

# Joplin Tornado Report

On May 22, 2011, a terrible deadly tornado hit Joplin, Missouri. 162 souls died. 8,000 homes were demolished, 500 businesses were destroyed along with 19,000 automobiles. The devastation in Joplin is beyond description.

Thousands of volunteers from all over America poured into Joplin and willingly gave their time, talents, and money helping us to clear the debris and start repairing and rebuilding.

Many of the White Fields Overseas Evangelism supporters responded and sent gifts to help the tornado victims. We received a total of \$25,652.19

We have dispersed these love gifts to the following tornado victims: 14 families, 9 widows, 6 single persons, and the Blendville Christian Church whose building was destroyed.

We want to thank each donor who loving gave to help the tornado victims. Your gifts were gratefully received.



### Immersion in 2011

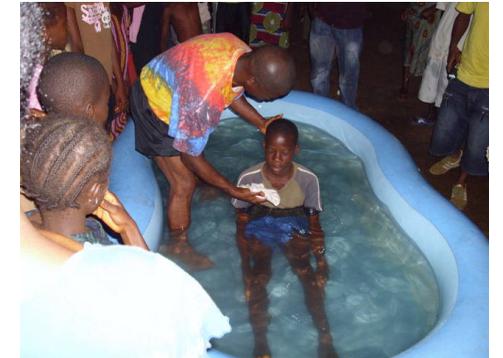
**5,121 have been immersed into Christ during 2011. White Fields world wide ministries now assists 377 native evangelists in 33 different nations. These evangelists, along with our American and Australian team members, report 5,121 souls immersed into Christ for the remission of sins in January-August. It is a great victory and we give all praise to God. Thank God for His victory and for the souls won to Christ through the power of His gospel.**



October 1, 2011

## Liberia 2011 Taking The Gospel To The Streets

Liberia has been a harvest field, ripe and ready to respond to the gospel, since White Fields first made contacts there in 1997. Yearly we have recruited preachers, song evangelists and women's teachers to join us in evangelistic efforts. God has blessed that effort by moving spiritually and drawing thousands of souls to commit their lives to Christ in baptism and to live faithfully for Jesus.



We now have 27 churches in Monrovia, Liberia, 14 in the interior (the Liberian term for the rural village areas) and four across the border in Sierra Leone. (We have sponsors for the preachers in 38 of those churches.) These churches and their preachers are faithful to preach and teach the truth of Jesus. Their reports tell us the wonderful news of conversions.

Our annual outreach effort is a "shot in the arm" for our Liberian brothers and sisters. We want to encourage them and work side by side with them to advance the cause of Christ. Americans evoke curiosity and draw a crowd. The people are willing to listen as we present the news of salvation through Christ and tell them of the church Jesus' established (described in the New Testament). The civil war has deeply affected the people's thinking, reminding them that this life is uncertain. Liberians are often open to the discussion of spiritual things.

The people are very aware of Jesus and his sacrifice for them. However, they are also accustomed to the teaching (offered by many churches) that people need to be prepared for commitment to Christ. These churches enroll believers into classes so they will be ready for baptism – classes that last up to two years! We offer the opportunity to come to Jesus immediately. Our Liberian preachers have a term for this practice; they call it "instant baptism." In other words, the commitment to Jesus can be finalized now; you don't have to wait.

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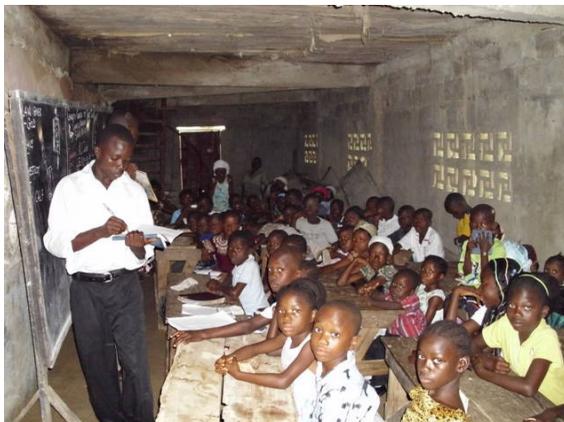
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Forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit are ready for you the moment you trust the Lord and turn from your sin and are immersed into Christ. Each opportunity to preach, we have a baptismal pool filled and ready (you will see in the pictures that it is a pool, brought from the States). We offer an invitation to commit to Christ, explaining what the New Testament teaches about becoming a Christian. Our Liberian co-workers take the names of those who are willing to follow Jesus, lead them in the Good Confession and then baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our faithful African brothers and sisters will follow

through to ensure that these new disciples grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

Our evangelistic team this year is small. We have four preachers committed to go, with perhaps one more. Last year we had 10 preachers who led 19 four-night crusades. Our God is able to do a great work with a small group. As always, we go with total dependence on our Lord Jesus and want to evangelize in the power of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for us and for our Liberian counterparts. Pray that the Lord will go before all of us and draw hearts toward God. Pray that those people will come to a gospel meeting and hear the truth. Ask the Lord to give our African co-workers wisdom, enthusiasm and stamina as they prepare for these meetings. Seek the Lord's provision of finances and workers to bring about quality outreach. Knock on heaven's door, requesting that the Lord's hand will be with us (Acts 11:21) and that many people will believe and turn to Jesus.

