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Sunday Morning Worship services - in person or online
9:00 am- **"The Breakfast Club"** - Come one-Come All
10:30 am-Morning Worship

Sunday, September 6 - Holy Communion



Every Wednesday

6:30 pm-Bible Fellowship-in person or online using Zoom



Sunday, September 13

Governing Board meeting after Morning Worship



Sunday, September 20 -

UMW Bazaar planning meeting after Morning Worship



Sunday, October 4 - **World Communion Sunday**



Saturday, November 14 - **UMW Annual Bazaar**



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Return Service Requested

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of Shamrock, Texas

September 1, 2020

Rev. Jarrod Neal, Pastor

Kathy Marak, Secretary



(part 1)

Dian, dean of education at Africa Bible College University (ABCU) in Yekepa, Liberia, serves as an Operation Christmas Child ministry partner in the area. She worked with Sandee, a short-term missionary from Canada, to register children to receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. They set out into the bush in a Land Cruiser driven by Bobby, a pastor and computer instructor at ABCU, to the village of Vanyanpa, Liberia. The road soon gave way to a motorcycle path that was overgrown with trees. The trio eventually arrived in Vanyanpa, population 300. Mud-brick homes dotted the landscape and Dian said, "The chief showed us a nursery of oil palm trees and then coffee and cocoa beans drying in the hot sun. Vanyanpa had only recently had a well for clean water. Previous to that, the villagers went to two streams in the bush for their drinking and washing water."



The trio registered 40 children to receive Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, and returned shortly afterward with gift-filled shoeboxes. Bobby divided the children into two groups—girls on the right and boys on the left—before he began to share with them about the story of God's love as it is described in the Bible. Using the Ministry Partner Guide supplied by Samaritan's Purse he talked about how sin separates us from God and how Jesus' death and resurrection makes a way for us to know Him eternally, by grace through faith. Dian also explained to the children that the shoeboxes came from donors who had prayerfully picked out the gifts just for them. Then, each child received a box packed for their age and gender and the countdown to opening them began! . At this outreach event, 70 residents of Vanyanpa accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior! Less than a week later, Bobby returned and hosted the first church service in this village. (part 2 will continue next month)



During September, we are collecting GAMES!