

**AMP 5-17-15 | 9:00 - 9:30am**

**Today's Service**

- That God would draw unsaved people to our service, and into his kingdom.
- That Pastor Jon would preach in God's power as he finishes 1 Corinthians.
- That God's presence would be palpable and that all in attendance would be changed by the goodness, power, and love of God.

**RPC Outreach**

- That we the people of RPC would desire to be a word and deed church.
- That God would open up great and lasting opportunities of community service for RPC.

**Liberia | Basic Country Facts:**



**Operation World Denomination Statistics**

Christians	Deno ms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
Protestant	44	18.28	750,000	4.1%
Independent	126	9.73	399,000	4.5%
Anglican	1	0.95	39,000	4.7%
Catholic	1	4.92	202,000	4.1%
Marginal	2	0.48	20,000	7.3%
Unaffiliated		7.1	290,000	4.2%

**Ethnic Breakdown:** Kpelle 20.3%, Bassa 13.4%, Grebo 10%, Gio 8%, Mano 7.9%, Kru 6%, Lorma 5.1%, Kissi 4.8%, Gola 4.4%, other 20.1% (2008 Census)

**Major Languages:** English 20% (official), some 20 ethnic group languages few of which can be written or used in correspondence

**Religion:** Christian 85.6% (NOTE: Operation World puts Christians as 41.43% with 42.50% as Ethnonationalists), Muslim 12.2%, Traditional 0.6%, other 0.2%, none 1.4% (2008 Census)

**Population:** 4,092,310 (July 2014 est.)

**Life Expectancy:** male: 56.56 years female: 59.9 years (2014 est.)

**Government:** Republic.

**Economy:** agriculture: 38.8% industry: 16.4% services: 44.7% (2012 est.)

**GDP Per Capita:** \$900 (2014 est.)

**Economic Conditions:** Liberia is a low income country that relies heavily on foreign assistance. It is richly endowed with water, mineral resources, forests, and a climate favorable to agriculture. It's principal exports are iron ore, rubber, gold and timber. In the 1990s and early 2000s, civil war and government mismanagement destroyed much of Liberia's economy, especially infrastructure in and around the capital. The country achieved high growth during 2010-13 due to favorable world prices for its commodities. However, in 2014 as the Ebolavirus began to spread, the economy declined and many businesses departed, taking capital and expertise with them. The epidemic forced the government to divert scarce resources to combat the spread of the virus, reducing funds available for needed public investment. Revitalizing the economy in the future will depend on increasing investment and trade, higher global commodity prices, sustained foreign aid and remittances, development of infrastructure and institutions, and maintaining political stability and security.

**Education:** In 2010, the literacy rate of Liberia was estimated at 60.8% (64.8% for males and 56.8% for females). On average, children attain 10 years of education (11 for boys and 8 for girls). The country's education sector is hampered by inadequate schools and supplies, as well as a lack of qualified teachers.

**State of the Church:** The Constitution provides for freedom of religion, and the government generally respects this right. While separation of church and state is also mandated by the Constitution, Liberia is considered a Christian state in practice. Public schools offer biblical studies, though parents may opt out their children. Commerce is prohibited by law on Sundays and major Christian holidays. The government does not require businesses or schools to excuse Muslims for Friday prayers. Occult secret societies exercise significant influence.

**Prayer Points:**

- On May 9 the WHO cautiously declared Liberia to be Ebola free, no new cases in two maximum incubation periods of 42 days. More than 4,700 of the 10,500 people who contracted the hemorrhagic fever in Liberia died since that country's first case in late March 2014, 14 months ago. Pray for the many who have suffered loss and for the many orphaned, 4000+. Also pray that that the outbreak ends in neighboring Sierra Leone and Guinea.