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# Ashers In Africa

## Praise/Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord, the 1  
pediatric ward is  
now opened, with  
running water!

Praise the Lord for 2  
all the people willing  
to come and serve  
the hospital and the  
church in Sierra  
Leone.

Praise the Lord! The 3  
new website is up  
and running and you  
can follow us at  
[www.waemm.com](http://www.waemm.com)

The Sierra Leone 4  
Wesleyan Church  
and the Gbendembu  
bible college and  
their 22 new stu-  
dents/

For Mimi and Chris, 5  
and Matt who are  
left behind in the US.

Marc as he serves 6  
the army in Kuwait..

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- To become a financial or prayer partner in our ministry [Click Here](#)
- Asher family fund WM04-0332
- We thank all the people willing to continue to pray for us .
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## And just why is it that we worry?

I ask this question with a smile on my face. I must tell you a bit about my morning. I came to Freetown to bring some guests back to leave the country. It was wonderful to host three wonderful men from I-TEC, an electrical engineering company from PA who came to evaluate the electrical system of the hospital and help us develop a plan to care for the patients for the next 10, 20, 30+ years. So this morning I was going to use my time in Freetown and its improved email speed to send my newsletter. At the hospital it is so hard to carve out a few hours to prepare the newsletter. I was looking forward to the time to prepare the newsletter for you. I was ready, with my snacks and cold water and computer and solitude. But . . . the electric went out in this part of Freetown. So I thought I would call and see if there was electric in the World Hope office. But my phone was also dead. So I thought I would start the car and use a small inverter we have and charge both my phone and the computer. But someone has mysteriously removed the fuse in the inverter. OK, so I know there are reserve fuses in the car so I get the book out and find the fuse panel and pull the reserve fuse and it is the wrong size. Tempo, the caretaker here comes by and says he has a small generator. He goes home to find it and found out that it had been borrowed. So his boys went looking for it and 30

minutes later, we were making progress, they found the generator and brought it. But again, the cord had been borrowed and not returned and they had to go looking for it. Finally 2 hours later, they found it and we were ready to start the generator. One pull, two pulls, it wouldn't start, and then on the third pull, the string broke! Ok, it was then that I knew God was making me into a missionary. Me the most impatient person on this earth, and when that happened, I burst out laughing. We played with it for a bit and while we did I saw the most amazing green and blue song bird. It was as if God was saying, "He doesn't worry, why should you? Don't you know I love you? ". Within 5 minutes, Rev. Usman drove up and offered me his office in another part of town which did have electricity, and well here it is! Moral of the morning, God has it under control. Let him do it!

Kamakwie has been a buzz of activity since I last wrote to you. We were hosts to 9 student nurses from IWU. We had so much fun with them, and I know it was a good experience for our staff and for them. Just a note, IWU nurses , the whole hospital is now using the medications sheets, successfully!

Emma, a nurse midwife from England came and spent some time with us. She initiated the emergency bag for the ambulance. It is still in active use.



We are happy to tell you that 403 babies were born at KWH this year, a new record. We continue to make great strides in preventing maternal deaths but are still working hard to do the same for the infants.

Overlapping the nursing students was a team from MI who came to help doing all kinds of jobs, taught in the grade school, organized more of the medical supplies and baby items, and toward the end of their stay, put on a great conference for the youth of the district and the Gbendembu bible students. The topics were so timely, How to witness to a Muslim, how to disciple a new Christian, and how to become a leader in the church. I am really looking forward to seeing what God does with all these young people.

We have also been blessed with some medical students, first from England, then West Virginia University and now West Virginia Osteopathic Medical School. This always keeps Tom and I on our toes and lets us look at things with new, young eyes. This is a hard rotation for the medical and nursing students. Many have never seen illnesses like these,

Or personally observed the death of a child or a baby. Many have never seen poverty, or personally known someone who had no food to eat. The hours are long and the temperature is hot and the smells are not pleasant. And yet, I think every one of them left here a better person for the experience. I pray that the Lord keeps sending students, for the sakes of our patients and our staff and for the sake of the students.

Recently the electrical experts of I-TEC were here. This may be the biggest project that Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital has ever tackled. To provide 24 hour electricity will be a certain challenge. To raise the funding, get the equipment and install it will be a feat only God can orchestrate. Aren't you glad we are all going along for the ride as we see how He unfolds this plan? I will tell you all more about it when the engineers put it all in black and white. But won't you commit to praying for His will in this area? He knows who is out there that can make this happen, and because I am certain of that, I won't lose a minute of sleep worrying about it!

The OB project continues forward. And just in time because the baby season is upon us. A full ward is usual now. The Rogers pediatric ward is in full swing. The kids love the new facility. The staff likes it too. The old peds ward is now tiled and waiting for the plumbing to be completed so that we can move over there. Then the final stage will be updating the existing OB ward to double our bed space. One small problem, we need about 50 hospital beds. Pray about that one too, please?

The shipping in barrels from Toledo, Ohio is working great! Thanks so much to the Syskowski and Ivory and Allen families. You all are shipping to Toledo and they are getting it to us. In fact there are two barrels to be released from the key later this week. We have received many glasses, baby clothes, medical supplies and medications, as well as food that has made the feeding of large groups so much easier. Feeding 20+ for three meals a day can be a challenge but the barrels help keep the cost down and the variety up!

The eye program is up and running! We have over 1600 glasses scanned so far and with the help of Kendall Optomistry and the many questions I have asked it is a great success. We dispensed 18 pairs of glasses in the first day! I was amazed how many wanted reading glasses. And the number one reason they asked was "so I can read my small bible (new testament)." Maybe this next year we can give one out with each pair of glasses. Well you know what I am going to ask you, Pray about that one too, will you?

The Gbendembu bible college is growing. They started a new agricultural program with their bivocational training program. I didn't even have time to tell you all about that one, and someone sent WAEMM a donation for seeds and hand tools. God knows what we need.

The senior secondary school is a buzz as intense studying is going on for the upcoming WASCE exam. This is the exam to enter college and it is unbelievably difficult. Please pray for these students as they watch the literature films, try to understand the math (what is a surd, anyway?) and memorize enormous amounts of biology, geography, agriculture and history. Our kitchen table and front porch are full every night as Tom, Ryan and I do review sessions for those that want to do well. Imagine how hard it would be to do well if you had a 10 year war in the middle of your education?

And finally, I save this one because it is so much what we pray about for the mission. Pastor Jarr has an assistant. Daniel is a senior secondary student who wants to be a pastor. He has been helping her, in the mornings visiting the patients, showing the Jesus film and offering to pray with those who want to make a change in their lives, and visiting and encouraging the local patients after they go home, even taking them to church!

Student nurses from IWU. They left different people.

What's not to love about OB?



I-TEC went where to get this photo?



They left their mark on Kamakwie!



Really giving of yourself, Emma!



Becca will be missed!



- Every day we pray for you, our prayer and financial supporters. We are very aware that none of this would be possible without you and we are so very thankful. God bless you! We were so excited to speak with you this summer about the projects that are underway, that we didn't mention our own support. Due to the course Tom took this summer, extensive speaking schedule and that the economy that has forced some of our supporters to drop out, our fund is lower than we expected. If the Lord lays it on your heart please send your gift to Global partners at PO Box 50434 Indianapolis, IN 46250, please put fund, WM04-0332 in the memo. or click on the link on the first page of this newsletter for giving.. Continuing in His service, Drs. Tom and Karen Asher

We finally have our website up and running! I just can't tell you all about the work in one letter every quarter. So go to the web site and learn a more about what God is doing in Kamakwie. [Click here](#)