# SIM Liberia Projects Update

## 1. ELWA Radio Restoration

**Project 95107**

**The History** – Eternal Love Winning Africa, ELWA Radio began in 1954 and over the following 35 years grew into a well-respected Christian radio, broadcasting God’s Word into the unreached areas of much of West and North Africa. During the 14 year Civil War in Liberia the Radio station was bombed and looted. Since the end of the war, the radio has been relocated to an old ELWA garage building. Sadly in 2011 this was completely burnt down and at present they are working from a temporary building.

**Our Vision** - To restore ELWA Radio and enable all the people of Liberia, and countries further afield through internet radio, satellite and other technologies to hear the Gospel, be discipled and see their lives transformed.

**The Needs** – We need to construct a new studio. Equipment, such as the computers, microphones and the main sound board need to be replaced.

We wish to provide a newsroom, studios and control rooms for live programs and the facility to record in a number of different languages.

Rough estimate $300,000. We have the technical advice, a construction manager and $132,000 already raised to start construction in November 2012. Would you be willing to come alongside our Liberian colleagues and support this opportunity to reach those who have not heard the gospel?

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## 2. ELWA—Services - Campus upgrade

**Project 95348**

This project allows for the Services Department to invest in much needed, larger capital improvements. Security at the campus has been an issue. A security wall is under construction (now 70% complete) but funds are needed to finish this building project. It will cost $30,000 to complete the security wall at ELWA.

One of our generators needs to be rebuilt and a new one purchased to ensure consistent power, especially for the hospital and radio.
Years of tropical and ocean-side existence followed by the damage and looting caused by Liberia’s 14 years of civil war has caused severe deterioration to the houses on the ELWA campus. These houses are now largely occupied by Liberians who live and work at ELWA in the ministries of the radio, hospital, school or their relevant services.

The project aims to provide the funds for the repair of roofs, windows, doors etc. to extend the life of these buildings for another 50 years.

Providing adequate homes for our staff and their families is important. It is essential for key managers and workers and those who work odd shift patterns to be housed on the ELWA site. The cost of repair varies from $50 for a small leaking roof to $27,000 for the total renovation of the house pictured.

We also need to repair the Guest House for visiting teams and missionaries. This facility is essential, not only for ELWA but to encourage people from around the world to engage in mission.

ELWA Housing Restoration

Project 95346

ELWA Radio Program Sponsorship

Project 95115
6. Christian Education and Teacher Training - Project 95402

The vision of the project is to provide Christ centered quality education. During the 14 year civil war 80% of the schools were destroyed and teachers fled the country. This project works with the local church to develop Christian schools. We train teachers and provide necessary resources. Training covers basic phonics, reading and writing skills, mathematics, science, Bible study, class management and lesson planning etc. We have included a theme on coping with trauma using a biblical approach. Liberians have suffered greatly during the years of war and its aftermath. Many suffer the ongoing effect of trauma and this helps both children and teachers understand how God can help them live a fulfilled life.

Project funds purchase locally written reading books, Liberian mathematics books and science text books. We train the teachers in how to use these effectively. It also funds building projects e.g. new classrooms or latrines. Progress is rewarding, teachers are eager to learn and help their students and the project has impacted more than 1500 pupils so far.

The cost of providing books to teach a child to read for one year is $8. A mathematics or science text book for a teacher costs $15. To sponsor a teacher through the basic Liberian Teacher Training costs $120. To purchase building materials to provide latrines for a school which at present have no facilities costs $500.

The cost of 3 days residential teacher training for 60 teachers is $1000.

7. Equipping Leaders

Liberia is still recovering from a crippling 14 year civil war. The SIM-related church, known as the Evangelical Church of Liberia (ECOL) is continuing to plant and nurture local churches. Currently there are about 110 churches. Rural ECOL church leaders are hungry for biblical training that will help them lead their flocks. Seminary for these servants of God is not an option as most of them will not qualify or cannot afford the tuition.

This Project provides funding to enable ECOL to train local ECOL leaders and local missionaries to serve as rural pastors, church planters and evangelists.

ECOL, in partnership with SIM, will set up mobile training teams to conduct training in ECOL’s 8 districts nationwide. This allows about 300 participants, called by God and supported by the local church to earn a two year bible certificate. Project funds will cover transportation costs as well as the cost of printing the workbooks for each course.

The church is growing in Liberia and this project will help in building the capacity of the church and ensure strong biblical foundation. Investing in the next generation of church leaders is vital to sustain growth and bring the church to maturity.

Project 95034

“ECOL church leaders are hungry for biblical training to equip them to lead their flocks”

8. ELWA Hospital Transition

ELWA Hospital is one of the established ministries which continue to serve the people of Liberia, meeting the physical and spiritual needs of patients. The present hospital is now inadequate to meet these needs and, in partnership with Samaritan’s Purse International, a new hospital with a capacity of 100 beds is in the process of being built. The aim is to complete this building project by late 2014. In the meantime funds are needed to carry out the maintenance and repair of the old hospital.

The Operating Room needs equipment such as a new anesthesia machine with a monitor, hydraulically operated (non-electric) operating tables for each OR room plus many other pieces of equipment.

Our vision is to provide the best possible new hospital with well qualified, fully-trained and spiritually mature staff. Training for our staff across all areas of our medical work will be a priority as we prepare for the move to our new hospital. When new medical equipment is purchased, staff will need to be trained in how to use it.

This project offers the opportunity to meet the physical and spiritual needs of many Liberians.

Project 95212
How to make a donation to an SIM Project in Liberia

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| Equipping Leaders                                          | Project Number 95034 |
| ELWA Housing Restoration                                   | Project Number 95346 |
| ELWA Ministries                                             | Project Number 82900 |
| ELWA Radio Program Sponsorship                             | Project Number 95115 |
| ELWA Hospital Transition                                    | Project Number 95212 |
| ELWA Hospital HIV-AIDS Education                            | Project Number 95306 |
| ECUL Administration “Push” Project                         | Project Number 95033 |

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Some Other Ministry Projects

9. **SIM ELWA Hospital HIV-AIDS Education Project 95306**

Every year an estimated 2500 die from AIDS in Liberia. SIM has initiated HIV counseling support for patients and their families and community health education. Counselors share Christ through visiting the homes of patients for Bible study, evangelism, and family support, education about HIV and AIDS and prayer. Volunteers in local churches are being trained to develop ministries to people living with HIV & AIDS.

10. **ECUL Administration “Push” Project 95033**

This project provides resources to enable the leadership of the ECOL National Church (Evangelical Church of Liberia). ECOL, the church planted by SIM now has about 110 churches, a membership of over 3,500 and a very low income. ECOL needs a national office, basic office equipment and transportation in order to meet the enormous task at hand. The project will provide help with the renovation cost of the SIM building, currently being used by ECOL, and some administration costs. This project is vital in building the capacity of the church.