



# LIVING is GIVING

Tim Burchill, Editor



## Goats to be Raised On LIG Farm

After much consideration, the LIG board made a bold decision to enter the livestock raising business this past summer. We had long discussed the possibility of adding animals to the mix on the farm, and this summer the time seemed right. Swine and cattle had also been considered, but we settled on goats because they are readily available, relatively simple to raise, reproduce quickly, and are a popular food commodity in Liberia.

A mail appeal was sent to a number of LIG's faithful supporters in August of this year, and the response was amazing. A goat "barn" is under construction on the farm for housing and care of the animals. The new building will accommodate 80-100 goats. A number of solar floodlights are being installed and an isolation pen (lovingly called the "goat hospital") is being constructed. The first eight animals have been purchased, and they are being housed in part of an existing structure on the property.

A decision was also made to build a soundly engineered toilet facility on the property, which will include separate rooms for men and women. Well constructed latrines of this type are designed for sanitary disposal of waste in an adjacent septic tank with a minimum of the odors associated with the old "two-holers" that those of us who are older remember so fondly.

The addition of goats to our agricultural activities will help provide a source of protein for the Liberian people, diversify LIG's farming activities, and help the financial viability of the farm.

For those who have not yet participated in this project, but are interested in helping, we'd like to give you an opportunity to do so. The cost of the various components of the project are as follows:



**GOAT BARN** - \$4,900 (amount raised in full)

**GOAT ISOLATION PEN** - \$577

**SOLAR LIGHTING** - \$1120

**MULTI-USE TOILET FACILITY** with Septic Tank - \$2,700

**PURCHASE OF BREEDING ANIMALS (GOATS)** -- \$80 to \$100 each

Donations for these may be made online through PayPal, Zelle, Venmo, or on our website, [livingisgivingliberia.org](http://livingisgivingliberia.org). Personal checks should be made out to Living is Giving and mailed to Living is Giving Inc., 1422 9<sup>th</sup> Av. NE, Jamestown, ND 58401 Any help will be greatly appreciated.

# My Trip to Liberia

By Asher Kingsriter



The new worship shelter at the LIG farm. It is used for Bible Talk gatherings and as a resting place for the farm workers.



Peanuts were a successful experiment in trying new crops to be grown during the rainy season.



Building is very labor intensive as everything is done by hand. Here construction workers are digging the trench for the goat barn foundation.

## LIG Inc. Board of Directors

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**Asher and Ryan Kingsriter**

Hi, I'm Asher Kingsriter. I'm 14, but I was 13 last February, when I went on the trip with my dad, Ryan Kingsriter, who serves on the Living Is Giving board. We went with a team from Living is Giving to see the farm we are helping support and visit Bible Talk Organization. Going to Africa was such a fun and eye-opening experience — but it was also a little sad at times.

Everywhere we went, people were so friendly and welcoming. Even at the airport, there was a big group waiting for us, helping with our luggage and greeting us with smiles.

The Bible Talk groups were always full of energy and joy. They welcomed us with parades, music, and dancing. During the gatherings, people performed Bible dramas and played Bible quizzes. It was so fun and full of life every time. At one of them, I told everyone how cold it is where I'm from, I told them that it gets so cold in the winter that the lakes turn to ice so thick that we can actually drive cars on them! That was very surprising to them because it's very hot in Liberia. I also wore a necklace that represents Jesus with different colors and explained what each color means to the kids.

One day, we visited the Living is Giving farm. We brought rice and oil to share with the volunteers and got to walk around and see all the plants. My favorite was the cassava. I learned that you can take cassava sticks, chop them into small pieces, stick them into the ground at an angle, and they'll grow into new plants! I also loved seeing the plantains, which are kind of like bananas. Fried plantains were one of my favorite foods there.

We also visited Liberia International Christian College and had a meal with Pastor Bill who helps teach Farming God's Way.

But I also noticed some sad things. There's a lot of trash everywhere and poverty in Liberia. Here in America, we have things like youth group and Sunday school for kids and teens. In Liberia, there aren't as many opportunities like that. That's why I think Bible Talk Organization is so special. It gives kids and teens a chance to read the Bible, learn about Jesus, and be part of a loving community. I also know that not everyone has enough food to eat and not all of the kids get to go to school.

