



2021 MISSION FUND

Eager to Preach the Gospel

SECOND QUARTER

ADOPTING AND STRENGTHENING CHURCHES

CHURCHES AROUND THE WORLD, WHO ARE EAGER TO PREACH THE GOSPEL, WANT TO JOIN SOVEREIGN GRACE AS WE ADVANCE THE GOSPEL TOGETHER.

My story with Sovereign Grace Churches actually started with music. In 2012 I heard the song "Let Your Kingdom Come" by Bob Kauflin and having been so affected by it I wanted to know more of the story behind it, which led me to Sovereign Grace Churches. Over the past eight years I've had the opportunity to interact and forge friendships with some really quality elders, husbands and fathers, and I just can't stop thanking God for how safe I feel to be in this relationship.

This is not a project, but a lifelong relationship that is being built on Christ, and for Christ, for which we are so very grateful.

Our partnership with Sovereign Grace has been defining, theologically strengthening and wonderfully caring. We are so grateful that through Sovereign Grace we have learned more about who God is, our understanding of the grace of God has increased, and there has been greater clarity around the gospel and its centrality to our lives and ministry, a reality that cannot be underestimated.

Here would be some highlights of our partnership so far:

1. THE MONTHLY MENTORING AND FRIENDSHIP BUILDING

This has been one of the most valuable moments for me personally. Every month Dave Taylor has been intentionally listening, caring, instructing, giving and receiving feedback. This has helped me to see and experience a model of Biblical leadership that I am practicing in leading my team. This has also given me a friendship and caring relationship that I can rely on and trust in an honest and open way.

2. ORDINATION

Dave and team have also encouraged and continued to hold me accountable in preparation for ordination. The process of systematic reading and interacting with Biblical concepts has continually helped me to build solid theological, spiritual and ecclesiological foundations. This has not been a hurried process and I am thankful for that, because it has helped me make sense of learning and talk through specific aligning issues with my team at Grace Life and then make decisions for integration.

3. SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN CONTINUALLY WORKED THROUGH

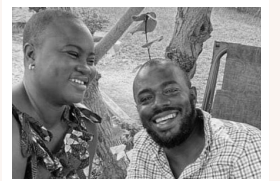
The Sovereign Grace Statement of Faith and the Sovereign Grace Seven Shared Values - We have commenced and continue to work through these documents, prayerfully allowing the truths and

principles there to inform our doctrine and life. The commitment to this steady process has been such a blessing to us.

4. GENEROSITY BEYOND IMAGINATION

Sovereign Grace Churches both in the USA and Australia have recognized what God is doing here in Liberia and West Africa and what have the joy of being a part of, in developing faithful shepherds and church planting. There has been strategic and generous giving to these endeavors which has greatly encouraged us and taught us how God is so gracious and kind. It is a generosity that we eagerly want to emulate.

In this past year in particular, it would've been so easy to feel alone and isolated, but in the process is being adopted into Sovereign Grace we haven't felt that at all. This is not a project, but a lifelong relationship that is being built on Christ, and for Christ, for which we are so very grateful.



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86  PARTNER CHURCHES

75  CHURCHES PURSUING ADOPTION

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