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## **Dearborn Bible Fellowship (DBF) and Stones Cry Out Annual Report for the year 2021**

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### **Brief takeaways for 2021:**

Concerning the local ministry in Dearborn, 2021 proved to be a time of significant trials and discouragement.

Concerning the ministry to the Liberian Christians, 2021 was a time of significant trials, but great encouragement. (There was significant further expansion of the support of the Liberian ministry.)

### **Evangelism and Training Ministry Updates**

#### ***Door to door evangelism of East and South Dearborn (Mostly Muslims)***

Fear of COVID 19 and heavy rains during the summer of 2021 occupied the minds of most Muslims. It seems like many more houses than previous years are now unoccupied. In spite of these factors, the door to door ministry continued on a weekly basis throughout 2021.

Most significant, my main fellow laborer, Pat McMahon, died in March of this year. Two of our members died during this pandemic period and people seem hesitant to attend the meetings. So, attendance of our meetings has been very low. We tried the Zoom approach, but it is simply not the same as being here. 2021 has been a time of trial and discouragement for our ministry here in Dearborn. But during this time of trial and discouragement, God has been gracious by showing Himself faithful and powerful on two other fronts. 1) He has been drawing our adult children back to Himself. 2) He has continued to use us and this ministry to help many people in Liberia, including saving several Muslim people. So, while we experience some discouragement, we know that God is still on the throne and fully able to bring revival and blessing also to the ministry here in Dearborn.

With Pat McMahon no longer with us, my wife Linda is the one who goes door to door with me weekly. While I truly miss Pat, I enjoy going door to door with Linda, and I believe the husband/wife team is a stronger testimony for Jesus.

#### ***Book Ministry***

During 2021, we published a [Commentary on Romans](#), a [Gospel of John and book of Revelation booklet](#) for evangelism, and [Overcoming Addiction God's Way](#), which is a major re-write of *The Christian and Habitual Sin*.

(Though the quantity of books sold is small, all royalties from their sales go toward the Liberian ministry.)

To view all of Tom Bear's books on Amazon, click this link to his author page: [B006H2CK7](#) (author ID#)

### **2021 Liberian Ministry in review:**

- Several former Muslim teenagers who attend the school began following Christ and were baptized.
- Several former Muslim adults began to attend the church meetings.
- The school building was completed sufficiently to begin school classes.
- The free school sponsored by this ministry opened in January 2021.
- A major shipment of Bibles, books, clothing, food, blankets and toys arrived and is being distributed.
- Two more churches were opened with hundreds of new people attending.

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- Additional classes and teachers were added to provide education to more students.
- Adult-learn to read classes (using the Bible) began.
- Some progress was made building a wall around the church property and hanging doors, etc.
- A well and bathrooms were constructed on the school property.

### ***How this ministry began (to Liberians now living in the bush)***

In Liberia, when the parents die, the children receive no help at all unless a relative takes them in. Many run the streets trying to survive. The 2020 COVID 19 pandemic affected millions of people in Liberia causing many people to become homeless. Many people are now living in the bush. We have a connection with a pastor living among them (Pastor Koon). Patience (DBF member) has known him for many years from her time growing up in Liberia. The pastor has assumed pastoral responsibilities for the entire community and he has started two additional churches in other areas. These Liberians have come together as a community (in the bush) and are trying to care for each other and the many orphans among them. Patience and this DBF ministry are engaged in supporting them. There are now over 500 orphans and poor children receiving help through this ministry. God has shown His power.

In just 6 months, an eight-room school building was constructed and is nearing completion. Education is a critical component in this care. Because it is so critical in Liberia, this ministry launched the building construction project. Starting January 4, 2021, classes began for the orphans. (Most schools require tuition, but this school does not.) There will be ongoing financial support needed for minimal salaries for the teachers. This school is like the heart of the community for these people and especially for the orphans living among them. It is necessary for stability. The land and the building are deeded in Patience's name. She envisions the purchase of a little land that can be used for agriculture so these people can create income for the school and community. Also, they could really benefit from having a small clinic eventually. **To see pictures** taken in early January (2021), click the [2021 Liberian Orphan Ministry Update](#). In case anyone is curious, the monthly teachers' salaries total \$ 480 U.S. per month. Also, there are other projects on the school and property that will require funding.

In addition to the school building project, money has been provided to these people for food, school uniforms, other clothing, medical assistance and a few books and Bibles.

### **Ongoing prayer requests**

#### ***Door to door outreach:***

That God will raise many more Muslims to new life in Christ.

That God will keep moving us to proclaim the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us from Satan's snares.

That God will raise up at least one of the Muslim men to new life in Christ who will become a pastor for his people who begin following Jesus.

#### ***Liberian Ministry:***

That God will provide physical protection to Pastor Koon and the other men leading the various churches and the school and that God will provide a spirit of unity among them.

That God will cause the men to discern between truth and error and to reject Liberian ecclesiastical traditions that are contrary to God's clear revelation in His Word.

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That God will raise up many righteous men among them that will then teach and equip others to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. (That the ministry over there would become a center of leadership of God's people worldwide.)

That God will protect and provide for the material and educational needs of the Liberian orphans and poor children.

That God will protect the school from scandal so that it becomes an increasingly strong beacon of light that draws many to Christ.

That God will also give wisdom to Patience (our chief liaison to the people of Liberia) who has a vision for expansion of the ministry. She hopes to make a trip back to Liberia within 3 years to help us further shape that expansion.

***Dearborn Bible Fellowship (DBF):***

That God will add more people who God is calling out of the darkness.

That God will continue to shape DBF's views and practices in accordance with His will and His truth.

**Year 2021 Financial summary:**

About \$ 11,804 was donated to this ministry during 2021. (There was a beginning balance of \$ 682 carried over from 2020.) About \$ 12,242 of this was disbursed during the year 2021 leaving a balance in the bank of \$ 238 at the end of 2021.

Of the total money disbursed, 86% (\$ 10,420) was used to support the Liberian Orphan/bush people ministry in Liberia. (It should be noted that additional money to support these people was sent directly by Patience and people she knows living in the U.S.A.)

14% was designated and used for the general ministry support.

Any contributor may request the annual, monthly income/expense summary spreadsheet for further details.

Just a reminder to anyone who wishes to donate to this ministry:

Any money received can be designated by the donor for any of the following funds:

General Ministry (This includes Stones Cry Out and Dearborn Bible Fellowship support)

Liberian orphan/bush people Ministry

Special Designation

Benevolent fund (to be disbursed to DBF members if and when they experience financial hardship)

Link to Stones Cry Out Web Site: [Stones Cry Out Ministries](#)

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