Going to Liberia helped me see how much we can learn from people who have so little but still have so much joy. It was also neat to be a part of helping others that have less opportunities than us. I'll never forget this trip!



## School Supplies for Bible Talk Children



About 200 kids in four Liberian communities happily received backpacks and notebooks for the new school year, courtesy of Living is Giving's generous donors. Many parents in Liberia struggle to come up with the money for school supplies and uniforms. This is the second year that LIG has stepped in and eased the financial burden on these families.

## Meals for Liberia



A large number of Liberian nationals live and work in our community of Jamestown. This fact assures that the plight of the people of Liberia remains very much in the front of our minds in our area.

While not an LIG project, Tim Burchill, co-founder and secretary-treasurer of Living is Giving, again participated in the Kiwanis Against Hunger event at the Jamestown Rural Fire Department on September 20. Tim has been a member of Kiwanis International for 35 years, and of the Jamestown Kiwanis Club for 18 of those years. Since 2011, the Jamestown Club has held a food packaging event each year (except for 2020 and 2021) to provide tens of thousands of pre-packaged meals for hungry children and their families, both in the US and abroad. For the past few of those years, the club has partnered with Orphan Grain Train and Mercy Meals in this worthy effort.



This year, with the help of over 150 volunteers from the community, over 72,000 meals were packaged. The bulk of these are headed for Liberia to help fight food insecurity in that part of the world so dear to our hearts. Thank you Kiwanis members, Orphan Grain Train, volunteers, and the entire Jamestown community, for making this year's event such a huge success.

## Ways to Donate

### By Check (no fees):

Payable to Living is Giving Inc.

Send to: Tim Burchill

1422 9th Avenue NE

Jamestown, ND 58401

**VENMO: @Livingisgivinginc**

**Zelle: Living is Giving Inc.**

**Website: [livingisgivingliberia.org](http://livingisgivingliberia.org)**

### ACH Debit

## Giving made Easier: ACH Debit



In our continuous effort to make it convenient for our donors, we now have an ACH option for those who would like to give to LIG on a monthly, or other

periodic basis. This means that your gift would come out of your bank account automatically, without you having to do anything each time.

To take advantage of that option, we only need a voided check or deposit slip and the amount and frequency of your gift sent to:

**Living is Giving**  
1422 9th Avenue NE  
Jamestown ND 58401

Just to make this a fun promotion, anyone signing up for a monthly ACH gift to Living is Giving in any amount will receive a T-shirt with LIG's logo on it.

## Deb Denny Retires from LIG Board



The Board of Directors of Living is Giving extends its grateful appreciation to Debora (Deb) Denny, for her service on the board from 2022 to 2025. After hearing a presentation about Living is Giving, Deb approached Christine and Tim about the possibility of getting involved. We gratefully accepted, and Deb joined our original Board of Directors. She continued on the board after moving back to Nebraska in 2024.

Deb's background as an attorney and as a manager of several nonprofit organizations was extremely valuable. She gave great advice and guidance and challenged us to higher levels of professionalism. In addition, Deb is a beautiful Christian with a gentle, kind, and compassionate spirit. She also has a gift of encouragement and was a positive force in the organization, when things were difficult.

Thank you Deb, and may the Lord bless you for all you've done for Living is Giving and for those of us who worked with you for the furtherance of God's kingdom in Liberia. Best wishes on your recent move to Hawaii and the new life you have started there with your husband Jeff.

Aloha!

## Marilys Carter Joins LIG Board



LIG welcomes Marilys Carter as a new member of our Board of Directors.

Marilys was born and raised in Jamestown and has lived here nearly her entire life. She held various positions in retail in Jamestown through the years and has volunteered in numerous capacities in the Jamestown community. Marilys is very active in her church, having served on the governing body and in several church offices, as well as teaching Sunday School. She continues to be

deeply involved in the church to this day. She has a heart for God's work, and became an early donor to Living is Giving.

Marilys has one daughter, Heidi. She enjoys concerts, plays, movies and reading.

Welcome, Marilys!