

NEWS BRIEF

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“GO WEST YOUNG MAN”

Many of you will remember that this is one of the most commonly quoted sayings from the 19th Century. The phrase is often credited to an American author and newspaper editor, Horace Greeley.

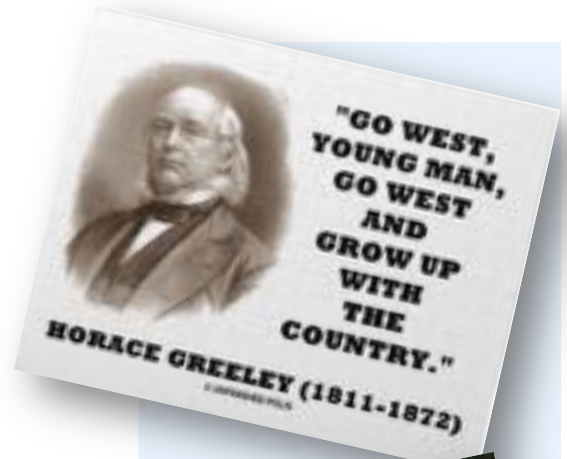
Greeley strongly favored western expansion in the U.S. **The simple statement came to symbolize the idea that agriculture could save many of the nation’s problems of poverty and unemployment that characterized the big cities of the East.**

Now what in the world does this have to do with GSSM? For starters, how about Global’s expansion into West Africa with all of its challenges ranging from severe poverty, civil war and corruption to one of the most devastating diseases to ever ambush innocent people.

Ebola, that alien virus that emerged suddenly and without warning terrorized West Africa as it went unchecked killing thousands of people who had nowhere to run or hide.

Liberia was one of the *hardest hit countries in all of Western Africa* as this invisible intruder found its way into the homes of frightened and defenseless people. Entire families were destroyed, wreaking havoc with the well-being of West African countries already reeling from economic nightmares.

Enter Wellington Morris, a pastor of a large church in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. Morris, a recent graduate of GSSM, survived the Ebola cluster bombs that wiped out large chunks of Liberia’s population. By the grace and mercy of our Lord, Wellington’s family survived as well. For many, however, life went from bad to worse and then for some rolled over the cliff into a sea of hopelessness.



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With a pastor's heart and a deep commitment to reach his people and touch others in West Africa, Wellington eagerly sought a means to share the **one remedy** that stretches all of the way into eternity...**the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

With this in mind, **Morris presented a plan to GSSM** that will help him and his colleagues to jumpstart a vision that will reach many of the lost in West Africa and even beyond. **His plan is exciting, mind-boggling and as Wellington himself states it, "it is scary".**

Would you please pray for Pastor Morris and those who will join him as they begin to prepare an extraordinary missionary journey that could ultimately reach thousands for Christ. **Want a peek at Wellington's vision?**

Take a moment and read on for a few highlights of his plan that follows:

PURPOSE: *To train committed church leaders for an effective sports ministry with emphasis on evangelism & discipleship.*

GOAL: *To establish sports ministry programs around Liberia and the sub-region of West Africa to fulfill the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES:

- *TRAIN & EQUIP GSSM – Liberia staff to serve as co-instructors and office assistants.*
- *PROMOTE & LAUNCH Global School of Sports Ministry – Liberia*
- *PROVIDE 100 SCHOLARSHIPS for prospective student – leaders of GSSM – Liberia to four evangelical bodies in Liberia: Association of Evangelicals of Liberia, Full Gospel Ministers Association, Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary & Mission – Liberia.*
- *ESTABLISH tuition-free sports ministry schools around Liberia and the sub-region of West Africa.*
- *INCORPORATE the Global School of Sports ministry training manual into the syllabuses of the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary courses.*
- *ESTABLISH GSSM around the counties of Liberia (similar to our states) along with the countries of the sub-region: Sierra Leone, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Togo, Ghana & Benin.*
- *IDENTIFY & RECRUIT trained GSSM graduates to serve as instructors in Liberia and the sub-region of West Africa.*
- *ACQUIRE 10-25 acres of land for GSSM – Liberia programs, infrastructures and facilities and farms for the purpose of sustainability.*

By now you get the picture.

Wellington has also listed a number of other short term and long term objectives all of which are important.

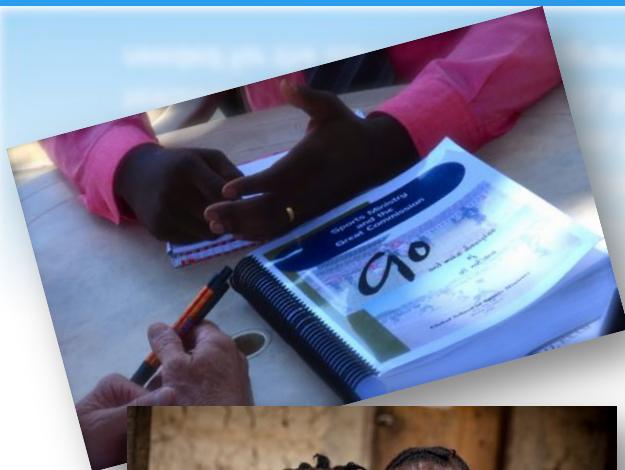
NOW WHAT?

TO LAUNCH THIS INCREDIBLE PLAN WE WILL NEED HELP, BUT HOW?

1. PRAY, REALLY PRAY

Serious prayer cover is needed to protect and assist Wellington and his co-workers as they begin this incredible journey. Numerous obstacles await these men. This is a battle for precious lives who desperately need the Lord.

2. As a beginning, GSSM is committed to provide 100 of our textbooks to initiate the training of key leaders. These men will then train others who will be sent out to establish sports ministry programs in each region of Liberia. Wellington, for his part, will recruit & identify key leaders and will raise additional funds from churches and individuals to initiate his plan. 100 textbooks will cost approximately \$1,500 to print in Liberia. Other GSSM literature and materials needed for the start-up of this program will entail additional costs.



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Thank you...

for prayerfully considering this request for help. One kind donor already sent in a sacrificial gift while still another has pledged to help as well.

THE LIBERIAN PROJECT will soon be off and running and we praise God for those He will touch, enabling us to march through the open doors in West Africa with the free gift of love, peace, joy & hope that only Jesus can provide.

BLESSINGS!

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