

Intensive Care Ministries-Africa



Thank you, Jesus!

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"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

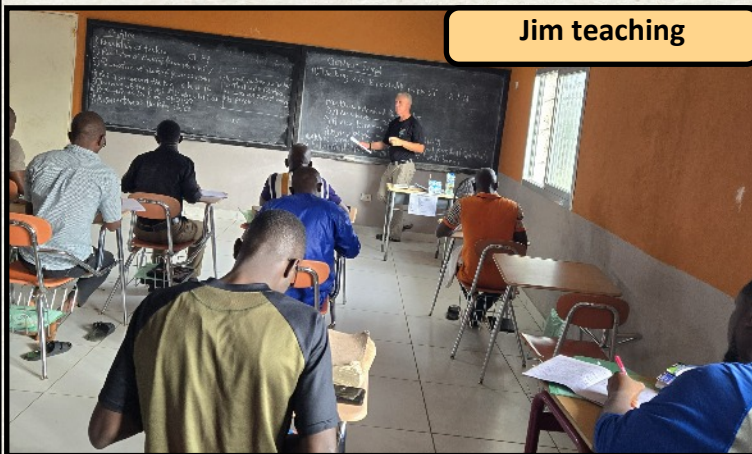
John 11:25

One of the most hope-inspiring verses in the Bible comes from the pen of a non-Jewish doctor named Luke who wrote, *"For with God nothing will be impossible."* (Luke 1:37) These words are easy to understand and accept, but it can be difficult to live this truth out 24/7 in our sin-stained corrupt world. We (all) may sense the Lord has opened a door to an amazing opportunity. We seek His will for the way forward and develop a sound plan/approach to get us to where we feel the Lord wants us. Then we face difficult challenges which thwart progress toward our God-given goal. Hope for a successful outcome is slowly extinguished with each disappointing step. We speak these words from experience, as you may well identify with!

"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Romans 5:5

The ministry work in Liberia (3500 miles to the west of us) has experienced more than its share of challenges. We put together plans to start this ministry in 2023 with high hopes. Then reality struck – they were not ready! Two false starts later, we finally began the first class in March 2024. We arrived to a nice-sized class of 18 students, only to have 2 of them depart the first day. Down to 16 students, we soon realized that over half of the class were not qualified students, which caused our hope to plunge. We even questioned in our heart whether ICM-Africa's program was a good fit for Liberia.



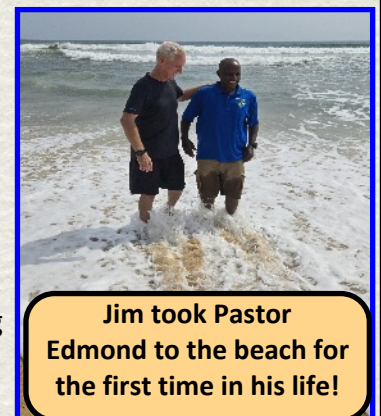
Jim teaching

After identifying seven students from that session who could continue, we were forced to return 3 months later to conduct another first session to get nine more good students. The local representative on the ground in Liberia was finding it difficult to understand how important it was to select the right students—only lead pastors with proven ability and a willingness to work hard. These character traits are absolutely essential for the first class because we draw our instructor cadre from them. They become the leaders who will continue the program, and they must be top-notch.



The final group of students decided to get matching shirts to display unity!

Adding these 2 groups together gave us a strong class of 16 students, all solid, motivated performers. Several had undergraduate and advanced degrees. Hope was beginning to return! When we arrived for the second session, we noticed a significant change in the spirit of the students. Several of the stronger willed students had decided they were going to make the most out of the opportunity to join in high quality Bible education. It was free, but it came with high non-monetary costs—hard work and commitment! Their positive attitude and thirst for God's Word soon infected the whole class and changed the entire complexion of the 11-day session. Teaching them became an inspiring joy as we embarked on a hope-filled journey together. With students from three countries (Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone), this class holds great potential for opening up new campuses. Our hope has been resurrected as we were reminded: With God, nothing is impossible!



Jim took Pastor Edmond to the beach for the first time in his life!

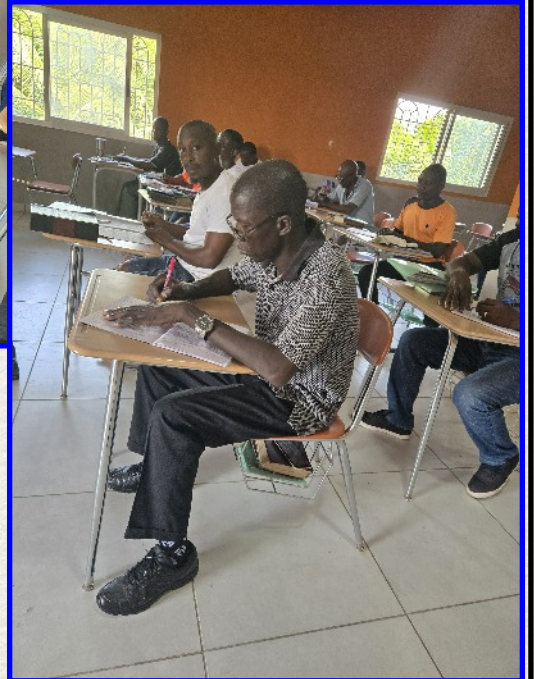
Pastor Aiah is from Sierra Leone and travels 2 full days to arrive at the class!



Pastor Wilmot is from Guinea and wants us to bring the program to a facility in his home country.



Pastor Cooper has a masters degree in theology and is a natural leader.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue to lift up the African students who are continuing through their respective programs while we are in the US, as well as our staff of instructors who continue to travel regularly. They will even be going to Kenya in January while we are away.
- We will be in the US from December through February. Please let us know if your church or home fellowship would like to meet with us. December and January we will be in Florida. February we will be in NC/TN/FL
- The cry of our heart is for more field help within the ministry. If you feel the Lord is calling you to lend your gifts, please contact us.