Please cover our team in prayer. Ask for safety, strength and spiritual power to be available to us. Pray for: Lou and Patsy Hall, Jeff and Carol Badgero, Tom Turner and Tom Mullenix. (Tom Turner is excited to be preaching the gospel for the first time – ask the Lord to give him extra blessing. The others are veterans of overseas gospel work – we deeply appreciate your prayers, also.) Please also pray for Mike Foday (our Liberian point man) and our African co-workers. Ask God to give them energy, wisdom and enthusiasm. Pray that this will be a time of revival for our brothers and sisters there.

Lord willing, we leave October 27 and arrive back home on November 7 (some team members are staying on in Africa for another week). Thank you for supporting us in prayer in advance and during our evangelistic efforts.

We are so grateful for our partnership with you.  
For Jesus' sake, Tom

## It's Christmas Time!

Every year at this time, we start planning our annual Christmas trip to Haiti. That also means we appeal to you to donate a Christmas gift to the Jesus Loves Me Home. We look forward to this trip every year!

This year is no different! We already have a team set up. What was once Lacey and I has grown into 11 people so far. We are going to be working at the Jesus Loves Me Home making much needed repairs and putting a cement floor in the dining hall. We will also hold a medical clinic. If you are interested in going, you are welcome and needed!

Also 3 of the team members are kids from our youth group. Two are victims of the Joplin tornado and lost everything themselves. They are so excited to go. We have Tori, Nathan and Kym. Kym wanted to go last year because she has a kind heart and wanted to experience another country. May 22 changed Kym's life. Kym's entire room was blown off their house. She was able to save two things of her own: her dance bag and her cello. Kym was so overwhelmed and astonished by the outpouring of love and help from strangers! When Lacey told her we were going to Haiti again, Kym said she wanted to go to help as she had been helped. Kym is still kind hearted and wants the experience, but now she also wants to give back in the best way she can! Kym, Nathan & Tori are working hard to raise their own money to make this trip. I know I'm asking a lot, but if you would like to help them make this trip to Haiti, I know it would be appreciated!



Every year we ask for money for Christmas gifts. We do not buy the normal Christmas gifts as we would for our kids, we buy items to make their life better and easier: new mattresses, new utensils, dishes, bedding, clothes, under garments, socks, shoes, backpacks, etc. This year the need is great! An example: because



of damage to the roof, 20 mattresses need to be replaced. If you can, please give a little extra for the JLMH Christmas fund! We will be collecting money until the first of January for this fund.

American Airlines has now made it even more difficult on us! They have now changed their rules to only one bag per person. This means we cannot take anything extra with us and cannot carry any gifts down.

If you send extra in for Christmas (or anything else) please send a note telling us where the extra is to be used.

## You Baptize A Lot Of People, But...

### Carlos Fields' Discovery

Carlos Fields loved to travel to India, making the trip there to preach the gospel ten times. It was his joy to share the good news of Jesus in unreached villages. He served in India with White Fields each year from 1990 to 1999. He went home to be with our Lord in 2000.

While excited at the sight of the many conversions, a nagging curiosity also occupied his mind. Carlos wondered, "You baptize a lot of people, but do they remain faithful to Christ? Does their move toward Jesus include commitment?"

So he developed a plan of action. It required a real level of perseverance on his part, too. Carlos kept copies of all of the records of baptisms from his trip. (In villages, we record names for posterity and for follow up purposes.) He returned the next year to again join in the soul-winning crusades and, secretly, to do a private investigation. Not only did he preach in newly assigned villages, but he asked to return to the villages where he had been previously. In each former village, he asked the native evangelists to "call the roll" of new believers.

To his amazement, 85% of those on his lists were both in the village and continuing in their commitment to Jesus! The remaining 15% were reported to have moved away from that particular village (because they moved, he was not able to follow up on their faith progress).

At this point, Carlos went to Reggie Thomas with his results. He told Reggie, "I'm ashamed to say that I questioned the validity of all the conversions I heard about and saw here in India." He then reported his plan, procedure and results. In conclusion he quipped, "I'm happy that I participated in preaching the gospel here in India (he would go on to do it eight more times). I have to say that when it comes to follow-up, Indian preachers do a better job than Americans."



