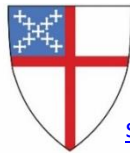

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**EMPOWERING THE LIBERIAN CHURCH and PEOPLE THROUGH GLOBAL OUTREACH
- St. Michael's, Wall & St. James, Bradley Beach, NJ, Ship a 40-Foot Container with Church,
Relief, and Medical Supplies to Liberia**

Wall Township, NJ – February 12, 2025

On December 14, parishioners and volunteers gathered at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Wall Township, New Jersey, to load a 40-foot freight container—the eleventh shipment—with church materials, vestments, theological books, textbooks, school supplies, medical equipment, and relief supplies. Destined for Liberia, West Africa, the container departed from the Port of New York on December 20th and is scheduled to arrive at the Freeport of Monrovia on late February 17, 2025. Canon & Mrs. Yarsiah are currently in Monrovia, Liberia, to help with the distribution of the donations.

This shipment, the first to originate from New Jersey, is part of the Global Outreach Ministry to Liberia, an extended mission of the affiliated parishes of St. Michael's, Wall Township, and St. James, Bradley Beach, Diocese of New Jersey. As with previous efforts, the shipment will support churches and clergy in the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia, as well as other denominations, schools, clinics, orphanages, and institutions, including the Liberian Group of 77, a government institution that assists the physically challenged. The total value of the donations is estimated at \$24,000 US Dollars, with shipping costs amounting to \$6,221, excluding clearance and transportation costs in Liberia. The Diocese of Arkansas, through the Christopher and Caroline Keller Fund for Mission provided a grant of \$4,200 to assist with trucking, shipping, clearing and other expenses. The Global Outreach Ministry is deeply grateful to Bishop John Harmon and the Diocese of Arkansas.

According to The Rev. Canon Dr. James T. Yarsiah, Priest-In-Charge at St. Michael's and St. James, "In an effort to give back, my wife Ophelia and I initiated this ministry in 2006, engaging churches, institutions, and friends from the Diocese of South Carolina and beyond to contribute materials and supplies. This effort, known as the Global Outreach Ministry to Liberia, aims to assist churches, schools, women, children, orphans, and the needy."

The Rt. Rev. Sally J. French, Bishop of New Jersey, has emphasized the importance of this ministry, describing it as a vital effort in strengthening and empowering the Church and people of Liberia. Bishop

French donated \$2,000 from her discretionary funds to help defray shipping expenses. The Global Outreach Ministry is sincerely grateful to Bishop French for her unweaving support.

The contents of the container include, but not limited to:

- **Church Materials:** Used pianos, crucifixes, candle stands, clergy vestments, choir and acolyte robes, Bibles, theological books, Prayer Books, Hymnals, cassocks, etc.
- **Medical Supplies:** Wheelchairs, walkers, medical beds, portable commodes, foyer lift, catheter, bandages, lympho press, ortho boots, back & kneel braces crutches, canes, etc.
- **Relief and Educational Items:** School supplies, textbooks, educational games, toys, stuffy animals, clothing, shoes, sleeping bags, rice, beans, vegetable oil and more.

Church materials were donated by the Diocese of New Jersey and other parishes. The Medical Equipment Ministry of St. James Memorial Episcopal Church in Eatontown, NJ, partnered with St. Michael's and St. James to provide medical equipment and supplies. The dry food items, rice, beans and oil came from Christ Church, Shrewsbury, NJ. Additional contributions came from several local parishes, clergy, and friends. The Global Outreach Ministry extends gratitude to Fr. Austin Murry and parishioners of St. James Memorial Church, Eatontown, New Jersey.

The Global Outreach Ministry to Liberia remains committed to this vital work of empowerment. Our Ministry accepts donations from churches in transition to close or have closed, and are looking for a place to donate their church materials/ornaments.

Parishes and dioceses within The Episcopal Church (TEC) are encouraged to donate church materials, ornaments, etc as listed below, for future shipments. Donations can be sent to ***St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2015 Allenwood Road, Wall, NJ 07719***. Large pickups within a 100-mile radius can be arranged. For inquiries, email Cn. James Yarsiah at jtyarsiah@gmail.com or call **843-810-3500**. St. Michael's can also be reached at stmichaelnj@gmail.com or 732-681-1863. A detailed list is available at www.saintmichaelswall.com and www.saintjamesbb.com, Global Outreach Ministry to Liberia.

Founded in 2006 by The Rev. Canon Dr. James T. Yarsiah and Mrs. Ophelia NG Yarsiah at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC, the Global Outreach Ministry to Liberia is a mission-focused initiative under the affiliated parishes of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Wall Township, and St. James Episcopal Church, Bradley Beach, NJ. The ministry aims to provide material and humanitarian assistance to rebuild and empower the Episcopal Church of Liberia, its institutions, and underserved communities.

Since its inception, the ministry has shipped ten containers to Liberia, benefiting over 12,000 individuals, churches, schools, and other institutions. This charitable endeavor is a testament to God's love and the transformative power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "For the love of Christ urges us on ..." 2 Cor. 5:14a.

For more information about this initiative or to learn how to contribute, please contact The Rev. Canon Dr. James T. Yarsiah using the contact details provided above.

[LIST OF CHURCH MATERIALS, ETC. - Global Outreach Ministry to Liberia](#)

1. Chasubles
2. Stoles
3. Dalmatics
4. Copes
5. Clerical shirts
6. Cassocks & Cassock albs
7. Rabats
8. Collars/Cleric cool collars
9. Collar buttons
10. Surplices
11. Birettas
12. Cinctures/girdles
13. Copes
14. Choir robes
15. Acolyte robes
16. Altar linens
17. Holy water vat
18. Sprinklers
19. Altar bells
20. Censers & Boats
21. Gospel books (BCP Edition)
22. Altar books
23. Sanctuary lamps
24. Holy water fonts
25. Altar candlesticks
26. Processional crucifixes
27. Chalices
28. Paten
29. Flagon
30. Ciboria
31. Host Box
32. Baptism Bowl
33. Offering plates
34. Candles (wax/oil)
35. Cruets
36. Frontals
37. Candle lighters/Tapers
38. Wax Lighting Tapers
39. Books of Common Prayer (1979)
40. Piano
41. Organ
42. Hymnals (1940 & 1982)
43. General Sunday school materials & visual aids
44. Children books & Bibles

45. Bibles (All versions)
46. Burse, corporals & predicators
47. Sanctuary lamp
48. Paschal candles & stands
49. Advent candles & Stands
50. Bishop Staff
51. Bishop robes
52. Priestly crosses
53. Holy oil stock
54. Wafers and host
55. BOS
56. The Priest Handbook
57. Choir psalter
58. Ampulla
59. Marriage and death registry
60. Attendance/service registry
61. Confirmation sash
62. Vestments for canons
63. Vestments for Archdeacons
64. Large Eucharistic candles
65. Choir gowns
66. Large lectern Bible
67. Cincture (Red, white, green, purple)
68. Monstrance
69. Pall for casket
70. Stations of the cross
71. Altar crosses
72. Reed Table candle stand
73. Eucharistic candle stands & candles
74. Berettas
75. Tipex
76. Flower vases

Thanks for your prayers and support.

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