I returned to my desk unable to focus. My mind was still lingering in the chaos that I had just left. Busy yourself, my head said. So I tried.

There was physical straining on my heart – it was distracting. Everyone speaking to me sounded distant even though they were only sitting two or three feet away from me. The exhaustion from unfulfilling sleep all caught up with me at once. Push it down, my mind ordered. You’re at work; you need to pull yourself together.

There was an inner battle of heart vs. head ensuing – my heart was winning. My heart was breaking and it was breaking for people I had never met in a country that I had never been to. With tears filling my eyes, I glanced up. “I think I need to go for a walk,” I blurted out. The second I stepped out of the office and the door shut behind me, the sobs began.

From June 2 – August 1 of this summer, I had the immense blessing and opportunity to serve as an intern at Samaritan’s Purse, a world-renowned international relief organization, with their headquarters located in the mountains of Boone, North Carolina. Many people know them for their shoebox ministry known as Operation Christmas Child. This past summer, they served on the frontline of the Ebola outbreak that is spiraling out of control in Liberia and has now spread into other countries in Africa.

A RESPONSE TO THE EBOLA CRISIS

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Liberia saddened me, and the more evident days were fast-paced and heartbreaking. Distractions were impossible to find. The ing about other things seemed trivial and Liberia, weightiness filled my heart. Think updates and the various needs of our team in I sat in that room, listening to the death toll than the rest of the summer had been. While maritan’s Purse would be far more difficult EMT team was working. I quickly became administrative work in the room where the Laurie Watson, asked me to assist with some the severity of the stuff.

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“Though the Ebola virus is continuing to rage in Liberia, and has now been discovered as far as the Democratic Republic of Congo, I can rest confidently in the fact that I serve a God who is in control. Since my time in Boone, Dr. Brantly has been healed along with another volunteer doctor, Nancy Writebol. In reality, hundreds are still suffering and dying from this disease, and it is my prayer that the world would not turn a blind eye to a heart-breaking problem still seeping through several countries’ borders. A third doctor has been diagnosed with Ebola in Monrovia and has been taken to Nebraska for treatment. President Obama has also decided to increase American involvement by deploying 3,000 troops into Liberia to help fight this worsening crisis. Samaritan’s Purse recently launched new efforts to stop the Ebola virus. At the end of September and early October, they recruited 200 staff members to focus on a community-level care initiative in Liberia to prevent the disease from spreading any further. Though the Ebola virus is continuing to rage in Liberia, and has now been discovered as far as the Democratic Republic of Congo, I can rest confidently in the fact that I serve a God who is in control.
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