

Liberia and spiritual warfare

I am still trying to process all that took place during my two week trip to Ganta, Liberia. The first week was pretty routine. I helped install two different irrigation systems.

One was an overhead misting system designed to keep the greenhouse cool in the heat of the day. The second system was a drip irrigation system we added to the



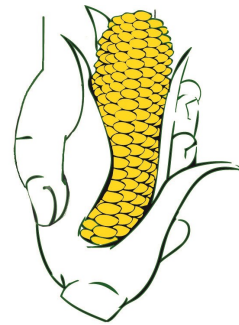
eggplant plot. It was amazing to see how much had been done since I was there three years ago. A large area that was all overgrown in brush had been cleared and planted. Travis' hired men are hard workers and proud of their accomplishments. I did my best to encourage them to keep up the good work. Many had stories of how they have taken the Farming God's Way method back to their home village and applied it there.



The second week was unlike anything I have ever experienced before in my life. Since I started

Agristewards, my prayer has always been to God that I would not limit Him in any way. I wanted to be obedient to His leading and guiding with no limits to my own comfort zone. I believe that if God calls you, He equips you. Imagine my surprise as I felt God leading me to organize a spiritual warfare seminar. Travis and Gina had contacted me a couple of times asking for guidance in matters we rarely experience in the US.

Throughout my travels, I have always enjoyed having conversations with missionaries and local pastors about spiritual warfare. When Travis and Gina first experienced challenges, I suggested they visit their local pastors for some advice and assistance. Imagine my surprise when they wrote back that the pastors responded by saying, "We don't know what to do either, we were hoping you could tell us." I prayed for God to lead me in finding a solution. After a few dead ends, I turned to some Kenyan friends of mine to see if they would be willing to help. Back in March I met with Wallace



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Kamau, the Director of Missions of Hope, and three Kenyan pastors: Fredrick, Clinton, and Isaac. We devised a plan and assigned each person one day of the week to begin fasting until the conference in June. Fredrick made an assessment trip in May to assess the land and learn exactly what we were up against so the pastors could arrive prepared.

We had over 100 individuals attend representing 30 different churches largely representing Nimba County, the eastern part of Liberia. One pastor came from Monrovia when he learned Kenyans were travelling so far to share a message from God to the Liberian people. It really is difficult to put in to words all that I experienced last week. The simplest way to boil it down is to say that God asked them to repent and clear up some areas of their lives that they had allowed Satan to deceive them in and the participants



repented wholeheartedly. There is a tremendous amount of witchcraft that takes place in this area, to the point of child sacrifice. We urged them that they needed to unite as a Christian community in order to overcome the works of the evil one. We had some amazing moments of worship, teaching, preaching, and prayer! One of the sessions ended in a prayer for God to forgive them in their treatment of Israel back in the 1960's and the Six Day War. Their hope was to break the curse over Liberia.

A lesson from God seems to be how related a nations spiritual and physical conditions are. If you look at the poorest nations in the world, you will discover they are steeped in witchcraft and blood sacrifices. How ironic that these people think they are going to the witch doctor to receive a blessing when, in fact, they are bringing a curse on their life and their country.

Genesis 12:3 "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."



The battle has just begun for these individuals who have separated themselves from witchcraft and the old way of doing things. Please lift them up in prayer that they will remain steadfast. Satan will try so hard to pull them back into their old lifestyle.

