

Support EFSL News

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Donation of food items to blind children at Blind School, Makeni



Divine Grace Academy pupils receiving school uniforms



Dear praying friends,

Recently I had a dream, and within it I was given a passage of scripture, Psalm 71 verse 1: *'In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.'* It serves as a reminder to me that, whatever my situation, God will protect me and it is a reassurance to me that, at this time when Christians all over the world face pressure and even persecution for what they believe, God will honour our faith. The next two verses say: *'Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me. Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.'* At the beginning of a new year, may the psalmist's prayer not only be our prayer and our experience, but may it also be true in the lives of everyone in Sierra Leone.

The New Year is also a good opportunity to reflect on and give thanks to God for all that has been done by EFSL in the past year. With God's help, and thanks to your prayers and generous support, the ongoing ministry of EFSL to the survivors of the Ebola outbreak continues; individuals and families have been given physical, psychological and spiritual support to rebuild their lives after the flooding and mudslides last year; Muslim Background Believers are given ongoing support and encouragement; and EFSL churches and pastors have received resources (new roofs, bicycles, sewing machines) to help continue their work of evangelism and pastoral care. The ongoing work of EFSL's evangelism department, that you support directly, is also aided through radio broadcasts, by showing the Jesus film, and by distributing cassettes of the New Testament spoken in Krio.

The EFSL General Secretary, Rev. Titus-Williams, has sent me an account of the work of EFSL last year. He begins by saying, *'The EFSL continues to be much grateful for the support of Support EFSL in helping us in our ministry to pastors, churches and Muslim Background Believers (MBB).'* I hope you will agree that your support has been used effectively to bring both practical aid to the needy and to help spread the Good News.

Bicycles and Sewing Machines: Six bicycles were purchased in December 2017. The six bicycles were distributed to the following pastors: Pastor Eric Sondifu – Church Of Pentecost Zion Assembly, Tengbewabu; Pastor Daniel Komba Finoh – Assemblies of God Church, Ngeletun Villiage; Rev Alice Kargbo – Wesleyan Church of Siera Leone, Bo; Rev. John Kelfala – Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone, Nikibu; Pastor Ernest Mansaray – New Harvest Global Ministries, Nyadehun Village; and Pastor Alusine Tarmu – Christians in Action church, Yonnie, Bumpah.



Pastor Eric Sondifu



Pastor John Kelfala



Rev. Alie Kargbo



Pastor Daniel Finoh



Pastor Ernest Mansaray



Pastor Alusine Tarmu

The two sewing machines are yet to be purchased because the model needed is currently unavailable in the market. When purchased, they will be donated to the EFSL REAPS Vocational Training Institute dressing-making department.

Support for mudslide and flash flooding victims

Since August last year, we have been able to support 75 households of victims of the mudslide and flash flooding (60 at Old Skool and Juba Camps). Each household received 25 kg rice, water, soap, plate, spoons, clothing and sanitary or hygiene kits.

Support for Ebola Victims and Orphans

Funds received for Ebola victims have been used to support orphan children at Heavens Home Orphanage in Waterloo, near Freetown, with food and condiments, and also other children affected by the crisis in Freetown. We have also used these funds to provide food for other needy children at the blind school in Makeni, for school materials to affected children, and also food and cash donations to children affected by fire disaster in Gbangbama, in Sierra Rutile area.



EFSL Staff makes cash donation and other items at Heavens Home

Radio Ministry

The Radio Ministry continues on BBN Radio 93.1 every Sunday night at 9:00 pm. The panel is usually made up of pastors and church leaders from EFSL member churches in Freetown. Discussions are usually centred on church and social issues, such as marriage, prayer and fasting, prosperity, etc.

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ'. Ephesians 1 verse 3.

Support EFSL Trustees News

- At its recent meeting Etienne Moolman, Support EFSL Treasurer, announced his decision to step down as a Trustee and Treasurer by the end of March 2018. The Trustees thanked Etienne for the valuable contribution he has made to Support EFSL. Please pray for continued healing for Etienne's eye, and that God will guide him into new areas of service in the future.
- With the Trustees' agreement, I will take up the responsibilities as Support EFSL Treasurer in addition to those as Secretary. Please pray that I can carry out these duties wisely and responsibly.
- Bill and Jan Roberts have remained in generally good health. Please continue to pray for them and their family.

Please continue to pray for:

- 1. A free, fair, and peaceful election to be held in Sierra Leone on the 7th March 2018.***
- 2. More partners to support the work of EFSL.***
- 3. Finances for EFSL's biennial General Assembly in September this year. This is an occasion for fellowship, encouragement, teaching, and spiritual challenge for church leaders from all over the country.***
- 4. Provision of finances to revive our micro credit scheme as the scheme was seriously affected by the Ebola crisis.***
- 5. For Etienne, as he recovers from his operation, and for continued good health for Bill and Jan.***
- 6. For new Trustees to continue the work of Support EFSL. We will be meeting with a potential new trustee later this month.***

In addition to your prayer support, if you would like to give to help EFSL continue to provide practical aid to those who are affected, please send your gifts to me, the Support EFSL Treasurer. Cheques can be made out to "Support EFSL (no.1141005)" and sent to Steve Manktelow, Blackdown Cottage, Willand, Devon, EX15 2QH. E-mail: manktelowsteve@gmail.com

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Steve Manktelow
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