



Kailahun

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West Africa



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Taking the Good News of Jesus into the world

A note from Ali & Lorraine

Trip Update

Let us Give Thanks To God

As always, I want to start by saying thank you to God, we have so much to be thankful for. It is such a privilege to be serving the Lord in Kailahun and as we look back over the years at what He has done it is amazing. I want to share some of the achievements of the ministry over the last few years as we give God the glory and thanks for all that He has done.

- We have preached the gospel to thousands of people from large group gatherings to individuals in the local communities, streets and markets.
- We have trained and discipled local pastors and encouraged them in their evangelism and discipleship activities.
- We have seen discipleship groups established in many local villages and communities.
- We have trained hundreds of Christians in discipleship and given them simple tools to be able to effectively share the gospel with their communities.
- We have built three classrooms, dug a well and built a toilet block at a primary school.
- We have purchased a ministry vehicle.
- We have purchased a piece of land that will be developed over the coming years to make the ministry self-sustaining.
- and so much more.

We also want to say thank you to all of you that have sown in some way into this ministry. We are so grateful. **THANKYOU.**

Hello,

Thank you all for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement, as we move forward with the work the Lord has entrusted to us, in Sierra Leone.

Lorraine arrived back from her latest visit on 18th November after a successful three weeks away, and we trust you will enjoy reading her trip update.

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



My First Solo Trip

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I was involved in teaching a 1 day basic #NoPlaceLeft training in four different locations. We visited Mobai, Mendebuima, Ngeihun and Dia, training around 100 people in total. It was such a privilege to be involved in training up disciples to go out and preach the gospel of Jesus and to see them excited about doing it. I did the first day training on my own and then the next two days I shared the training between myself, Ken and Kpandeh. On the third day they did the training on their own with no involvement from me. They are now competent and confident to go ahead and spread the training far and wide, training up many more disciples to go and share the Good News of Jesus. I am looking forward to my next visit to see how things have spread and to see how many small house churches have been planted.

As well as the four one day trainings, I did two days of more advanced #NoPlaceLeft training for 14 of the local pastors who we have been working with over the last couple, of years. We had a great time together and I was very encouraged to hear all their positive feedback. We finished the training by each of them setting goals for the month ahead.



I also had the privilege of preaching at my first wedding and I preached both Sundays in Kens home church, the first week I preached a gospel message and the second week I preached about being prepared for the coming persecution of the church. It was very encouraging to see so many people responding to the word of God.

I still can't quite believe that God is using me in this way, I never thought I was either a teacher or a preacher. All I have ever done is be obedient and do what I believed God was asking me to do. Even though I was never confident I just did it anyway. It just shows that all we need to do is be willing and obedient and God will use us in ways we could never imagine.

I remember when I first new that my calling scripture was Isaiah 61:1-3, I always said I wouldn't really preach the gospel, but I would display the gospel through how I lived my life, little did I know that I would one day come alive when telling people, the Good News about Jesus.

I am so grateful to God and so humbled that He chooses to use me in this way in Kailahun, Sierra Leone.

The Promised Land

We visited The Promised Land twice, during my stay. The first time we measured up and marked out approximate positions for the main buildings we plan to build. This was really exciting as we could see a better picture of how things will look.



The second visit was very special, we took some of the Africa Youth Award (AYA) young people from the Kailahun group with us and we spent some time giving thanks to God and praying around the land, dedicating it to God. We are looking at the possibility of the Kailahun AYA group having a small portion of the land to farm to raise funds to go towards their graduation. We also discussed the possibilities of involving them in some of the practical work as part of their community service part of the award. As I said in my last update, this land is a vision restored. I first received this vision over 20 years ago when on my first trip to Africa (Zambia) and I am confident that this vision is for now.

We have a lot of work to do now, firstly fundraising, as you can imagine this is a little daunting as I have never had to raise funds for such a big project, but it is also exciting as we watch God put everything into place. As always, I need your help. If we can get 50 people to commit to give £15 each month that will raise £9000 per year. I already have five people who have agreed to do this, which is great news. Some may be able to do more and some less, every little helps. Please consider this and be part of seeing this amazing vision being fulfilled. You may prefer to give a one-off donation, that also will be amazing, and we would be so grateful for anything however large or small. Please pray and consider how you may be able to help. If we can start to see funds coming in, we will then be able to approach some larger funders, most of them like to see funding already in place before they will offer support. Below is a list of what your support will do: *(get in touch if you would like to see the full development plan)*

- Purchase of building materials and funding of labour costs required to build all the structures, including animal shelters, caretakers house, missionary house/guest house, training centre, workshop, small retail shop, toilet and shower block.
- Purchase of livestock to farm and breed (creating an income source through the sale of meat and eggs).
- Purchase of gardening equipment and small-scale farming equipment.
- Purchase of small cash crops and fruit trees to be planted on the site.
- Purchase of beehives and all associated equipment required to farm bees on the land (to facilitate the production of honey and beeswax candles).
- Funding the digging of a well and fund costs incurred in relation to the installation of a water pump.
- Purchase of water filtration units and labour costs of installation of the same. This will enable the site to sell affordable, clean, and safe drinking water to local people.
- Purchase of machines and equipment, to include a milling machine which will produce animal feed and process palm oil.
- Purchase of all building materials and funding of labour costs associated with the construction of a local outdoor kitchen.

As you can see there is much to do, the first thing is to put in an access road, the AYA students are going to help do this as part of their community service, which is wonderful. We will then build the first structure which will be the caretakers/security house. This will be a small four room structure and will cost around £4,000. This will house a caretaker who will live on the land with his family. It is important we do this and have someone permanently on site before we introduce livestock. This is such an exciting project and I believe it will guarantee the longevity of the work of MCOM, meaning that once completed, the gospel will be preached, and disciples will be made for many years to come in Kailahun and beyond without the need for any funding from outside.

We cannot do this without your support, please help us in any way you are able.



Lifewater UK

There was a planned meeting in our schedule in Freetown to meet with the Health Minister, unfortunately this meeting did not happen as the minister was called away on presidential business. Lorraine did however talk to someone close to the minister and was able to email a document containing the key questions that were needed to be answered. This letter will be passed on to the minister and Ken will follow it up. Continue to pray that we can get the necessary exemption certificates in place as soon as possible, and then we can begin to look for funding for a possible village water project in Kailahun.

Africa Youth Award

There were no official AYA activities included in this trip, though Lorraine did meet with Kpandeh the AYA coordinator to discuss some administration issues. Some members of the AYA Kailahun group joined with Lorraine at the land to worship and pray, it was great to have these young people involved in this. The AYA continues to grow from strength to strength. There are three groups due to graduate in January.



We would love to expand both the Spiritual Transformation Training and the Africa Youth Award in both Sierra Leone and Liberia. We have the teams on the ground who are keen to expand the work, but finances are as always, our restricting factor. During this trip we did have conversations about running Spiritual Transformation Training in two areas outside of the Kailahun District, which is very exciting. Please pray for the Lord of the harvest to release funds for this work to expand.

For more information on Lifewater and Transformed International, please visit their websites. Ali and I are trustees of both, they are both UK registered charities working across Africa.

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Ongoing Prayer

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

Please continue to pray for Pastor Ken Fullah, Mummy Gloria Fullah, and all the teams in both Sierra Leone and Liberia.



The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies. To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory. They will rebuild the ancient ruins, repairing cities destroyed long ago. They will revive them, though they have been deserted for many generations.
Isaiah 61:1-4

- Give thanks to God for His goodness and His provision. He has done so much and brought the work so far. We are thankful for all He is doing and continues to do.
- Pray for the protection of our team as they travel around ministering, also pray for their families, for continued good health.
- Pray for the economic situation in Sierra Leone as the costs of fuel and food continues to rise at an alarming rate.
- Pray for the Political stability of Sierra Leone, it is reported that there was major unrest in Freetown on Sunday 26th November where the whole country was put on curfew and told to stay indoors. The situation has now been brought under control, please pray that this continues.
- Pray for God's continued provision for our team and their families as they continue to serve the Lord, making personal sacrifices as we push forward reaching more people with the gospel.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to release funds from the storehouse and pray that our monthly income will cover all our costs as we move forward. We ask for an increase in regular monthly income for The Promised Land Project and for God to supernaturally supply all funds needed to complete the work sooner than we could naturally envisage.
- Pray that our vehicle will be repaired and will give us no further problems. Pray for the £2,500 needed to replace the engine to be supplied as soon as possible.
- 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 within them will attract many to Himself.
- Pray against jealousy and division amongst God's people. This seems to be a problem in Africa.
- Pray that the move to our new base in Kailahun, in January will run smoothly. Thank God for His provision of this new rental property, it is a great place and should house all our activities well, until we build our house on the land.
- Pray for us, our family, and our trustees.
- Pray also for the ongoing work of Transformed International, Lifewater UK and all those involved in the work both here in the UK and across Africa.
- Pray that all the necessary exemptions to make Lifewater viable in Sierra Leone will be in place very soon and we will find a funder in order to see our first village distribution take place in Kailahun.

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