



January/February Newsletter

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There are two women students in the LTBLMTC Evangelist/Deacon/Deaconess training program for this Level 1-4 program that runs for 2 years. They are Rebeca Kpanah Bonah, known as RB from Belleh Yallah and Nowai Bondo from Suahkoko.

RB, in top right hand corner of the picture, is a resident of Belleh Yallah, in the Kuwaa region of Liberia, deep in the interior. Although she has served God and the congregation with dedication, it never occurred to her to go to LTBLMTC for Evangelist training. Based on her commitment, the church thought she was the best candidate for the training program in Totota, a very long way from her home. It was a hard decision for her. As much as she enjoyed sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, she could not imagine leaving home and family, especially her fifteen-month-old child, behind. Students from way in the interior do not go home during the 9 weeks at LTBLMTC. RB is among the youngest in her class.

Nowai, bottom left hand corner of the picture, has served the church as an Evangelist in the St. Luke/Phebe parish of the LCL. Various situations have kept her from being able to go to the Level 1-4 training, not the least of which was family responsibilities during and following the Ebola and Covid epidemics. For awhile it appeared that she would once again not be able to attend, but Nowai was persistent. She told the church leadership, "I'll die if I don't go to LTB this time." She started slowly due to not being in school very much before coming to LTBLMTC. However, she is smart and is quickly catching up. She is not afraid to ask questions and her years of experience bring a richness and depth to classroom discussions.

These are just two of the 18 students who begin Level 2 at LTBLMTC very soon. Their dedication and the dedication and support of their families is a joy to see.

Prayer idea for those reading this newsletter: post this newsletter or at least the picture on it someplace where you can see it and remember our students in your prayers.