



**GLOBAL MISSIONS**  
of Open Bible Churches 

## GLOBAL IMPACT



### Bringing Hope and Salvation to All Ages

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*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

We officially opened the center on September 27th. We were surprised by how few adults could read and write proficiently enough to complete the basic application. Many of the parents did not know the birthdate of their children or even the year that their child was born. The literacy rate in this community is far below the 49 percent national average for adult literacy.



The people of Mondeh Town agreed to sell us the land for our office on the condition that Open Bible would also build a school on the property in which to educate the children of the community. We are working on fulfilling that promise.



The mission of the Legacy Learning Center of Liberia is to empower students to be lifelong learners through the foundation of literacy, and for students to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The students' ages range from 8-42 years old.



Currently, we are teaching more than 50 students to read in an atmosphere filled with the love of Jesus. Most of the students have begun to read their first words and first sentences. Upon hiring our staff, we told them they are missionaries first, and teachers second. At the center, we are sharing the good news of Jesus Christ often through singing.

The coronavirus pandemic has caused more than **4,994,011** deaths. The funds received will help provide pastors and their families with food and basic necessities. For more information go to [www.bit.ly/MVPpandemicaid](http://www.bit.ly/MVPpandemicaid).



One mother, Sarah David, and her daughter, Janjay David, have been attending reading lessons faithfully in the afternoon, and they both have reached level 16 out of 100 in the literacy program. How exciting it is to watch them learn to read together! The David family has also been faithfully attending the Open Bible Fellowship, which is the church plant that our family is leading in the center. We have had as many as 30 children and 5 adults in attendance. Janjay and other children accepted Christ a few weeks ago.



The Wilson family has a special place at the center of our hearts. Abraham (AB) has been watching the property for us for the past two years and is a man of peace in the community. Ever since we began doing work on the property, AB has said, "I am with you, boss."



We hired AB as night security, and he is also responsible for hiring and paying daily workers when needed. We have also hired Naomi, AB's wife, to help with cooking for our working lunches with our reading coaches. Naomi has been taking reading lessons and two of their children, James and Precious, are attending the morning sessions. As you can see from this photo, Andrew Robert, my namesake from the Wilson family, thought it was necessary to come up front to help me with my preaching one Sunday. Please pray for the Wilson family because people from the village have tried to cast spells on the family, and it is common for people to be poisoned in this area. There are many thieves, addicts, and violent people in the town that Jesus wants to save. It is their children that we are ministering to through the Legacy Learning Center.

It is exciting to watch people grow, and to know that you are a part of it! We are eternally grateful for everyone that is partnering with us to bring literacy and the gospel to Liberia. What a great legacy we have in Jesus to share with the world.



### Missionary Birthdays

**October**  
16 – Don Tietz  
28 – Nick Venditti

**November**  
25 – Lois McCarty

**December**  
3 – Doug Thomas  
10 - Sherry Moore

