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## Praise/Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord! 1  
Ruth Pierson ap-  
pears to be in remis-  
sion again!

Prayers for safe 2  
travel as Dr. Tom  
leaves for Sierra  
Leone on the 19th  
and Karen leaves  
next month!

Guidance as we ad- 3  
vise and assist the  
youth leaders and  
the agriculture pro-  
ject.

The Sierra Leone 4  
Wesleyan Church  
and the Gbendembu  
bible college. Pray  
for more students.

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 .

# Ashers In Africa

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## Thank you all for a wonderful summer of fellowship and support!

We were able to spend three months in the US this year. Tom attended an intense course in tropical medicine and travel medicine at WVU. While there he was able to make many connections that will benefit the hospital and the healthcare work in Sierra Leone. He completed the eight week course and will fly back to the US in November to take the certification examination. Please pray for him as he has never been a fan of standardized tests.

We were able to spend a short time with our kids, but most of the summer was spent connecting with all the wonderful people who are supporting our work in Kamakwie. God has provided so many answers to our prayers that I just need to list them to believe them.

1. The funding for the new OB/Pediatrics ward is complete. In fact, the new ward is built and under roof. Now they will begin installing PLUMBING!!! Yes, you heard me right, we will have toilets, sinks for hand washing and showers in both OB wards and the new Pediatric ward! We will also have an examining room for high risk prenatal care, and HIV counseling.
2. The mattresses. We had 33 mattresses donated. They are currently in a ship on their way to Sierra Leone. Siemens company

also donated vinyl so we can have more mattresses made inside the country with quality vinyl for keeping them sanitary! We hope to have a mattress for every bed!

3. Operating Room update—money has been raised toward this project. Two new cautery units, two suction units, surgical stools, and an operating microscope are on the ship which is scheduled to arrive in early October. One donor has offered \$25,000 in matching funds for this project. We currently have raised \$17,000 through West African Education and Medical Foundation (WAEMM). If you would like to help us complete this matching challenge, donations can be made at WAEMM

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4. Youth Agricultural Scholarship. 38 Scholarships were given last year. They hope to give 50 this year. Bikes are being shipped over to help the leaders of the program help oversee the gardens.
5. The Wesleyan Senior Secondary School has water, bathrooms, solar lighting at



night, and A NEW (QUALIFIED) SCIENCE TEACHER! Ryan Brooks is joining us in our work in Kamakwie to teach for a year at the senior secondary school!

6. Through These Hands and Leon Turner provided 1/2 of a semi container full of medical supplies. Many churches and individuals sent us food, supplies, school supplies, sewing items and so many great things that I can't mention them all. Churches and camp meetings worked together to raise the \$9,000 we needed to ship the container from Louisiana, The World Hope Warehouse run by the Rose family, to Sierra Leone.. Friends and family donated their time, cars, trucks, trailers and sweat to pack and transport the supplies. We are so thankful, as these supplies help keep the hospital running. Many are not available in Sierra Leone, or are so expensive that we couldn't purchase them.

7. 7.The electrical system—

(cont.) We recently had the privilege to meet the wonderful people from ITEC in PA. They are planning on a visit to Kamakwie to help us decide what needs to be done to our electrical system at the hospital. They just happened to have a trip scheduled for Sierra Leone and will add us on to their trip. (some would call that coincidence, we call it God's intervention) We will not have grid electricity for the next 20 years or so, and we need to have a plan to allow the hospital the electricity that it needs to grow and expand services.

8. Visitors— we are so happy to say that we have two work teams are coming this year from churches in the US. We also have nursing students from IWU coming in January. And we have 7 medical students and two sets of visiting physicians coming. There is so much work that we can help our African friends do, and you don't have to be medical to be of assistance. Please consider a mission work team from your church! It is less expensive to come to Africa than you might imagine, a 2 week trip runs about \$2800 per person for all expenses. We have housing on the hospital property and all your meals will be prepared in a safe clean environment.

9. Warehouse space - Space has been provided in Toledo, Ohio for space to store and pack barrels for shipment to Sierra Leone. We recently found a man in Indianapolis who ships to Sierra Leone for his business there. We are able to ship a 55 gallon barrel over for \$200. Obviously, this will not help us with large items like beds and mattresses, but for medical supplies, school supplies, books and the like it will be very useful. Some families from Whiteford Wesleyan will be packing the barrels and transporting them to Indianapolis about every other month. This will allow us to get needed items in a more timely manner. We will also store larger items until a shipment container is going over. If you have been sending baby layettes, school supplies or are willing to send eyeglasses, please send them to:

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quite a few rolled bandages and pill bottles so the need for these is not as great as the need for layettes, eyeglasses and school supplies.

10. Sight for those that can not see. We have found a system designed by Kendall Optometry that may help with the vision problem we have in the people of our area. Some estimate as many as 1 in 5 need some type of glasses to see. And yet traveling to an area where they are available or paying to purchase glasses is impossible. We will be purchasing a auto refractor and a lenometer to test the refraction of glasses and help up determine the strength of the glasses needed for the patient. This is a totally portable system and laypeople can be trained to do this screening on mission trips or at the hospital. To make this program successful, we need as many pairs of glasses as possible to put into our inventory so that when a patient is examined we are likely to have a correct match. If each one of our churches and supporters would take on this project and gather glasses from their homes, their churches and their local eye doctors, I am sure we would have the 2000 pairs that are suggested for beginning this program in no time. Can you imagine not being able to see and being given a pair of glasses and a bible by a visiting mission team.? What a miracle! Many of our people can read but many need glasses so they can see to do it! We are planning on taking the clinic screenings and the Jesus film out to some villages this year. As you gather glasses, and send them to the above address for this project, please pray for this ministry.

Thought you would enjoy some pictures from the packing of the container in LA.. It should arrive in early October!



Pastors, bikes and mattresses.

How many of these are there?

Pack high!



**So how are Matthew, Marc, and Mimi doing?**

Matthew is staying back in the US to attend his senior year of high school at Emmanuel Christian School in Toledo, Ohio. He will be taking ACT/SAT and applying for college. He is enjoying school but misses his friends in Kamakwie. He is still keeping in touch and encouraging those working with the Youth Scholarship program. They hope to give 50 scholarships this year.

March has been going to college at WVU on an ROTC scholarship. He is a member of the 201st West Virginia Army Reserve. They were called up for deployment and he chose to volunteer to go with them. He is currently in WI training at Ft. McCoy and will leave for Kuwait in October for one year. Please pray for him.

Mimi and Chris are doing well. Mimi continues to teach 4 y/o kindergarten and enjoys



Who says missions can't be fun! Maybe traveling this way will save money!

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! Drs. Tom and Karen Asher



Through These Hands and volunteers!