

Rev. Brian Palmer.



Our new adopted ELCA missionary is Instructor/Educator for lay leaders at the Lutheran Center for Bible Studies, Liberia.

A nuclear engineer, he has 3 adult children.



This kid is bathing in a bucket because he is really tiny and badly malnourished.

A feeding tube hangs from his nose. This is how Doctors kept him alive. They are doing wonderful things for starving refugee kids.

Brian Palmer was strongly recommended by our own John Lunn.

Brian Palmer has a refreshing outlook on what he can learn from local people, and what he can offer.

See his 13 minute video:

Liberia small.mp4

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/5sxvvbitlp5ju7f/Liberia%20smaller.mp4?dl=0>

His website is:

<https://tryingsmall.wordpress.com/>

This is well worth reading for his stories about people he met.

He is intrigued by amazing differences in Liberian culture, and the effects of old traditions on personalities, attitudes, and social status of children, and of women.

Children with no computers, cell phones, video games, or books, amuse themselves by playing. Kids run all over, enjoying themselves. It's all very cool.

If you give all the kids at the well a spearmint leaf, they will all make them last indefinitely; most will take them home to share with their families.

Full time school teachers make about \$25 per month (most teach at more than one school to double or even triple their income). A typical day's wages for a hardworking field-hand is about \$1.50 per day

One of my student evangelists told her aunts "This is my Pa."

Others call me "Litle Uncle Brian." How cool is that!

A high school senior student's age averages about 24.

Evelyn is a 21 year-old 8th grade student, who is a church evangelist. She grows peanuts and beans for income. Going to live-in school from her village takes 3 days by motorbike and taxi.

One week she arrived on Sunday to preach, began labor on Monday, had a baby on Tuesday, and returned to classes by Friday.

She is an outstanding student.

The Liberian Lutheran Church is bursting with young folks, mostly women, eager to serve the God they love.

Miss Mulbah, Bobby and I have learned to print computerized lists, booklets, and all sorts of useful material for the local community this has been in great demand.

A 5 hour wedding left me exhausted, but everyone else was energized. Why? People like me worry so much about the next thing we cannot fully enjoy the present. Liberians have this gift for living in the now. I could learn from that.