

The Kuwaa Mission celebrates its second Christmas this December! I wonder what this Mission would be doing this Christmas if it was a human child growing up in the West. I imagine it would be a time of great anticipation for this child as she would have heard the commercials, the special songs, stories about the North Pole, questions about what she wants for Christmas and maybe she would have heard the story of what God did for humankind. Maybe the story would go something like this, "God loved us so much that He gave us a gift. That gift is Jesus born in a stable in Bethlehem."

Christmas is about God giving humankind a gift. That gift would give them so much joy that they would become joyful gift-givers themselves!

As the Kuwaa Mission celebrates its second Christmas, we have seen firsthand what God can do through people who accept God's gift of Jesus Christ. To them, we want to say thank you! You have demonstrated the reality of God to us and to the Kuwaa people! Here are the names of some of those for whom we are grateful this Christmas:

- 1. **Wheat Ridge Ministries** which had faith in our dream, gave the seed money for this mission and continues to urge us on;
- 2. **Bethany** Lutheran Church in Slidell, LA for being our sponsoring church;
- 3. The **Lutheran Church in Liberia**, for their partnership;
- 4. All our partner and supporting churches who work diligently for the mission. Among those churches are **Abiding Savior**, Lake Forest, CA; **Amazing Grace Lutheran** Anchorage, AK; **Beautiful Savior Lutheran** Anchorage, AK; **Central Lutheran** Anchorage, AK; **Christ Lutheran** Fairbanks, AK; **Fairbanks Lutheran** Fairbanks AK; **First Lutheran** Aitkin, MN; **Holy Cross Lutheran** Eureka, MT; **Lord of Life Lutheran** North Pole, AK; **Mount Zion Lutheran** New Orleans, LA; **River of Life** Peters Creek, AK; **Trinity Lutheran** Palmer, AK; **Trinity Lutheran**, Park Forest, IL;
- 5. The organizations and individuals that partner with us so far: **Alaska WELCA**, **LWML** Christ and **Christ Care** Coasta Mesa, CA; **Anamayii**, the **Catholic Fathers** in
 Liberia and **Samaritan's Purse**, **Hope Lutheran School** West Seattle, WA; and
- 6. The government of Liberia for the warm reception they have given us especially Vice President **Joseph Boakai**, Senator **T. Momo**, Representative **D. Yarsiah**, and Minister of Health **W. Gwenegale**.

To you all, we say:
Thank You and Merry Christmas
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