

God's Work in Progress



CLCL leaders at convention

WELS' third visit to Liberia brought together two originators of the Confessional Lutheran Church of Liberia (CLCL) and two members of WELS' One Africa Team (OAT). Besides CLCL's regular attendees (they have gathered several times in recent years), we started to incorporate a few men from another group that has recently been started by a WELS Liberian in Minnesota AND another group that had expressed some interest in joining us.



Still plenty of work to do...

Each side had much to offer: CLCL already has a constitution and organizational structure. They have about 240 hours worth of study behind them. OAT has experience with our staunch WELS understanding of Scripture in an African context (the two missionaries representing OAT carried about 45 years experience with them). Knowing the right way to shake hands is cool, but gaining a spiritual connection through Christ is incredible—done only by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Another group we hope to incorporate into one with CLCL

I say our mission work there is “a work in progress” because we are only now getting this program organized and bringing it into line with our other programs in Africa. Our Liberian efforts are actually not much more than a foundation (solid – Scripture) and a bunch of building material stacked around it. Those materials are the 80 or so men and women with enough knowledge of Scripture to go beyond being simply part of a group or getting some sort of degree. These are men and women who are beginning to understand about their Savior “...who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good” (Titus 2:14). There were some great questions as people discussed amongst themselves. My favorite was the day before Reformation Day when one of the men challenged his brother: “Can you prove that from Scripture?” We still have a lot to do to establish a group in fellowship with WELS, but I think we are on the right track with our solid foundation—I can hardly wait to get back (Feb 2019) to put a few more blocks in the walls!

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