



Support EFSL News - June 2019

Dear praying friends,

I have recently enjoyed watching a TV programme called 'The Repair Shop'. In the programme people bring along treasured family objects, often old, and always in a state of disrepair, and ask the team of master craftsmen and women if they can restore the item. Seeing the reaction of amazement and joy when they return to view the repaired treasure looking as good as new, reminded me that each one of us comes to God broken in some way, and in need of repair, and in His mercy He is also able to restore us. We thank God through the work of Jesus that He is able to restore and renew our lives. Jesus confirmed the words of Isaiah concerning Himself: *"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives...."* Isaiah 61:1. Peter also reaffirms that God will restore each one of us: *"And the God of all grace who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."* 1 Peter 5:10. Praise God!

Support EFSL Ministries

Ebola Orphans: EFSL continues to provide food, clothing, and school materials for orphans in Heaven Homes orphanages at Waterloo, Semabu, Morwagor, Bross, Makankor, Tigbonor, Kigbal and Mudiade villages in the south and northwest of Sierra Leone. Some who fall sick are also provided with medical care through a nurse who assists them with medical treatment, or takes them to the hospital when necessary. EFSL is working to enroll most of the children in the northwest into school by the next academic year.



Orphan children in Semabu village supplied with school bags, materials, and clothing



Orphan children in Makankor, Bross, and Mudiade villages received food items



Orphan children in Morwagor village supplied with school bags, materials, and clothing



Support to Muslim Background Believers (MBBs): EFSL continues to provide monthly support to MBBs in Freetown and the provinces. One of the MBBs, Jeneba, got married this May to an evangelist who serves as chaplain in the military. Our support for Jeneba will now be used for Regina, a young Muslim convert who is currently facing challenges with her parents for converting to Christianity. She is expected to enter university in October 2019.

Church Roofs: There remains a continuing need to provide funding for new roofs for new and existing churches across the country. We recognise that this comes at a significant financial cost, but we hope with your help to provide more support in this important area. The church building can be a real focus and the people a real light for their communities. We hope to build up funds to support the next round of building during the next dry season (November to May), and have asked EFSL to examine requests and provide priorities for this support.

Radio Ministry: We thank God that this valuable ministry continues to expand. The weekly radio programme dubbed as “EFSL hour” continues with the cooperation of pastors in Lunsar, Makeni, Kono, and Bo. The EFSL Regional Representatives continue to play a key role in bringing the pastors together to achieve this. The programme is a great blessing, as it provides spiritual counseling and teaching both to churched and unchurched people in their communities. Many people eagerly wait to listen every week, and to ask questions relating to their spiritual needs. The programme has also helped to unite the pastors, as they now work as a team compared to the past. We are continuing to pray to be able to extend broadcasts to Kailahun in the far east of Sierra Leone.

Study Bibles: Study Bibles were distributed to 10 pastors from 10 church denominations in Port Loko and Kambia Districts to assist them for personal study and to prepare sermons for Bible study and effective preaching. Rev Sylvanus Kamara, who is head of the Pastoral Council in Port Loko District, expressed appreciation for the gifts on behalf of his colleagues, and referred to the study Bible as a “gem”.



Bicycles: A bicycle was donated to Pastor Barnabas H. Kamara in Port Loko to assist him with evangelism. The need is gradually changing as most pastors now seem to prefer motor bikes compared to a bicycle for faster movement.

Sewing Machines: A sewing machine was distributed to Elizabeth Matthew a seamstress whose husband is a carpenter. Elizabeth was in a desperate need after thieves broke into her house and stole her old sewing machine. She was managing to sew for people to help her husband and their four children.

Support EFSL website update: Kevin Wiebe continues to add content to the Support EFSL website: <https://supportefsl.org>, so please visit it and encourage your friends to look and see the work being done by EFSL. With other supporters, the Support EFSL Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary are running in a London 10 kilometre race. We hope you will support them, and if you live in London please come and cheer us on. The older trustees will certainly need the encouragement. I haven't taken part in a run since I ran a half marathon 25 years ago! All the details are on the Support EFSL website at <https://supportefsl.org/london-10k>.



Support EFSL Trustee News: Bill and Jan Roberts are both well and continue to be involved in the church and community on the Isle of Mull in Scotland. We thank God that their son Paul continues to recover from his right arm/shoulder injury, and is playing his violin once again. Please continue to pray for all the Roberts family.

Support EFSL Chairman Rev Ken Wiebe, and his wife Yvonne, recently visited Sierra Leone, and had the opportunity to see at first hand the work of EFSL. They met with some of the pastors and other individuals that you support in prayer and giving. We hope to post their report together with some pictures on the Support EFSL website soon.

Please also continue to pray:

- That God will guide and direct Rev Titus and the leaders of EFSL as they continue to serve Him.
- For funds to provide more new roofs for churches.
- That God will continue to bless the expanding radio ministry and the support to Ebola orphans.
- For continued good health for Bill and Jan Roberts and their family.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures for ever.” Psalm 107:1

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Steve Manktelow, Support EFSL Treasurer

*In addition to your prayers, if you want to give to EFSL so that it can continue to support the churches and people in Sierra Leone, please send your gifts to the Support EFSL Treasurer: Steve Manktelow, Blackdown Cottage, Willand, Devon, EX15 2QH. E-mail: manktelowsteve@gmail.com Cheques can be made out to **Support EFSL (no.1141005)**. Or, you can donate instantly through the website: [Donate Now](#).*