

Liberia, AFRICA

Short background: This is a new mission of First Church that focuses on girls' education in Africa.

First Church.involvement: The recently instituted Betty and Reinald Werrenrath Girls Scholarship Fund is set up at Highland Park Presbyterian Church. This need was brought to the attention of World Mission by the Ritter Family. Their son, Todd, graduated from LFHS and learned about Christ's love at First Church. Todd spent several years in Liberia and was instrumental in bringing this pressing need to our attention. The Fund raises money here and partners with the YWCA in Monrovia, Liberia supporting **girls' education** in Liberia. Each primary girl's education for a year costs about \$300. First Church supported three girls last year and would like to support more in the future, if the budget will allow.

Service opportunities: decide as a family to support a girl's education for a year in place of another activity, write encouragement to the girls, and pray for the girls in Liberia.

Map & pictures



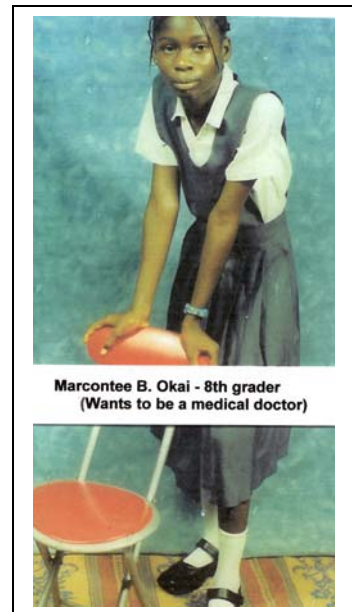
Calvary Baptist Church School System founded 1964,
Monrovia, Liberia, March 17, 2006

Dear Sponsor

How are you and the rest of the family? Everyone here is in good health. My name is Watchen Queenillia Gipplen, I am 8 years of age and in the second grade. I am the younger of a set of twin girls. My parents are Mr. Peter Gipplen and Ms. Vohde Wallace. We live 20th Street, Sinkor, Monrovia. I like social studies because it tell us about the world. I like my school Calvary Baptist Church School. I have a lot of friends My teachers are all good to us I want to thank the entire family for the help they are giving in Liberia. I pray that God Almighty will continue to give you strength and more blessing to help more girls in Liberia May God bless entire whole family wherever they are.

Love, Gipplen

LEFT: see her with her mother & Todd Ritter



Marcontee B. Okai - 8th grader
(Wants to be a medical doctor)



..... I thank God that in the midst of poverty He feeds us everyday and make it possible for me to be in school but above all, **I thank God most especially for you people that did not know us but are willing to finance our education that we may have a better tomorrow.** To close, I pray that God will give you people long life so that I can see my dream come to reality and my dream is to become a medical doctor. May God continue to bless you all.

Yours sincerely, Marcontee B. Okai

Links to Presbyterian Church (USA) <http://www.pcusa.org/worldwide/liberia/index.htm>
World Factbook on Liberia: <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/li.html>