

# LIVING is GIVING



## Cassava Harvest Underway

**A**gain we have arrived at another harvesting season of the cassava planted by the volunteers some months ago. The type of cassava planted takes at least six to seven months to mature. Planting started in November 2022 and ended in January 2023. It has now been eight months from planting, and as this is written, we are experiencing a bountiful harvest. Cassava is a root crop which is a staple in the diet of most

Liberians. The produce will be distributed among the volunteers who have been diligently working the land these past months, planting, tending, weeding, and waiting. This will help provide food security for more than 25 Liberian families in the coming weeks and months.

Appreciation goes to all of our donors who gave generously toward making this crop season possible.

## Fast Facts about Liberia, West Africa



**AREA:** 43,000 square miles (similar to Virginia)

**POPULATION:** 5.36 million (2022 est)

**CAPITAL:** Monrovia, population 1.5 million

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:** English (with many tribal languages spoken)

**CLIMATE:** Humid tropical, warm year-round, with rainy and dry seasons

**GDP PER CAPITA:** \$735.00 vs \$75,180 US GDP per Capita

**GDP RANK:** 178<sup>th</sup> of 195 countries

**POVERTY RATE:** 88.9% (2016)

**RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Christian 86.2% Islam 11.7% Other .7%

## Certificate of Registration Received

After a long time of waiting with patience and prayer, LIG has finally received our certificate of registration as an International NGO (non-governmental organization). This designation is necessary for nonprofits like LIG to become a legally recognized entity in Liberia. Certification was applied for many months ago and the wait has delayed LIG from moving forward in several respects, such as opening a bank account and holding official title to the property we have purchased. We were told as far back as January of this year that our application for NGO status was approved, but until we had a certificate in our possession we were at a standstill.

Finally, on August 28, 2023, the Lord turned the tables in favor of LIG, and we were able to receive the registration certificate along with other supporting documents from the Liberian Business Registry. With this certificate, LIG now has the right to operate in Liberia in alignment with its vision statement without any restriction from the government. A big thank you to Emmanuel K. Adams (new LIG board member), and Momolu Wallace (agent from the Business Registration Center) for their help in obtaining this important piece of legal documentation.

### LIG Inc. Board of Directors

**Christine Burchill:** President  
**Tim Burchill:** Secretary/Treasurer  
**Debora Denny:** Recording Secretary  
**Bill Woyah**  
**Ryan Kingsriter**  
**Emmanuel Adams**



## Adams Joins LIG Board of Directors

Meet the newest member of Living is Giving's board of directors, Emmanuel Koko Adams. Emmanuel is a native of Sinoe County in southern Liberia, and resides with his family in Paynesville, a suburb of Monrovia. He is currently working as a self-employed businessman and entrepreneur. Prior to this, Emmanuel had over 15 years of experience in finance, administration, and operations management. Most recently, Emmanuel served as Finance and Administrative Coordinator of the IRC/USAID PACS (Partnership for Advancing Community-Based Services) Project in Liberia. This public-private partnership was designed to provide technical and operational support to several agencies of the Liberian government, to help them organize, structure, and deliver high quality community health and social welfare services to the Liberian people.

Emmanuel is a graduate of the African Methodist Episcopal University in Monrovia, Liberia, and has several advanced certifications. For several years in the mid-2010s, Emmanuel lived & worked in the U. S., returning to his home country in 2017. He is married to Kanvee Adams, and they have four children, Emmelyn, Tegan, Alice, and Henry. Kanvee is an award-winning Christian music artist and is recognized throughout Africa and around the world.

We are honored and humbled to have Emmanuel become a part of Living is Giving, and look forward to working with him.



Tim and Christine were able to complete the same 3 day Farming God's Way training in Jamestown that the LIG Volunteers did in Liberia



## Jamestown Sun Features LIG in Local Interest Story

The Jamestown Sun, the Jamestown area's local daily newspaper, featured Living is Giving in a major article in its Saturday, August 5, 2023 edition. The article was written by Sun Editor, Kathy Steiner. She had interviewed several members of the LIG Board of Directors, including Deb Denney, Ryan Kingsriter, and Tim and Christine Burchill, about LIG's story, mission, activities, and hopes and dreams for the future. The article ran on the front page and continued on two later pages. Kathy's research was painstakingly accurate, and she subsequently contacted us several times for clarification and additional information. We are grateful to Kathy and the Sun for taking an interest in LIG and for helping us get the word out into the community. A link to the article can be found here: <https://www.jamestownsun.com/news/jamestown-couples-retirement-takes-an-unexpected-turn>

### The Jamestown Sun



Tim and Christine Burchill of Jamestown toured the Farming God's Way campus in Liberia in February. The Burchills founded Living is Giving, a nonprofit that uses the Farming God's Way agricultural method for its operations. From left: Allen Woyah, volunteer; Tim Burchill, Pastor Bill Sebald of Indiana, an instructor in Farming God's Way; Christine Burchill; and Bill Woyah, who promotes the Living is Giving farm.

