

Our Synod has worked in fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia since 2013. That ministry became personal when Liberian brothers and sisters in Christ came to our doorstep. For several years, our congregation has provided a variety of material support to the people of Bong County, Liberia. Trinity partnered with ELCL churches in Liberia to help them lift themselves out of poverty. To do this we're helping rebuild churches and elementary schools to promote education in Liberia.

Over the past several years, we have collected numerous donations to help purchase many items to improve the economic situation in Bong County, Liberia. The donations received have been used to purchase tools to help rebuild churches & build school furniture. They have also been used to purchase school books and supplies, along with sewing machines and fabric to make school uniforms.

To date, we have sent three shipments of supplies to Liberia: one through Orphan Grain Train in fall 2013, a full 40 foot cargo container in spring 2015, and a third cargo container in spring 2016. It started as a mission to help our brothers and sisters in Christ but now the focus is on changing one young woman's life.

Currently, we are blessed to support a very special young woman from Bong County, Christine (Thinking) Paye. In late 2017, Christine was brought to Cedar Rapids so she could be assessed for surgical care at the Shriners Hospital in Minneapolis. A relationship with Christine had been forged in 2015 when members of Trinity traveled to Liberia. Christine has never walked, and the mission team began dreaming about the possibility of changing the course of Christine's future. Hearts became engaged as Christine was welcomed into the Trinity family. She is living with Harrison and Garmai Kpartipa of our congregation, and individuals and groups are supporting Christine with tutoring (English and general education) and financial assistance. Christine has undergone extensive evaluation, treatment and surgery at the Shriners Hospital. Support and many prayers will continue through the rehabilitation process that follows surgery. God is good, all the time!