

LAUNCH LIBERIA Takes Off

Since 2007 you have been reading and hearing about LAUNCH LIBERIA. This project was created to help our EC churches in Liberia, West Africa to grow and become more self-sufficient.

Soon after the inception of LAUNCH LIBERIA, EC Global Ministries partnered with OMS International to focus on a two-prong approach: church planting and relief & development. Since last year, the EC Church has raised over \$100,000 to help fulfill that goal. Let me share the words of our field leader, Rev. Matthew Gueh:

■ **The church planting is going on well.**

Our men on the field have planted a total of 35 churches. They are presently training men to take charge of these congregations. The Lord is working mightily in the lives of these church planters.

■ **The micro-enterprise project** has provided loans

to a total of 62 women of the church.

These women are gradually becoming financially (self sufficient.) Some were able to send their children to school while at the same time increase their business.

The monies raised for LAUNCH LIBERIA (\$20,000 of which was from the bike tour this past summer) have already been put to good use. BUT we still have a ways to go. We have pledged to raise \$139,000 for our share of the services that OMS International is providing to our churches in Liberia.

Please continue to keep LAUNCH LIBERIA in your prayers and in your budget for the coming year. Global Ministries Director Rev. Randy Sizemore and GMC member Jerry Virtue will be visiting our churches in January of 2009 to see the work

first hand. Please keep them in prayer for safety in travel and good health while overseas.

We hope to have a video/DVD presentation available by WORD Day next spring to update you. 🌐 By Pat Strain

