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AND QUALITY MEDICAL CARE TO
THE PEOPLE OF LIBERIA



CONSTRUCTING A RAINWATER
HARVESTING TANK PLATFORM



JEN WORKING TO STITCH UP A
BOY WITH A SEVERED EAR



STEVE AND JEN WILL BE
HEADED BACK TO THE STATES IN
MAY FOR A 3-MONTH VISIT

OUT OF THE FIRE



Solomon had second degree burns on over 40% of his body from a generator accident

Solomon is happy to be alive after his body soaked in gasoline ignited in fire

On the evening of January 24th, Solomon was getting ready to televise a soccer match in his video club (a combination between a pub and a movie theater). People were arriving and the game was starting up. He didn't want to turn off the generator with the crowd gathered so he decided to top off the generator with fuel while it was still running, a mistake that he will never make again! While filling the generator tank, gas leaked down onto the spark plug and ignited. Solomon instinctively threw the fuel container he was holding to get it away from the flames but the container struck a wall splashing fuel all down his left side. The gasoline ignited, consuming his upper body in flames. Solomon ran from the building stripping off his clothes as fast as possible. Luckily his shorts were flame-retardant which saved most of his lower body from being burned, his upper body was not as spared. Solomon had severe, second degree burns on over 40% of his body. His neck, chest, arms, and hands were the most impacted, with a few scattered burns to his lower left leg. The people in the village worked to put out the fire in the generator room and keep it from spreading to nearby homes while a man in the village with a motorbike rushed Solomon to the Po River Medical Clinic. There Jen and Diana worked to clean and bandage Solomon.

There is a huge danger for infection in injuries like Solomon's, but he healed without complication. Solomon came to the clinic everyday for a week to have his burns washed, the blisters drained and debrided, and new dressings applied- a very painful process. Then he spent another week doing the dressing changes on his own. Now after a couple of months he is excited that the incident and the pain is behind him, and his scars are beginning to fade. He says he will never forget that the Po River Clinic was there when he needed help and he's glad that God gave him a second chance at life. :)

Aurelia Johnson

On Saturday, March 12th, our friend and teacher, Aurelia Johnson, passed away. She had been diagnosed with Stage 4 Cervical Cancer this past fall. In spite of chemotherapy, the cancer spread. A few weeks before her death, we were able to spend some with her and her family. She said she would miss everyone, her children, her friends, but she was not scared to die. She knew she was going to see her Savior.



School Upgrades

Oceanview Christian School located on the Pillar of Fire mission is getting a new look. We are helping to manage the construction and renovation. The mission school, K-9th grade, is one of only 2 junior high schools in the entire district (pop. 4,500) filling a huge need for quality education in the community. The old boy's dormitory has been reclaimed from the bush and converted to classroom space for our junior high students. The building needed a new roof, doors, shutters and furniture. New student desks were completed at the beginning of the school year. The existing 4-classroom school building has also received a new roof and will be getting new doors and shutters very soon. The teachers, students, and parents are thrilled at all the work that has been happening on the mission and we're happy to be a part of all the changes.



Dubbing Day

Our clinic dispenser, Babba Togar, has been putting aside money every month since starting at the clinic. Now he's been able to build his family a new home and he's the first person in his entire village with an aluminum roof! The community came together Easter weekend to celebrate and "dub" his house. Dubbing is much like an old-fashioned barn raising, except instead of raising a barn you pack the house walls with sloppy, wet mud. It was tons of fun!!



Teachers Needed

Have you ever thought of living overseas for a year? The Pillar of Fire mission school, located in Po River, is looking for adventurous individuals with a bachelors degree to volunteer as teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. If you or someone you know would be interested in this unique opportunity please contact us at poriverclinic@gmail.com for more information.



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