

NEWS UPDATE

Sierra Leone Trip 7th January to 7th February 2019

A note from Ali and Lorraine



We returned back to the UK from Kailahun on the 8th of February after an amazing 4 week trip. When we set out, Ali and I were a little nervous about what lay ahead, we had a very busy programme planned and we felt very much out of our depth in all that we had to do but we knew God had orchestrated it and because we were confident in that we knew that all would be well. We had the privilege of taking our very dear friend Roger London with us, Roger is Chief Operational Officer of Watchmen International and works tirelessly alongside his wife Glenys and other WI Board members.



It was so good to be able to show Roger around Kailahun, introduce him to friends and to have the privilege of ministering alongside him.

This trip was such a blessing and we really appreciated all your prayers and support. On behalf of Ali, Roger, myself and all the team in Kailahun we would like to say
Thank You



4 BLESSED WEEKS

..... SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION TRAINING PROGRAMME

8 days of training for 59 Pastors and Leaders

..... VILLAGE OUTREACH

4 villages reached with the gospel

..... BAPTISMS

35 people baptised

..... SCHOOL VISIT

To present a name plaque for the new building



WHAT WAS ACHIEVED - FEBRUARY 2018 TO DECEMBER 2018

- Reached 4989 people with the gospel
- 2181 people responded to the gospel
- 23 villages or communities were visited
- Follow up to the 23 villages began, on going discipleship is being planned
- Funds raised to build 3 classrooms and building completed

We are thrilled with all that was achieved in 2018. Our team in Kailahun worked so hard. They are passionate about reaching people with the gospel message and making disciples. It is an honour and a privilege to be working with them and we thank God for each one of them.

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SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Spiritual Transformation Training Programme is run by Watchmen International and their strap line is *"Preparing God's people for the soon coming of the Lord Jesus"* it is a Christian discipleship course for Pastors and Leaders and consists of 22 lessons. The programme is structured in such a way that allows up front teaching, small group discussions and group feedback, questions and answers, student testimonies and materials for further thought. The heart of the course is to teach about the need and the importance of ongoing spiritual transformation on our journey as Christians. In the introduction, Roger talks about how there is a big difference between "Biblical information" and "receiving spiritual revelation that transforms us in to the likeness of Jesus". Roger then goes on to say *"The will of God for all His children is that, through the revelation from the Holy Spirit, they will understand all that Jesus Christ has done, all they now are in Him and begin to experience the full transforming power of His Spirit in their lives. Each day is intended to be one where a new spiritual light is turned on in our hearts, leading us to put away all that offends God and to put on something more of the Life of Christ"*

All those completing the course receive a certificate and a teacher guide, this guide contains all the study notes so that they themselves can return to their own churches and teach the material to their own congregations. Ali and I have both completed this training and it has had a great impact on both of our lives. One of the key watchmen International scriptures is Col 1:28 *"He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ."* Christian leaders have a great responsibility to present EVERYONE fully mature in Christ on the day Jesus returns. Ezekiel 33 is another key scripture and is worth a read, this scripture explains the responsibilities of watchmen. **We are ALL called to be Watchmen.** In Mark 13 Jesus teaches His disciples about the signs that will precede His return, Jesus ends in v 37 by saying *"What I say to you I say to everyone: WATCH"*

Hopefully that explains a little bit about the STTP. Roger did an amazing job of delivering the majority of the teaching, there were 3 sessions each day starting at 9am and finishing at 5pm, Ali and I helped out a little bit and led the small group sessions. It was very intense but we did it and there was so much excitement on the final day as the students graduated and celebrated together. At the end of the training we presented 59 certificates to Pastors and Leaders who had attended the whole 8 days of the training. It was such a great privilege for us to be part of this first Watchmen International Training in Sierra Leone and to see how well the teaching was received as we listened to the powerful testimonies that were being shared.

THANK YOU

To Roger for his excellent teaching and his heart and commitment to this work, thank you also to Pastor Ken and Mummy Gloria Fullah and their team at Adullam Bible Church in Kailahun for organising and hosting the training also thank you to Elder Ngobeh for all the hard work in translating.



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VILLAGE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH

After Roger had left, Ali and I visited 4 villages with the Maranatha Team and what a blessing that was. If Ali and I had not been accompanying the team they would have used bikes but because the outreaches were in the evening and the distance the villages were from Kailahun town it was deemed unsafe for us to travel by bike so we hired a vehicle and Pastor Fullah and Moses travelled ahead of the vehicle on a bike in case there were any problems. As you can see by the picture the vehicle was a little rough around the edges, Ali and I squashed on the back seat with another 2 people and the rest of the team went in the back with the equipment.



