



Kailahun

Sierra Leone
West Africa



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It's been a while since we last brought an update, so we thought now was as good a time as any with our recent visit to Sierra Leone fresh in our minds. The last 18 months have been strange to say the least, though not unexpected as we are living in the last days before Jesus returns. When we returned from our last visit to Sierra Leone in March 2020, COVID was just hitting the news, and it has taken us 20 months to be able to visit again. God is so good, and we believe that He gave us a small window of opportunity which we snatched with open hands.

December 2021

Taking the Good News of Jesus into the world

A note from Ali & Lorraine

Hello to all our friends and supporters. Thank you for taking the time to read our latest news. We hope you enjoy reading of our ongoing work in Kailahun and, we pray that the Lord will minister to you and speak to you as you read about His goodness and all that He is doing through this ministry. We thank God for all of you, for your support and encouragement as we continue to serve the Lord in Sierra Leone. None of this would be possible without you all helping and supporting in your own way.

Please get in touch if you have any questions. With love and blessings, from Ali & Lorraine.



Let Us Give Thanks to God

We have so much to be thankful to God for and this is how we want to start our news update. Without God none of this would be possible. We are so thankful for what He has done to bring us to this point.



Ministry Vehicle



Charity Registration



Maranatha House

After nearly three years of fundraising, we now have our ministry vehicle in Kailahun. It arrived in April and was parked up waiting for our visit. We are now comfortable that Pastor Ken is a competent driver, and the vehicle is now in his care. It was such a blessing and made the trip so much less complicated having our own vehicle at hand. Thank you to God and to all those of you who contributed and made this possible.

Earlier this year it became evident that we needed a place that we could use as our Ministry office. After discussions and praying that God would show us the right place Ken found a house that looked like it would be perfect. After a lot of hard work renovating the house, we now have an office and a place to stay when we visit. Ken and Mummy Gloria will be living there, and it will be used for team meetings, training, and hospitality. It is a very secure property, in a quiet area of Kailahun, there is a brick wall all around the compound which gives that added sense of security. God provided all the funds we needed to renovate the house, to pay two years rent and to fully furnish the property. We have also just heard that a donor wants to pay rent for a further two years rent. That means the rent is covered until October 2025. God is so good.

Back in April we made the decision to register Maranatha Christian outreach Ministries as a charity with the Charity Commission. It was a long form that needed to be completed and we were expecting a long-drawn-out process, there seemed to be many hoops to jump through. Lorraine spoke to a friend who had experience of registering charities and after following the advice given it was evident that God's favour was upon us when the charity was registered without any questions being asked. Praise be to God. Our charity registration number is 1193894.

November 2021 Trip Update

After 20 months we finally managed to travel to Kailahun. We left the UK on the 11th of November. It was so nice to be back and to see everyone, it was also good to see that the work was continuing even through the difficulties of COVID. Our trip was split between our own Maranatha work and Transformed International work.

Maranatha Christian Outreach Ministries

Like I have said, throughout COVID the Maranatha work has continued, though the team were restricted and could not do large gatherings they continued to visit villages carrying out discipleship training. We had the privilege of visiting one of the villages that our team had been working in. Pastor Ensah Kondovor has been regularly visiting Dodowolo Village over the last year and the people have been coming out every week, from Dodowolo and a neighbouring village, to listen to the teaching. It was such a privilege to speak to the people in this community, the presence of God was so evident. We had been talking earlier in our team meeting about baptism and so the people were asked if anyone had not been baptised. Seven people came forward and said that they would like to be baptised. Ken and Pastor Kondovor agreed that they would return very soon to baptise them. In these villages and communities our team, work alongside the local church pastors and leaders to help and encourage them.

Now that most of the COVID restrictions have been lifted in Sierra Leone it was possible for us to do outreaches in three villages and show the Jesus film. What a privilege it was to visit two of these villages and preach the good news of Jesus. At all these events when we do a gospel appeal at the end everyone puts their hand up in response. What we have now started to do is to focus more on discipleship, so we always do a second appeal asking for anyone who wants to become a disciple of Jesus and wants to be part of a discipleship group to come forward. Our team take names and arrange to return the following week to begin a discipleship course with those who had responded. Altogether in the three outreaches that took place during our visit there were 54 people that are now part of discipleship groups in these communities. The first visit they will teach about baptism and those wanting to be baptised will be baptised.



It was good to get together with all our Maranatha team to talk about how things had been since we were last in Kailahun and to discuss how we see things moving forward. It was so encouraging to see the enthusiasm and passion in these guys.

It is also really nice to have a place that we can call home, we were able to organise the office and sort through equipment and file papers. I do like to be organised.



We had a meeting with our Transformed International Team for Sierra Leone and Liberia. It was so nice to have everyone together and to hear their enthusiasm about teaching the Spiritual Transformation Training Program and the Africa Youth Award. In the evening we enjoyed a meal together with the team and their families, it was so good to spend time with these amazing servants of God.

We were able to visit six out of the seven AYA groups in Sierra Leone and had a lovely time with the young people. We talked to them and encouraged them in all that they are doing. We listened to some amazing testimonies of how the AYA has changed these young people's lives. Many of the testimonies talked of how they had changed from bad to good, they didn't attend church, now they do, they now earn a small living from the new skill that they have learned, they are serving in church and in their communities. All the different elements of the programme, coming together and transforming lives.

One of the groups shared how they cleared a road between two neighbouring villages, as part of their community service element of the programme. Their work was recognised by the Paramount Chief, and they received an award from the local village council. Another group cleaned the roundabout on the main highway entering their community and the local council recognised their efforts too.

Hearing and seeing how these young people are living out all that they are learning in their discipleship programme is incredible. No longer just head knowledge, but life transformed by the power of God's word. So blessed, so humbled to be a part of this work.

Plans for 2022

While in Kailahun we spent time planning a programme for 2022. We felt it was very important that we do not go from one showing of the Jesus film to another without following up and seeing people disciplined. With that in mind we have decided to focus on 11 villages. Each of the team members will be allocated one or two villages. Between November and February all 11 villages will be visited and the Jesus film will be shown. At those outreaches appeals will be made for individuals who want to be part of a discipleship group. Throughout the rest of the year our team members will work with local church pastors and leaders encouraging them and running discipleship programmes together. We will also encourage all the leaders and pastors in the villages we are working to do the Spiritual Transformation Training Programme.

How you can help

Obviously, it costs money to do the things we do. To be able to do all we have planned for 2022, to pay for the outreaches and show the Jesus film, to pay the expenses of all our team members to run the discipleship groups, to maintain the house and vehicle and to cover all the other running costs, we need £3,500. Currently we have £160 a month coming in through regular gifts. It would be amazing if we could raise another £130 per month in regular monthly gifts. This would mean we can do all we have planned to do. We would also like to raise a further £500 to run a Spiritual Transformation Training Programme for the pastors and leaders in the villages we are working. Any other gifts would then help towards the costs of our next visit.

We never like asking for funds but we know without finances we cannot do the things we believe the Lord is asking us to do.

If you are able to help financially, please get in touch.

Ongoing Prayer

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR US AND FOR THE WORK THE LORD HAS CALLED US TO IN SIERRA LEONE. WE FEEL SO BLESSED THAT GOD CHOOSES TO USE US IN THIS WAY. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR ONGOING LOVE, ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.





Thank you so much for your support, encouragement and prayers. We know that all we are doing needs to be covered in prayer so we would really appreciate your continued support in this. Below are some areas of prayer that we feel are key as we move forward.

Please pray for Pastor Ken Fullah, Mummy Gloria Fullah, and the team.



- Give thanks to God for His goodness and His provision. He has done so much and brought the work so far. We are so thankful for all He has done
- Give thanks to God for His protection from COVID. Sierra Leone seems to have escaped much of what we have experienced. Pray that this continues.
- Pray for the protection of our team as they travel around ministering, also pray for their families, for continued good health.
- Pray for God's continued provision for our team and the ministry. For increased regular monthly income to cover all our costs as we move forward.
- Pray that the vehicle will be protected from any accidents or mechanical failure.
- Pray that the light of Jesus will shine in the darkness of Kailahun, and many lives will be totally transformed. That the light of the Lord Jesus will rise upon our team and the Spirit of God with in them will attract many to Himself.
- Pray against jealousy and division amongst God's people.
- Pray for all those who have been affected by the ministry over the years, that God will continue to transform them, protect them, and use them to further His kingdom.
- Pray for us and our family.
- For the ongoing work of Transformed International and Lifewater UK and all those involved in the work both here in the UK and across Africa.

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Isaiah 61:1

The SPIRIT of the Lord GOD is upon ME
Because the LORD has anointed Me.
The Sovereign Lord GOD has sent Me:-
To bring good news to the afflicted
To bind up the broken-hearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives
And freedom to prisoners..