



OUR LADY OF FATIMA
REHAB CENTER
of Liberia
now resident in San Pedro
Cote d'Ivoire

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Dearly Beloved and Most Wonderful Mr. and Mrs. Barry,

Most blessed greetings in the Almighty God. If this letter sounds a little mixed up kindly bear with it. My soul still remains in a state of shock over your recent fantastic benevolence and personal visit.

There is so much evil reported in our media today that one wants to exclude it from one's life. Yet in the midst of all this there are super fantastic caring people like both of you who care and share with the least of the brethren.

It is almost impossible to comprehend even though it is so real and true. Now I thank God for this terrific experience which only strengthens my faith in prayer and my desire to help people too. You did a magnificent work. Getting all these precious items on cargo..watching it..all that protocol which I know you do not relish yet you took it all just to make hundreds of little Liberian refugees happy and let them see that there is goodness in this world of ours. You gave them new vision and hope even in the dismal news that keeps coming out of Liberia.

Almost eight long years we have suffered...have been divested of all goods and now the very person responsible for it all tells us if we want a united Liberia we must tighten our belts and make a lot of sacrifice.

Your timely visit overshadows this sorrowful news and lets us live on in hope and faith. God has not abandoned us because He has given us you two beautiful and fantastic people who encourage others to do good too.

When we opened the medicine boxes..what an array of good drugs. Necessary items which we could ill afford. All I can say is thanks and God reward you most splendidly for these necessary items. We even had enough to share with two other poor localities..they were too happy and excited over their bounty.

How did you all know we needed crayons and pencils and pens and chalk and all the rest to make our school more school like???

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