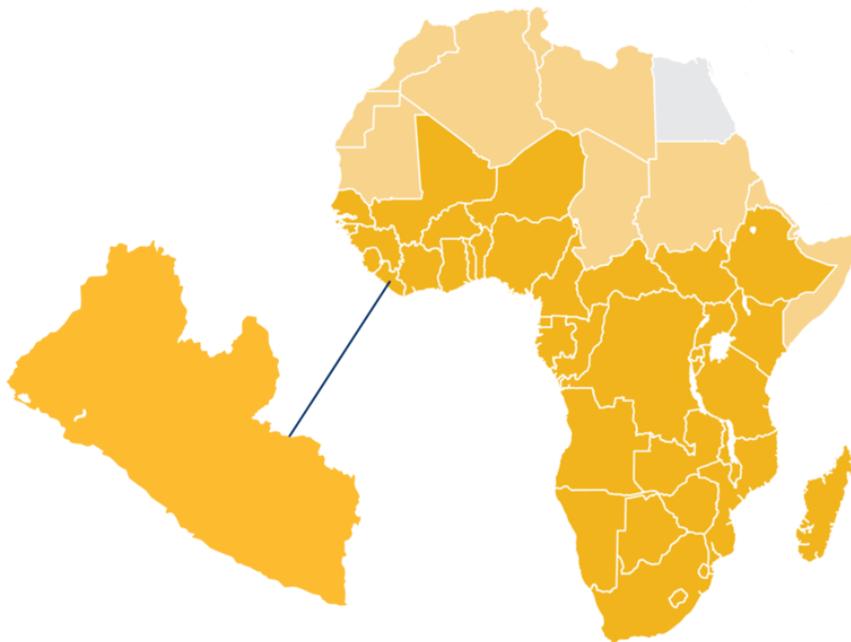


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The Church of the Nazarene began work in Liberia in 1989. Liberia is a country on the west African coast, bordering Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Côte d'Ivoire. It has a population of 5.058 million people. The official language is English. One of the important works that the church is doing in Liberia is the Empowering Women with Dignity project. Globally, gender inequality has a dramatic effect on poverty; the resources available to women and girls are fewer and harder to access. Through local Nazarene churches, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries partners with women and girls to unleash their potential through access to education, small-scale farming, vocational training, self-help groups, and more. These ministries are created to help women and girls see themselves as valuable, capable, and equal because they are made in God's image.



10, 471 Members



77 Organized Churches
and 59 Not Yet
Organized Churches
across 3 districts



77 District Licensed and 17
Ordained Ministers

PRAYER



- Pray for God to continue raising up leaders in the Liberian church.
 - Pray for the places the church has just entered in Liberia. Namely, Zeaongehn, Gboah's town, and Zualay, which was declared a pioneer zone.
 - Pray for the provision of JESUS Film equipment.
 - Pray for the expansion of our trade schools to create opportunities for men.
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PRAISE



- We praise God for the opportunity to minister to young children.
- We praise God for the ways that He is expanding the Kingdom in Liberia.
- We praise God for blessing the Monrovia District with a trade school that has helped many women to learn various skills such as reading and writing.



An Integrated Health Initiative yields Healthy Solutions in Liberia



Marie Tutu of Liberia had no way of knowing that the way she arranged the dishes in her kitchen would have a direct impact on her children’s health. She also could not have known that vectors of disease linked bacteria from the community to her home no matter how clean she kept her family’s living space. When health alliance workers representing the Integrated Health Initiative of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries came to her community in Gompa, Marie learned about strategies for wellness that could protect her family and promote the health of her six children. Now, Marie says she stacks her clean dishes upside down and covers them with linen to protect against insect- and airborne-disease.



Though this change seems simple, the practice is connected to a broader system of water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions that position families in Gompa, Liberia, and beyond to live longer and healthier lives. NCM's Integrated Health Initiative promotes these health solutions by facilitating partnerships between clinical and community health services in five countries in Africa: Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, and Zambia. As an expression of the ministry of Jesus, this initiative works through local churches to strengthen existing health networks, thereby equipping members of the community to drive the solutions for public health themselves.

Marie's kitchen organization, therefore, fits within a broader system that works to establish and protect clean water sources, build sanitary latrine facilities, clear play areas for children, and develop the terrain for safe water drainage. That simple act of covering her dinnerware protects Marie and her family from bacteria spread through contaminated drinking water, open defecation, stagnant wet spaces, and overgrown play areas, all aspects over which she may not have immediate control. As more and more households employ the alliance's solutions, they systematically challenge the spread of infection and disease. Residents have also embraced a core value in the mission of the Integrated Health Initiative: by focusing on children and mothers' health, these innovative methods yield positive results for the entire community.



-Story by Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

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