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Thank you for praying for Al's recent trip to Liberia. Looking at our prayer requests, I'm happy to report answered prayer for all:

- *Safety in travel*
- *Good health*
- *Clarity in teaching*
- *Open hearts*

However, there were still a few snags on the trip that made it fairly stressful. Al was writing things out as it was happening in order to have documentation for our dealings with the airline, so I'll copy and paste some of that here.

*After traveling all night from Atlanta to JFK to Ghana, the last leg to Liberia was cancelled. We were driven to a hotel where we waited 2 hours to get a room, only to be told there was no room. Then we were taken to a second hotel where we spent the night, still waiting to hear what plan there was to fix the problem. Furthermore one of my bags (four of the eight tents I brought for the ministry) was lost. Well, delayed. It arrived in Accra the next day. After many hours trying to get information, both myself and Lori, we found that Delta rebooked me on a flight for Saturday – a full five days later. I would have arrived that evening, missing both conferences, and then turn around and start my travels back on Monday. Thankfully I met up with a church group from Atlanta who were also in the same boat, and they connected me with a travel agent who was able to book me on a flight Wednesday. I did have to pay for this very expensive ticket, but we felt it was worth it to get to Liberia. As it was, I did miss the first conference, but was able to teach for the second, and I delivered all eight tents.*

*Upon arriving it was very nice to meet Amos and Darius at the airport for transportation to the hotel with a stop on the way to meet the students in the sport training camp. Before we got there, we ran out of gas but close enough to a roadside stand where we could purchase fuel and continue. Unfortunately the problem was more than running out as the gas line had worn a leak, so we only made it to break down again about 5 minutes to the camp. Amos called George who came to retrieve me and get to camp. After greeting the students and saying a few words George also drove me to the hotel about 30 minutes away.*

*The teaching went well on Thursday and Friday with the exception of two delays where I had to stop because of a downpour of rain. With tin roof and no ceiling we couldn't think straight let alone hear anything even with the loud microphone in close proximity.*

*Friday night was a planned hike and camp out for the students (they used the tents!) as part of their practical training, so it was decided to give them a chance to rest, and I taught a double session Saturday afternoon. Darius picked me up around 12:30, but due to HEAVY traffic, the 6-mile trip took 3 hours and 39 minutes.*



Sunday I attended church and made it on time even with a flat tire. I had my final wrap-up session that afternoon and on Monday no problems getting to the airport on time.

So, despite the problems with the trip, it was very worthwhile. They seemed to really appreciate the Bible lessons and The Lord used it to challenge and encourage. Who knows what these 19 young people will do down the road through sport ministry. It was great to deliver eight of the ten tents and see first-hand how they will be used. Thank you for your part in our ministry, your prayers were felt along the way. We could not do this without the financial help we receive either and if the Lord would lead you to give an end of year donation it would be a huge start on next year's projects which we will talk about in our next letter.

Thank you,

*Al & Lori Lotz*

