

# SIM Liberia Projects Update

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## SIM Liberia

SIM – Serving in Mission is an International Interdenominational Mission Organization. The purpose of SIM Liberia is to see Christ honored and glorified, as witnesses serving with His people in Liberia by being and making disciples to transform lives.

This information sheet is the details of some of the projects of SIM Liberia, West Africa.

**ARE YOU ABLE TO MAKE A DONATION TO ANY OF THESE PROJECTS?**

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## 1. ELWA Radio Restoration

**THE HISTORY** – Eternal Love Wining 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 disciplined 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

## Project 95107

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?.



**ELWA Radio Studio burning down in November 2011**

## 2. ELWA—Services - Campus upgrade

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.

## Project 95348

**Control Panel for ELWA Generators**



### 3. ELWA Housing Restoration



House at ELWA in need of restoration

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.

### Project 95346

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.

**Repair of the Hospital septic tank? .....it's NOT an option!**

### 4. ELWA Ministries

ELWA is a ministry founded by SIM in the 1950s, including gospel radio broadcasts, healthcare and education. ELWA ministries project provides funding for various small projects to help with the running and improvement of the ELWA campus.

This project has made a significant difference in the work at ELWA. All electricity needed for our hospital, radio and school is provided by our own generators and funds

from this project have often been used to purchase parts for the generators. On another occasion funds were used to repair the septic tank at the hospital and on another for the provision of uniforms for our security guards. Each uniform cost \$35.

ELWA has been involved in a legal case regarding the retention of ELWA land. This project has helped us in seeking legal advice in this case.

### Project 82900

This project is essential in providing for the emergency needs and one time purchases of ELWA Ministries.



### 5. ELWA Radio Program Sponsorship



Sorting out and cleaning our program CD's after the fire ready for transmission

This project aims to raise funds to cover the costs of "Gospel Programs" which are broadcast on ELWA Radio. Currently this project funds the airing of programs such as "Encounter" by Stephen Alford or "Hour of Decision" from the Billy Graham Association. Also a number of locally recorded programs such as "Mainly for women" are made possible through the funds of the project. However at present some of the programs that have a

### Project 95115

significant spiritual impact on the lives of listeners lack sponsorship. Rising costs of transmission e.g. fuel costs, force ELWA Radio to air mainly sponsored programs.

Support for this project will enable the radio to air the best programs, that have the greatest spiritual impact. It costs \$200 for a 30 minute broadcast. Could you contribute towards a program that could transform someone's life?

## 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 .



Children join together in Morning Devotions at a rural Church School .

## 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

## Project 95034

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.

***“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

## Project 95212

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



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### How to make a donation to an SIM Project in Liberia.

If you wish to donate to one of these projects you can do this through any of our SIM Offices. Contact the SIM office with the project name and number. Some offices have the facility to receive donations over the web at [www.sim.org/donate](http://www.sim.org/donate)

ELWA Radio Restoration	Project Number	95107
ELWA—Services /Administration/Campus upgrade	Project Number	95348
Christian Education and Teacher Training in Liberia	Project Number	95402
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.

