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As I See It...

(From the point of view of the Chairman of the Board)

Alfred Telewoda was the first to light the torch. He was not a man of great material wealth, but he was gifted with amazing persistence ...and one with a great VISION

His VISION was born of denied opportunity for one of his daughters. It was a vision not clouded by physical or intellectual disabilities nor blurred by prejudice. Rather his was a vision focused on God's gifts of life, of joy and of opportunity to learn and acquire some simple skills...a real kind of "liberty and justice for all."

To bring his vision to life, Alfred did not start with a piece of land or even a building. He started with his beloved family. He had one daughter, Titema, gifted with a great smile that radiates joy. He had another daughter gifted with unshakeable faith. This was the daughter who took up the challenge when her sister was challenged, or bullied or denied the opportunity to learn.

And so began the fulfillment of a Father's dream and hopes for his family. It was a simple dream, really, but one with all of the power and beauty of a mountain waterfall filling a mountain lake to the brim and rushing on in a river of hope.

Henry David Thoreau once wrote, 'It's a fine thing to dream of building castles in the air...the key is to commit to building foundations under them.'

The work of My Heart's Appeal is a story of commitment, unshakeable faith and determination --- the key ingredients of a great VISION.

So now we have an opportunity to join in the building of God's Kingdom in a corner of God's great earth...Liberia. Whatever you may decide to do, consider prayerfully what your gift might do:

5909 N.W. Expressway, Suite 224, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73132, Phone: 405-603-2799, Fax: 405-603-2712 1800 E Northern PKWY # 11251, Baltimore, Maryland 21239, 443-474-8031 3rd Floor, Blue Plaza Building, West Benson Street, P.O. Box 10-2536, 1000 Monrovia 10, Liberia, West Africa Opposite, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Gaye Town, Sinkor, Old Road, Liberia, West Africa, 011-231-777437443 or 011-231-888101049 Email: info@myheartsappeal.org Website: www.myheartsappeal.org \$10 mo. To provide 2 meals, a snack and transportation once a month for 6 hrs.

OR \$30 mo. For a students' room, board and personal supplies

OR an even larger gift toward securing the land on which to lay the foundations

OR to provide Endowment Income for programs or scholarships to secure its future,

DO IT FROM THE HEART.

Then, commit to praying from the depths

- ✤ for Lovetie's leadership
- ✤ for the students and their families
- ✤ for the building projects to come
- ✤ And most of all, for God's will to be done.

In the early days of the Second World War, King George of England concluded his radio broadcast with this bit of poetry:

"I said to the man at the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a know way.' "

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