



PO RIVER
MEDICAL CLINIC

BRINGING THE LOVE OF JESUS
AND QUALITY MEDICAL CARE TO
THE PEOPLE OF LIBERIA



REMOTE INTELLIGENCE WAS
ABLE TO GET SOME GREAT
ARIAL PHOTOS WHILE IN PO



ON BREAK FROM HER LAB TECH
COLLEGE COURSES, COMFORT
HELPS SAM IN THE LAB



FOUND THIS WICKED 5" SPIDER
ON THE ROOF WHILE FIXING
SOME LEAKS... VERY SCARY!!

MILESTONE REACHED



Clinic staff and construction team celebrate a major milestone as we complete pouring guesthouse structural concrete.

Calloused Hands and Sore Backs

We praise God for the team's strength, hard work and perseverance to accomplish so much since we started construction in February. After months of lugging hundreds of bags of cement by canoe and motorbike, hand-crushing truck-loads of rock, hauling almost 1,000 wheelbarrows of sand, manually mixing concrete, block by block the walls went up.

As the sun was setting on Friday, September 11th we began pouring concrete into the last porch pillar form. We were so close to being finished. Just as the pillar was almost completely full, the wood at the base of the pillar splintered from the extreme weight. After assessing the damage, we pulled out all the concrete from the pillar into wheelbarrows to send back to the mixing team to get it ready for attempt number 2. Our masons and carpenters broke down and rebuilt the wooden form, and we re-poured the concrete. Everyone was exhausted and waited to see if the new form would hold... and it did! We were officially finished with the structural concrete for the new guesthouse and clinic expansion project.

The guesthouse will allow the Po River Medical Clinic to host visiting doctors, dentists, nurses, teachers, and students. The guesthouse will also allow for the clinic to grow its services to include a short-stay room, new expanded delivery room, and a critically needed pre/postpartum room.

Once the rain stops we will begin constructing the roof. We hope to complete the Expansion Project by May, 2016.



Running out of room

What do you do when 2 girls show up to deliver at the same time? Improvise! On Sunday, Catherine, 16 (right), and Rose, 15 (left) showed up at the clinic in active labor, only 1cm apart! Only problem is we have one delivery room which doubles as a pre and postpartum room. Thankfully Catherine and Rose are cousins who live together and don't mind sharing space.

When we finish the new building we will not only have a new delivery room, but also a room for the pre and postpartum period. Catherine delivered at 10:37am, 2 hours after arriving, and Rose delivered by 12:30pm. Now there are 2 more cousins in the family, both boys and both doing well.



Dispensing Hope

Babaa Togar has lived his whole life in the small village of Kpoveah Town. He is a community leader who loves his people and is happy to serve them. He maintains a farm and is a skilled canoe carver. Babaa served as a 2nd and 3rd grade teacher at a government school for 4 years without receiving any pay. In Liberia teachers work for years waiting to be placed on the government pay roll while education officials "eat their money."

This month Babaa changed careers and started as our new dispenser. Everyday he braves crocodiles on his one hour journey through the swamp from his home to reach the clinic. He is extremely grateful to have a job that will support his family.

The Encourager

Some people have the ability to bring teams together... Marcus Gorwar is one of those rare individuals. He has an infectious happiness and work ethic that keeps our construction team moving forward. Marcus is also a clinic patient. He had his first seizure when he was 10 years old. His father yelled at him thinking the shaking was from evil spirits. He spent the next 22-years plagued with a sickness that he could not explain nor understand. At times, his seizures have lasted up to 1 hour leaving him knocked-down for 2 to 3 days. Since starting treatment at the clinic for Epilepsy, Marcus has been seizure-free! He wants to thank God and all of the supporters of the Po River Clinic for his answered prayers. He has plenty of reasons for a "glass half empty" attitude, but chooses to be a positive light to those around him.



Playing in the Mud

On our September supply run to Monrovia we were forced to wait for a truck to be dug out of the mud. Steve tried to walk down to get a better look, slipped and came back to the truck a little less clean :) Traveling during rainy season is always an adventure!



Team July

A team from New Jersey came over in July to help with the guesthouse construction. The team worked hard hauling sand, building concrete forms, and delivering a wheelchair to a well-deserving woman living deep in the bush. They even found a break in the rain to sleep out under the stars in hammocks.



If you are interested in coming to Liberia to volunteer at the Po River Medical Clinic, please contact us at poriverclinic@gmail.com for more information.

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