

In Liberia, we now have two schools and I am working with the Gospel League

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October 16, 1975:

Things are developing well. I began a second seminar with Bishop Weah on Monday night and have been spending more and more time with him. Friday and Saturday he and I will taxi to Kakata, accompanied by one of the students in my English class who has begun reading the Divine Principle and is now attending the seminar. Through this student, I'll probably be invited to teach for one day or for a few hours as part of a seminar for Methodist elementary and junior high school teachers sometime in January.

The bishop and I have planned a trip to the Interior after the close of the university semester in November, for about 45 days of taxiing and walking through the bush to some small churches which are out of the reach of the main roads. We will hold either three or four seminars for five to seven days each on Divine Principle (through Bible study).

Last Sunday I preached at two churches, the Gospel League and Bishop Weah's. Saturday we had a workshop and I taught several sections of Chapter 1. It's hard because of language (each tribe speaks a different language) to cover too much at once. Throughout the program, about 10 people showed up; most were college students who speak English well and have good comprehension.

October 27, 1975:

The workshops with the bishop went fine. Nine elders plus the bishop attended most of the sessions and

received everything favorably. We're now planning a 21-day seminar for February which people from all four districts of the bishop's churches will attend... maybe 25 persons altogether (elders, deacons, teachers etc.)!

The workshop in Buchanan was successful, too, with 30-40 young people at every session.

The people there have invited three of us to live in a friend's house and prepare the Gospel League Youth for their nine-day Youth Camp in January, at which two of us will teach. Following that we'll have a real center in Buchanan. They'll leave in the next week or two to pioneer the work there.

Last night, after a wonderful 3½ hour meeting at the bishop's church in a program to honor us as teachers in the seminar, they presented us with "African" shirts.

The 12 of us who attended came back to the center and I spoke seriously about our work and future plans. Then the president of the student body at our Unification School said he wanted to join. Two others said the same.

This weekend three of us will go up to a small town called Maimu where they are offering some land to us under the bishop's guidance to build a school and church! I hope in January we can pioneer our third center there and begin building a small church, which the local officials have asked us to do.

November 9, 1975:

We have a second school now in Buchanan. The bishop has an elementary school (grades 1-4) there, run under his Buchanan Church. He has 33 or so churches under his guidance, many of which he built with his own hands, cutting sticks from the bush. Two of us will teach Bible stories and music. And the church choir wants to learn English songs.

While I'm on the "big trip" with the bishop, we're planning to send out several pairs of evangelists to hold seven-day programs.