Many years ago the Lord spoke to me from Isaiah 61:1-3 and said that this was my calling.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.....



This scripture has always been very special to Ali and I and for many years has been central to all we have done as we have served the Lord. We always said that we were preaching the gospel by our actions and the way we lived our lives, by being the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, never did we imagine that we would actually preach the gospel to the poor. We serve a God who does not lie and always keeps His promises and on Saturday 26th January 2019 in a small village called Mamboma I stood in front of a couple of hundred people under the African

stars and I preached the gospel for the very first time. Before I stood up to speak I sat in tears looking up at the stars, I could hardly believe what was about to happen, what an amazing privilege, I was actually going to preach the gospel to the poor. Between us both, Ali and I preached at the 4 villages we visited and the people were so excited to hear about Jesus. I would say this was one of the most humbling experiences of my life. Thank you Jesus.

Please **PRAY** with us

We are believing that God will supply the funds for us to buy a vehicle and are asking you to pray with us. We would like a Landrover Defender 110 just like the one in the picture. This will enable us to visit more villages and communities with our team. This vehicle will handle any road in any condition. The vehicle will carry 10 people and all the equipment will go on the roof. It would also be very helpful when we are visiting Sierra Leone in transporting us and all our luggage from the airport to Kailahun and will mean we can take more people with us.



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35 BAPTISED IN THE RIVER MOA



Ali and I had the amazing privilege of baptising 35 members of Pastor Fullah's church. It was such an honour for me to be able to baptise Mummy Gloria Fullah with Pastor Ken. Mummy was baptised as a child into the Catholic church but had never felt the need to be baptised by full emersion until very recently and we believe this to be the case with many of those we baptised, they have been Christians for many years but had never been baptised. Pastor Fullah is planning to have regular baptisms now as new believers come in to the church. We also presented baptism certificates to them all on the Sunday morning during the church service.

SCHOOL VISIT

It was great to be able to visit the Adullum Bible Church School again. When we visited last January they had bought land and were trying to build 3 classrooms. On our return to the UK we put out an appeal and due to some very generous donations we were able to finish the 3 classrooms and the children are now being taught in an environment that is much more conducive to learning. Thank you to all those people that so generously gave and made this possible. We also took a parachute and some puppets which the children loved, we caused a bit of a riot as we tried to teach them how to use the parachute. We had lots of fun though.



Lifewater is part of Watchmen International Ministry and they supply water filtration kits. We took four kits and used two to provide clean water throughout the Spiritual Transformation Training Programme, these kits were then donated to the two Adullam Church branches in Kailahun, the other two kits were donated to the Adullam Church Primary School to provide clean and safe drinking water for the children. Lifewater is saving thousands of lives in East Africa and has been our source of clean water whenever travelling to Africa.

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MOVING FORWARD



As I come to a close I have some very exciting, hot off the press news to share with you. As you have probably gathered from reading, the Spiritual Transformation Training Programme was extremely successful and the Pastors and leaders were so hungry and receptive to the message we brought that Watchmen International have made the decision to launch a Watchmen International Sierra Leone / Liberia Team. That will take the number of countries Watchmen International are operating in to 11. Before Roger left we talked with Pastor Ken Fullah and a preliminary team was established. Already since we left five of the team have travelled to a Town called Buedu and conducted the first 4 days of an 8 day STTP, they will return in the near future to complete the training and present certificates to 15 Pastors who are participating. As well as the STTP the African Youth Award will also be relaunched and preparations are already underway for the first two groups to begin. We serve an amazing God and I'm sure you will agree that what He is just incredible. We are humbled, honoured and privileged to be able to serve God through these ministries.

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

- Give thanks to the Lord for all He has done so far and all that He continues to do as we move forward.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment and for the leading of the Holy Spirit in all that happens in and through the work.
- Protection for us and our teams in Africa. Pray that the Lord will protect from anything the enemy may do to stop the work.
- Protection for our family.
- Pray for the Lord to release all the resources needed to do what He is asking of us to do through Maranatha Christian Outreach Ministries and Watchmen International.
- Pray that we will see many souls saved and many lives transformed through the on-going work of the ministries we are working with.
- Pray for the provision of our vehicle.



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THE SPIRIT OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS UP ON ME TO PREACH GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR