



Support EFSL News

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Dear praying friends,

In these difficult times wherever we live in the world, but particularly in Africa, I would like to share some words from a Rwandan pastor, John Paul Ndagijimana. He says, ' My country knows what it is to weep. We have suffered the unthinkable; we have borne the unbearable and yet we also know what it is to wake up to a new day. We know what it is to rejoice. We have seen reconciliation and redemption where such things may have seemed impossible. I have seen such things here – things made well despite the weight of unimaginable suffering. I know, therefore, that things can be made well wherever you may be and whatever you may have been through. This is because God is our Great Redeemer, the Almighty Restorer and the Unrivalled Healer. He can heal our wounds, take away our sorrows, and wipe away our tears. It may take time, it may even take a long time, yet all shall be well. Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

'Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.' Psalms 30:5.

EFSL Travelling Bible School

Back in March Support EFSL participated and assisted in the latest Travelling Bible School (TBS) organised by EFSL. By visiting various regions of Sierra Leone, the TBS aims to encourage and train rural pastors who have not received formal bible training and boost both their ministry and their personal development. The EFSL Church Empowerment Department identified the locations in Koindu, Koidu and Kamakwie and mobilised rural pastors for the training. The training was led by Rev. Paul Kamanda, Rev. Michael Abdulai and Rev. Kenneth Wiebe (Support EFSL Chairman) and taught on the following subjects: Servant Leadership, Marriage and Family, Muslim Evangelism and How to Manage a Local Church. In total 136 persons attended the training sessions.



Rev. Kenneth Wiebe teaching Leadership on Servant Leadership in Koidu Kailahun district and on Marriage and Family in Kamakwie



Rev. Paul Kamanda presenting on the topic who is Prophet Mohamed in Kamakwie and Michael Abdulai on the topic how to Manage Local Church in Koidu town

Rev Santos Coba-Kamara also presented on the topic 'Christian Ordinances and Rituals'. The feedback on all presentations was very positive. In all three towns, Paul Kamanda's sessions on Muslim Evangelism formed the highpoint of the training, because these places are Muslim dominated therefore the pastors were eager to learn how to evangelize Muslims.

The latest news on the work of the EFSL Church Empowerment Department

Funds from Support EFSL were used to provide food (rice, salt, maggi and onions) for 65 orphans in Modeadea and Thibornor communities in the Lokomassama Chiefdom in the Port Loko District.. The children have lost both parents during the ebola surge and are currently staying with relatives in their respective communities.



EFSL's motivation for supporting orphans is based on James 1:27 which says, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

The distribution was done under the supervision of the EFSL General Secretary. The photo shows orphans in Thibornor after receiving food from EFSL.

For the past month one person with disability benefited from funds received from Support EFSL. We provided two days' meal for Foday and his family in Laminaya village. Foday is a sixteen year old disabled young man who lives with his grandmother in Laminaya village.

Life is very difficult for Foday and his grandmother. They depend on neighbours and relatives for food. Even though small, our intervention was timely for that family.



Please also pray for:

- Spiritual and numerical growth in the body of Christ in Sierra Leone.
- The ongoing work of EFSL and in particular the Church Empowerment Department as they continue to support the churches and people right across Sierra Leone.
- Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) for grace to continue serving God.
- Divine provision and protection for orphans and their foster parents.
- The re-establishment of peace after the recent violence in Freetown.
- The planned visit to Sierra Leone by Support EFSL Trustees and the next TBS training to be conducted in November in the following areas, Bonthe Island, Rutile and Moyamba town.

"Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" Amos 5:23-24.

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