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# The Kuwaa Mission Prayer Letter

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## Please pray for:

- ♥ The Kuwaa people
- ♥ Kuwaa midwives and women in childbirth
- ♥ Jensen's safe travels
- ♥ Jensen's missionary support

Sponsoring Church:  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
1340 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Slidell, LA 70458

Donations go to Bethany  
Lutheran Church,  
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## Cindy Visits the Villages that got Wells in 2010



Cindy Watkins Ellis just returned from 5 weeks in Liberia, where she spent most of her time in the bush. She visited both of the villages that received new wells last year and oversaw work in the three villages that are getting new wells this year. Cindy also went to the 3 Kuwaa villages that the assessment team was unable to visit last year. Now we have visited all of the 16 villages. A man in the village of Konjade mentioned that the Mission's presence has inspired the people to go beyond their normal efforts in helping themselves.

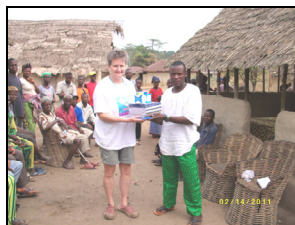
Cindy noticed many improvements in the villages since last year. The village of Mauvodor built a large new school with a metal roof. They had to walk for 2 days to the road to get the roofing.

Cindy said it was so wonderful to visit her Kuwaa family and friends that she made last year during her stay. She had a very touching moment when her old friend Mamade (10 yrs old) washed her feet when she got off the hot dusty trail into Lowuma. ♥

## Pump Repairs in Progress and Technician Training

Repairs are currently in progress on problem wells. We will also provide training in July for 2 technicians from each village will be trained to maintain the hand pumps in the wells. When the villagers are trained, they will be able to keep the water flowing without us.

## Kids 4 Kuwaa Donates School Supplies and Books on Tape



Kids 4 Kuwaa raised funds for school supplies for the Kuwaa kids. We brought notebooks, pencils, pencil sharpeners, and chalk.



We also brought books on tape to the schools. Students at Abiding Savior Lutheran School in Lake Forest, California recorded 3 books on cassette tapes. The Kuwaa kids can listen to the tape and follow along in the book. This will help them improve their reading skills and their English pronunciation. ♥

## A New Baby in Guworma and a Challenge to Coffee Clatch for Kuwaa



When Cindy arrived in the village of Guworma, a woman was in labor. She had previously lost a baby during childbirth, so the whole village was worried about her. Three midwives were tenderly caring for her as she walked back and forth across the dirt floor of her house, occasionally doubling over from a contraction. They had covered the dirt with a sheet of plastic for her to lie down on. The only other supplies that they had were some very used latex gloves.

They asked Cindy for help, but as an engineer, the only thing Cindy could offer was to pray with them. They prayed fervently, and by the grace of God, the baby was born at 11 p.m. with both the mother and baby healthy.

We want to challenge the Coffee Clatch for Kuwaa Groups to raise money to buy supplies for the midwives. Liberia has the highest maternity mortality ratio in the world. According to UNICEF, one woman in 20 will die in childbirth! The midwives have requested scissors, clamps, disinfectant, latex gloves, floor mats, and other miscellaneous items. We would like to provide each village with at least the basic necessities for a safe and healthy childbirth. ♥