.** in January, 2014. As we continued with our foundation of prayer, and monthly women's prayer meetings, the year's journey is a testimony of the goodness of God and His love for people.

In April 2014, we were blessed to gather with 56 women (ages 15-70) at the beautiful Chateau Inn & Suites, Spring Lake, NJ. Our **2nd Girls Going Higher Get-Away Weekend** was memorable as God's presence ushered in healing, deliverance, and salvation.

Even more humbling has been the opportunities to witness to, pray with, and encourage strangers who stopped by to shop at our **Spring and Fall Yard Sales**, or our exhibit table at various community events and festivals. Yes, planting seeds of faith is what we want to do always, anywhere and God honors this desire.

Relaxing at the beach with friends was taken to a whole new level as we sat, gazing at God's ocean, singing, praising, and praying to our loving Father on a cool July summer day.



Man in the Mirror...continued

The grand vision of development and prosperity for Liberia will not be realized in its entirety during the short lifetime of an individual. This means we must pass the baton to the next generation and ensure it is not dropped. I believe this baton must be the fruit of the spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We must strive to live a life that reflects the character of Jesus Christ, as we nurture the good in others.

Let's start that change with the person in the mirror. From Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror" song, I've adapted a few lines to fit "Liberia".

I'm Gonna Make A Change, For Once In My Life, It's Gonna Feel Real Good, Gonna Make A Difference, Gonna Make It Right...I See The Kids In The Street, With Not Enough To Eat, Who Am I, To Be Blind? Pretending Not To See Their Needs...That's Why I Want You To Know, I'm Starting With The Man In The Mirror I'm Asking Him To Change His Ways, And No Message Could Have Been Any Clearer, If You Wanna Make "LIBERIA", A Better Place, Take A Look At Yourself, And Then Make A Change.

Allow the Lord to start a good thing in you today. Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Faithfully,
Willie Givens, Jr.

2015 WALK BY FAITH

As we enter 2015, FaithSeeders anticipate great things in the Lord are yet to come. We want to be like Jesus by listening to the Father, watching to see where He is working, and joining Him in His work as He invites us. As we have received Jesus as Lord, we want to continue to live our lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith...and overflowing with thankfulness.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Upcoming Evangelism Projects
- 2015 Girls Going Higher Get-Away – NJ – APRIL
- 2015 Jamaica Missions Trip

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2014 REFLECTIONS...continued

And what better way to learn about the fabulous 1970s than at the **FaithSeeders Ministries Family Fun Night**? This lovely September evening was the perfect setting for bell bottoms, afros, go-go boots, Karaoke, food, 70s trivia and inspirational 70s music.

FaithSeeders Ministries was again blessed to be able to send medical supplies to Liberia, West Africa in August 2014 to **assist with the Ebola response**.

FaithSeeders was burdened even more for the students in Liberia and **Project Education Backpacks** was launched in October 2014. In conjunction with the IAD School Association, Inc. (USA), about 1,200 backpacks, filled with school supplies, work packets, and Christian reading materials, have been assembled and prepared to ship to Liberia. This project garnered tremendous media coverage. (see our website)

FaithSeeders capped the year off with a **Notes of Hope Benefit Concert** for the children of Liberia. Performing at the Bus Stop Café in Pitman, NJ on a cozy December evening were friends and family of Lelai Givens.

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