



1PURPOSE

THE MISSIONS & MINISTRIES OF BILL & JEAN DAVIDSON
Taking Teams - Firing Vision - Planting With Purpose
Provoking The Next Generation



GRATEFULLY BLESSED

As Jean and I send our greetings to you at this 'most wonderful time of the year' we are mindful of the joy, peace and supportive love with which we are surrounded. We appreciate the kindness shown us by our home church, Church of The King, here in Queensbury, who continue to provide for us, and we thank God for the 'precious few' who give regularly to 1PURPOSE so that we can continue to fulfill the calling on our lives 'to the nations'. 2017 has been a year of adjustment, and not least, financially, but we thank God we are doing well - very well - in spirit, soul and body. *'Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.'*

A CHALLENGING YEAR AHEAD

Plans are already laid for our first months of the New Year with visits to Liberia, Italy, Spain and Colombia. Unlike some 'itinerants' who can justifiably expect Love Offerings to fund their ministries, most of our contacts are either in countries which are poverty-stricken or with struggling churches in nations where Christians form a tiny minority.

So there's no easy way of saying this: To meet the challenges of 2018 and the years ahead, we're going to need some financial backing, especially as we create our strategy for Liberia through Christian Education. We are confident, however, that praying people will be led by God, who is our Provider.

LIBERIA - A DIFFERENT MISSION FIELD



The history of most African nations is interwoven with colonial powers who, despite the negative sides of their involvement, at least left behind them power grids, railroads and infrastructure. In comparison, Liberia's history is unique. Created by the United States sending over a few hundred freed slaves, not out of liberating kindness but from the fear of an uprising. The experiment was soon dropped, and the freed slaves

became the oppressors of the local tribes, a situation which lasted to this generation. Poverty and civil unrest have left the country in desperate conditions; a situation ripe for the plucking by power-hungry Chinese enterprises, closely followed by Muslim speculators. Our answer: Christian Education. Many young students are being 'taught' by adults with little or no educational background. We are asking God to open new doors and reopen old ones to find where our energies and finance is best committed. Two keys to those doors are financial support from outside the nation and honesty and integrity from within. Photos - Left: A classroom in 'Star of Bethlehem' school, Monrovia. Above: Barwea Toteh, our point-man for Christian Schools in Liberia with Pastor of Star of Bethlehem, Philip Jargbah.



La Esperanza Still Means 'Hope'



We've been showing pictures of Jean hugging gorgeous Colombian kids (is there any other kind?) for many years now. Some of those are now through University and out into the world, but the ministry, headed up by faithful pioneer Wendy Luff, continues. This once illiterate, marginalized community now enjoys actual weddings and real families, complete with Mums AND Dads! As I write this letter, Jean is busy with yet another Christmas Fayre, raising money for the next steps of our Esperanza Foundation. Thank you for your prayerful support.

Faithful Friends, Far & Near

We thank God for so many faithful friends & colleagues. Loved ones here in New York, in AIM (Alliance International Ministries). Faithful leaders in Liberia Allied Ministries (LAM). Pastors, leaders and friends in Spain and Colombia and around the world. And most of all, what a blessing that we are surrounded by our own immediate family; an unusual blessing after traversing more than 30 countries in ministry.

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