



Support EFSL News October 2019

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Dear praying friends,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who supported Ken, Harry, Chris, Amooti, and myself when we took part in the ASICS London 10K Run in July. On more than one occasion the apostle Paul compares our Christian life to taking part in a race. He says: **'However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.'**

Acts 20:24. In London, some of us ran faster than others, **but we all finished!** Afterwards we received a medal, a t-shirt, and few other bits as our prize. In one of his last letters, Paul not only stresses the importance of



Harry, Ken, Amooti, Steve, & Chris before the ASICS London 10K Run



Steve, Harry, Ken, & Amooti... still smiling after the run!

finishing our race as Christians well, but looks forward to the prize he – and we – will receive: **'... I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day...'** 2 Timothy 4:7-8. Was running the London 10K easy? Of course not. Is living Christian life easy? No; but the writer to the Hebrews encourages us with these words: **'... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God...'** Hebrews 12: 1-2.

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Support EFSL Ministries

Church Roofs: Most of the over £3400 raised from the 10K Run has already been sent to EFSL to fund the building of roofs for five churches – in Pujehun, Moriba Town, Rokupr, Sulima, and Masongbo. These were urgent requests, and it is good to have had the extra resources to respond quickly. As you can see, the churches at Pujehun and Moriba Town are well on the way to completion.



Life of Light Evangelical Church, Pujehun



Philomath Community Church, Moriba Town

Support to Muslim Background Believers (MBBs): EFSL continues to provide support to MBBs in Freetown, Koidu, and Mattru Jong. The monthly support has helped to provide them with basic support, but payment of their fees for school and college is a challenge. Regina Moriba, the new MBB, is expected to enter college this October to study nursing, but her parents insist they won't support her as long as she continues to go to church. She says her parents have often told her that her Jesus should provide for her.



Ebola Orphans: EFSL continues to provide support for Ebola orphans in Moagor and Semabu villages in the Bonthe District, and also in Bross, Makankor, Kigbal, Tigbonor, and Mudiade villages. Some of the children received food and others clothing. The plan for the coming months is to put sufficient funds together – 20 to 25 million Leones – to buy school materials (uniform, bags, exercise books, pencils and pens) for the children in the North, as these items are not provided in the free education package.

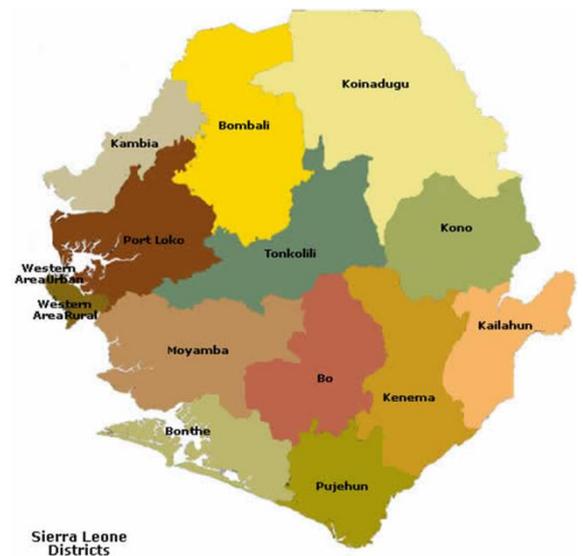
A four-year old orphan boy, Aliyah Tuah, who stays with his Muslim grandmother in Morwagor village, tells his grandmother every Sunday that he wants to go to church. After he was supplied with some clothes, he started to attend the United Brethren in Christ Church in their village. Pa Marah, a Susu Muslim chief in Mudiade village, is impressed with what EFSL is doing for the children there, and has requested that they open a church in the village for the children. EFSL is currently working out the logistics to get a church started in the village.

Radio Ministry: The EFSL Hour on the radio in Lunsar, Makeni, Kono, and Bo continues. Each week, topics are presented, and sometimes discussed by experienced pastors in the respective communities. Testimonies by callers during the programmes indicate that the teaching sessions and discussions are creating very significant impact in the lives of people in their communities. There are times when the General Secretary of EFSL is connected to the programmes via telephone to greet listeners, or to answer specific questions.

EFSL staff: Part of the regular monthly transfer that Support EFSL sends to EFSL is to fund the work of EFSL staff. The support provided for Regional Representatives continues to serve as an ongoing motivation for them to give of their best in representing EFSL in the Western Area, the North and Kono Region, and the South and Kenema Region.

Travelling Bible School: In November, EFSL is planning to hold a 'Travelling Bible School' in Port Loko, Kambia, and Kabala. Support EFSL will not only be providing financial support to this valuable ministry, but Support EFSL Chairman, Rev. Ken Wiebe, will be one of the teachers.

Study Bibles: Thanks to a very generous individual donation, funds were sent to purchase 50 study Bibles for pastors. As a result, EFSL has procured 50 ESV Study Bibles, which will be distributed to rural pastors during the Travelling Bible School seminars.



Please continue to pray:

- For continued good health for Bill and Jan Roberts and their family.
- That God will guide and direct Rev Titus and the leaders of EFSL as they continue to serve Him;
- That God will continue to bless the expanding radio ministry, and the support to Ebola orphans;
- For funds to provide more new roofs for churches; and
- That God will bless the upcoming 'Travelling Bible School' seminars and Ken's participation in them, and that pastors will be encouraged through this ministry and by meeting and fellowshiping together.

EFSL General Secretary, Rev Jonathan Titus-Williams, says, "Our prayer is that your labour in the Lord will not go in vain."

'Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.'
John 1:12

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Steve Manktelow, Support EFSL Treasurer

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