### Jamestown couple's retirement takes unexpected turn



## Structure Built on LIG Farmsite

The Living is Giving farm is in the Liberian interior, approximately twenty-three miles northeast of Monrovia, the capital. A small village named Frank Town lies about a half-mile away, and the community of Careysburg is about four miles distant.

Because the size of the LIG farm has grown substantially, our volunteers under the leadership of Bill Woyah, saw the need to construct a small building on the property. The purpose of this building is to provide a place for storage of LIG implements and supplies, and to create volunteer sleeping quarters so that at least one person can be on the premises at all times to keep watch over the farm. The purpose is to prevent theft, and damage to crops, and/or desecration of the property.

The funds were raised for the necessary building supplies and Bill wasted no time gathering them and putting together a crew to get the work done. The building is twenty by twenty-eight feet, constructed of wood and metal, with a concrete floor. It took only a few days to build! A small generator was purchased to provide electricity for lights and other electrical devices. The generator can also be used to provide power for the Bible Talk Organization group which meets in Frank Town/Careysburg.

Thank you so much to our donors for making this building possible.

## Remaining three acres are being cleared



Aerial view of LIG's 3 cleared acres. An additional 3 acres, located on the bottom of the photo are now being cleared.

## Opportunities for Giving

### Vehicle

For volunteer transport & farm use  
\$10,000

### Bible Talk Organization

#### Equipment

\$2000 per each of 4 sites:  
100 Resin stacking chairs \$750  
Sound System inc. microphone  
\$850  
Electric generator \$400

### Regular monthly operating expenses

## 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.

if you don't have Zelle through your bank you can register through the Zelle app for IOS or Android  
Zelle QR Code:



## Atonement Lutheran Music Festival

After a several-year hiatus, due mainly to the COVID pandemic, the members of Atonement Lutheran Church in Jamestown once again held a music festival and corn feed on August 13, 2023. In years past, the event had been labeled a "bluegrass festival", featuring numerous local musical groups and acts. It was regularly held on the

lawn north of the church, with tents for shade, and tables and chairs for the spectators. This year, the weather was damp and cool, so the festival and supper were moved inside to the church building. A delicious supper, consisted of fresh corn-on-the-cob, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, side dishes, and desserts.

The festival featured Curt Beattie, a vocalist from Valley City, Tim Burchill on the accordion, and the Old Friends band from Jamestown. David Steele from the Atonement congregation was the emcee. Around 150 people attended, and a free-will offering was raised, with proceeds going to several worthy causes, including Living is Giving.

Church leaders at Atonement, were happy with the turnout and that the program was so well received. We are extremely grateful to them for including Living is Giving in their event!

## Plea for Funds

God has been incredibly faithful in providing funds to move LIG forward in its mission to relieve food insecurity and ultimately enable Liberian youth to receive the education they need to lift themselves out of poverty. Most all of these gifts were one-time donations in amounts from \$10.00 to several thousands. These funds have been greatly appreciated, and we know that one-time gifts such as these will always be important.

In addition to this we need to build a base of regular givers, individuals, families and organizations who will commit to a regular gift, to help with ongoing expenses of carrying the ministry forward and realizing the goals and objectives set forth by the Board of Directors. Monthly giving is particularly desirable, and will help with ongoing expenses which recur each month. The amount of gift is totally up to the donor. It could be \$20, \$50, \$100, \$200, more, or any amount in between.

Will you consider such a gift? We are working on a system which will allow LIG to automatically debit the donor's bank account each month if this is a desirable option for the giver. Right now, through online banking options at their financial institution of choice, a donor may set up a recurring payment to be issued monthly to LIG, without having to write a check or physically send money each month. This can be set up entirely according to the wishes of the donor. For more information on giving options, contact Tim Burchill at [tburchill@hotmail.com](mailto:tburchill@hotmail.com) or cell (701) 659-0999.