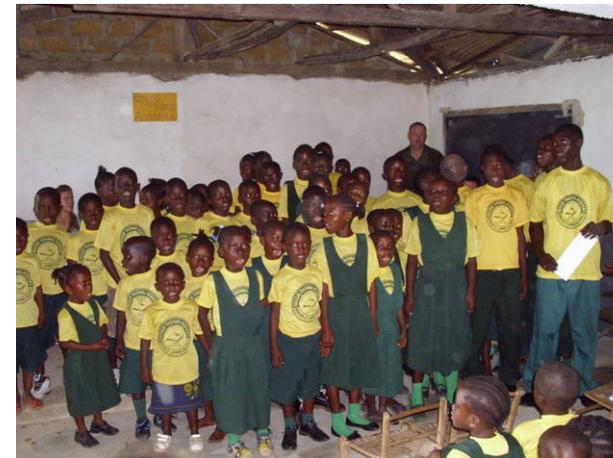
## A Brief History Of White Fields' Work In Liberia

God arranged the path for White Fields to enter the country of Liberia. The story actually begins in Nigeria, where Doug Willis (our Australian associate) met a school teacher named Felix Amah. Doug had only a brief time to tell Felix about the restoration plea – we simply want to return to the church Jesus started, as described in the New Testament.



Years later, Reggie Thomas received a letter from Felix, now living in Liberia. He told Reggie that he found his address on a letter in the possession of a WF native evangelist in Nigeria. He explained to Reggie the horrible conditions in Liberia, a place being torn apart by civil war. Felix pleaded for Reggie to come and present the New Testament gospel and start a work there, the time is right.

Doug Willis and Barbara Barger were already in Africa when the letter arrived and they were able to adjust their travel schedule and go to Monrovia, Liberia. Felix met them and assisted them in their efforts to present the gospel and plant a church. The year – 1997 – White Fields walked through the open door in Liberia.



The annual trips continued to build on that foundation. By preaching, holding introductory seminars and training sessions, the associates of White Fields have shared in thousands of conversions and planted 45 churches. To God be the glory.

*You can hear Reggie tell the story on YouTube. Simply search for "white fields evangelism" and then click on "The benefits of working with native evangelists – A."*

## Mike Foday In Sierra Leone

**Report from Mike Foday, White Fields native evangelist and point man in Liberia, concerning his trip to Sierra Leone to work with churches he planted there.**



Brother Mike Conducting A Baptism

My Dear Praying Partners.

We give God the glory for making my recent trip to Sierra Leone a successful one. I left Liberia June 17th and returned June 25th 2011. I traveled a little over 280 miles to reach the 4 active congregations in the interior of that muslim dominated country- about 70% Muslims.

75% of my stay in Sierra Leone was used to teach seminar in the various church congregations for 5 days @ 6 hours each day. The teaching guide I used was from a book authored by Don Dewelt titled "The Church in the Bible" which Brother Kermeen (Barry) gave to me last year. The seminars were very interesting and challenging. We covered topics like THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION; TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT OFFICES IN THE CHURCH; THE WORK OF ELDERS; THE FINANCIES OF THE CHURCH etc,etc. But that was not enough as these young congregations really need more teaching to make their faith in the Lord to be stronger and to equip them for Missions. I wished I had more time to have spent with them. The combined membership of the congregations is a little over 1800.

The local preacher from Levuma and I went to Sakiema, a village about 9 miles from Levuma where we had a night of soul winning crusade. 17 lost souls were converted to the Lordship of our Lord Jesus Christ. They were baptized that same night. They have no resident preacher for now even though the preacher from Levuma promised to be fellowshiping with them once in a while until he trains someone from Levuma congregation to take responsibility of that new congregation.

## Mike Foday In Sierra Leone

My prayer request for these Churches is for the Lord to provide worshiping places for them as he provided for the congregation in Levuma. (\$3,000 can build a decent sized church for one congregation) Once a church building is constructed for the natives to worship in, they will hardly leave the Faith; why? They will always have that sense of obligation to the church. This had worked with the congregation in Levuma, and I am 99.9% convinced that it will also work with the other congregations.



Taway Church of Christ Congregation during their Sunday worship service



Brother Mike ministering to a 75 years old woman in the village

The most urgent need now is tarpoline sheets \$250 to cover the thatch roof house of pastor Saidu Mansaray of Levuma Church of Christ. About 8% of rain falls directly though leak-ages inside his house--very pathetic condition facing the preacher and his family.

In Christ.  
Mike