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Rev Titus-Williams teaching on "Finishing Well" at the TBS seminar in Port Loko



The rest of the TBS team (l to r): Musa (driver), Musa, Ken, & Michael

Dear praying friends,

First I want to apologise for being late to bring you more news about EFSL. My timing might be off, but that reminded me that God's timing is always perfect. In Romans we read, **'You see, at just the right time, when we were powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.'** Romans 5:6. May we be able to echo the words of the Psalmist when he declares, **'But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God". My times are in Your hands....'** Psalm 31:14-15. In the very fast-paced world in which we all now live, a world set up for maximum speed and efficiency, one of the hardest things for us to do is to wait on the Lord's timing, as He usually has a much slower time frame and way of working things out in our life than we do.

I am sure you can look back on occasions in your life when you have wanted to rush ahead, and found it difficult to wait patiently on the Lord. You are not alone: Noah had to wait 120 years from the time God told him to build the ark until the time the flood actually occurred. The Israelites had to wait for 430 years before God delivered them from the Egyptians. David had to wait for 13 years before he became king of Israel. Nevertheless, we are reminded that it is good to wait. God can test and build up our faith and properly prepare us for what He has planned for us. In Lamentations, Jeremiah writes: **'The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.'** Lamentations 3:25-26. **So, thank you for waiting for this edition of the Newsletter!**

Support EFSL Ministries

It is satisfying to report that since the last Newsletter in October 2019, Support EFSL has been able to support EFSL to run 'Travelling Bible School' (TBS) seminars in the north of Sierra Leone, not only financially, but also with the personal assistance of Support EFSL Chairman, Rev. Ken Wiebe.

The Church Empowerment and Advocacy Department (CEA) at EFSL organised the TBS, which was held from the 17th to 27th of November in the towns of Kabala, Port Loko, and Kambia. The TBS Team stayed three days in each town, and in all a total of 111 pastors and church leaders attended.

The main objectives of the TBS were to challenge and encourage rural pastors in their walk with the Lord, and to empower them to carry out their ministries in their towns and villages more effectively. To help them do this, the TBS provided them with essential in-service theological and ministerial education and training. The TBS also provided a valuable opportunity for fellowship with colleagues within and across denominational lines.

The TBS team members were Rev Dr Jonathan Titus-Williams, EFSL General Secretary, Rev Musa Fobay, CEA Manager, Rev Michael Abdulai, Church Ministries Assistant, Ken Wiebe, and Mr. Musa Kamara, Driver. Each daily session began with a devotional talk presented by one of the local pastors. Ken Wiebe took sessions on Marriage and Family, and on Servant Leadership, while Musa Fobay covered how Sierra Leone's laws affect the Church. Jonathan Titus-Williams talked on the need to 'Finish Well'.



Venue of TBS seminar at Kabala



Blind pastor Joseph Kebbie, with his wife, Blessed, who is training to become a pastor



Recipients of Study Bibles at Kabala...



Port Loko...



and for a chaplain in Kambia

With your help and prayers and God's provision, Support EFSL continues to honour its regular funding commitments to directly support 8 Muslim Background Believers, 3 pastors, 2 EFSL regional representatives, radio broadcasts from Freetown, Bo, and Makeni, Ebola orphans, and EFSL Church Empowerment and Advocacy Department staff. Not only that, but funding for new roofs for three churches (in Tintafor, Manyeh and Lungi Loi) was sent in February, with funds available for two more churches when they are ready to complete their buildings.

Please continue to pray that God will:

- **Guide and inspire Rev Titus-Williams and the leaders of EFSL as they serve Him.**
- **Bless future Travelling Bible Schools, and that the rural pastors and leaders will continue to be encouraged and supported through this ministry.**
- **Protect and grow His Church in Sierra Leone.**
- **Keep Bill and Jan Roberts in good health and strengthen them and their family.**

'Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.' Psalm 27:14.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
 Steve Manktelow
 Support EFSL Treasurer

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