

From the 29th of August till the 5th of September, Solomon and I visited our fellowship in Liberia. For decades, the country has seen a lot of hardships brought about by civil war (1989–2003). Almost everyone we spoke to has suffered in some way. The per capita G.N.P. is \$400 and the unemployment rate is an incredible 85%.

Currently there are about 45 saints in the fellowship which is run by Augustine Joway (see testimony below). On the first day of our visit we caught up with brothers Augustine, Jude and Aaron to discuss things that had been happening since Pastor Ron (South Africa), visited in May.

It was good to hear that our brothers had been active preaching the gospel and doing follow-up as they are eager to see the Fellowship grow. Jude shared with us how he had been bitten by a poisonous snake and was protected by God.

We planned to outreach in Johnsonville on Saturday (about 45 mins. from our hotel), but because of problems with our car, our brothers didn't arrive until 2pm. While waiting we did some witnessing, which resulted in three men coming to the meeting on Sunday. Two of these were born again. This proved to be an opening to start holding meetings in the city of Monrovia itself.

We had a good Sunday meeting and afterwards six people were baptized and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. In total, there were 12 baptisms in August.

In general, people are very open to talk about the Lord and they look very favorably to our fellowship, as we preach simply from the Bible and are not connected to the rest of the Pentecostal churches, which often have a bad name. One man in Johnsonville commented that the Revival Fellowship is the only church that can bring change to his community.



On Tuesday after our midweek meeting, there were three baptisms, including the wife of brother Morris. We also held a blessing ceremony for Augustine and Rosetta who were married last June.

One of the men that was baptized on Sunday, is James Kanga. We decided to visit the area where he lives. We were introduced to a lady who seemed to have some influence there. We witnessed to her and her family and in no time the house was full of people that wanted to hear what we are all about. Because of the positive reaction, it was decided that Augustine and Jude would pay weekly visits there to hold an outreach and have a meeting afterwards. On Wednesday the 10th of September they held their first meeting and as a result of that, 25 people living in the area said that they wanted to be baptized. There seems to be plenty of potential for the Lord's work in Monrovia city.

It was good to catch up with our brothers and sisters and to see new ones being added to the fellowship. We enjoyed being out in the streets preaching the gospel and offering the people a message of hope. Practically everyone that we spoke to was open to receive the gospel. Liberia definitely has plenty of potential for revival. There is much work to be done, as the scripture says: The harvest is truly plenteous. Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers.

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"In 2002 I was visiting my brother in Abidjan and he told me the gospel. At this time I had a serious heart condition - and no cure for living a worldly life doing all things that were wrong. He told me to be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit and I would get healed. At first I didn't believe it. I was convinced to come to the meeting and by this time I believed God could heal me. I was baptized and after prayer I received the Holy Spirit. Immediately after I received the Holy Spirit I was healed. I was so happy I shouted for joy. Straightaway my promise to the Lord was that I would serve him and never leave him. Since then I have received joy and happiness in my life. I read the Bible and I can understand it. My life has really changed. I am not the person that I used to be anymore. I want to thank the Lord for his goodness. I have been to many churches, but never heard the truth. But in the Revival Fellowship I did and I got saved. I am so happy for that!"

Augustine Joway, Liberia