



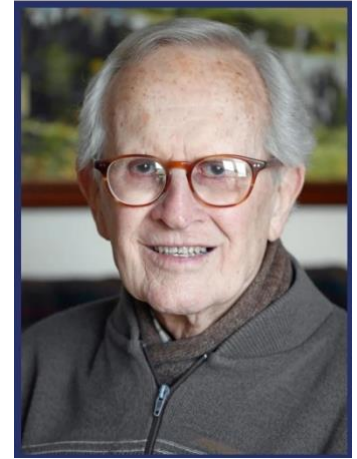
# Support EFSL News

## April 2025

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Dear praying friends,

I'm sad to inform you that Bill Roberts, the founder of Support EFSL, passed away on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April. You will have your own memories of Bill, but I think we can all agree that this gentle, wise, intelligent, and loving man of God is now with his Lord in glory and will hear the Lord's words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." At the end of his second letter to Timothy, Paul says: **"I have fought the good fight, 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—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing."** 2 Timothy 4:7-8. Eastertime reminds us that our Lord Jesus finished the ultimate race and fought and defeated the greatest enemy, dying and rising again to save each one of us. Bill undoubtedly fought the good fight and kept the faith and has finished his race, let us with God's help resolve to do the same.



### Marriage Seminars (Travelling Bible School)



Between 25 February and 7 March, EFSL ran TBS seminars in Kono, Makeni, Bo, and Kenema, which focussed on marriage and family relationships. This time pastors/leaders were specifically invited to attend with their spouses. Support EFSL Chairman Ken Wiebe and his wife Yvonne were part of the teaching team, together with Pastor Christian and Augusta Kallon. Pastor Bajoe led the team, and his new TBS colleague Pastor Charlie Bio also taught. Here are just some of the comments and pictures from this valuable time of learning and healing:

**Kono** There were 99 delegates at Kono, mostly young couples. The couples enjoyed interacting with each other and praying together.



*Team devotions before breakfast*

**Makeni** The number of delegates was fewer than in Kono, but it turned out to be a blessing, as it gave the team greater opportunity for in-depth/personal ministry. And there was enthusiastic interaction with the teaching in group sessions.



**Bo** The team wrote, "Great day today. Full day of seminar. We all hung in there – team & delegates – in the intense 37° heat." Couples responded to the teaching, saying that it was so helpful to discuss issues of Christian marriage and parenting within the context of African culture and traditions.

**Kenema** Team report: "Beautiful praise & worship this morning, at start of seminar. Very active group of delegates today! At feedback time, participants brought out some 'intense' issues about their marriages."



"An excellent day! So grateful for prayers and the work of the Holy Spirit among the couples." Many couples commented that they wished the seminar could continue for a few more days! They loved the teaching notes packets on Christian Marriage. Many commented that they will teach others what they've learned.



## Church roofs

With the rainy season starting soon we are sending funds to EFSL for two more church roofs to be built. It is expected that those churches are a New Harvest Global Ministries church at Deep Eye Water in the Western Area and Romaka Free Pentecostal Church at Romaka village near Port Loko.

## Jesus Film backpack projector



In February we procured a backpack projector with the Jesus Film pre-installed with 12 local Sierra Leonean languages, and Ken and Yvonne passed it on to EFSL. With continued generous support we are in the process of buying and delivering another projector to aid EFSL in its work to share the Gospel in remote villages and plant churches in rural communities.



## Muslim Background Believers (MBBs)

SEFSL supports MBBs to enable them to continue to live in safety whilst still worshipping and growing in their Christian faith. Some of these MBBs have gone through college and have gained employment and can now support themselves. Others no longer face persecution from parents and relatives, or are now being supported by other ministries. SEFSL continues to support Kadiatu, Mariama, Cecilia, and Sheku, and we are now also supporting Hawa, Elizabeth, Alie, Yeanoh, Saidu, Fatmata, and Josephine. Please continue to pray for them.

## Further Matters for Prayer

- Pray for Brother Bill's family as they mourn the loss of a dearly loved husband, father, and grandfather.
- Pray that God will continue to strengthen the marriages of all those involved in the recent TBS, and
- Pray that many will come to faith through seeing the Jesus film as it taken to remotes areas of Sierra Leone.

**Hallelujah, Christ is risen! I wish you a joyful Easter.**

**Steve Manktelow**

*Support EFSL Treasurer*