



Kailahun
Sierra Leone
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

I want to start by saying thank you to God for bringing us this far. We are constantly amazed that God chooses to use us in this way in Kailahun. We would never have believed that we would be preaching the gospel to hundreds of people in Africa and training pastors and church leaders in discipleship and sharing the gospel.

We would also like to say a massive thank you to all those people who have sacrificially given to our work in Kailahun. We recently received a gift that now enables us to purchase the piece of land that we talked about in our last update. The donation was sufficient for us to buy the land, pay all the legal fees and to pay to have the bollards (beacons) installed which will mark the boundaries of the land. By the end of May, the land purchase will be underway, and we are hoping it will be completed by the end of June. We also had another monthly donation that moves us forward in our target of another £100 per month for general ministry work. We also had another donation that has gone to help with the vehicle repairs.

Please join us in giving thanks to God as He continues to bless the work in Kailahun. He never ceases to amaze us with His faithfulness.

Hello,

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

We are continually humbled and privileged that the Lord chooses to use us in this work.

We arrived back from Sierra Leone on 1st May and we trust you will enjoy reading our trip update.

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



#NoPlaceLeft Training

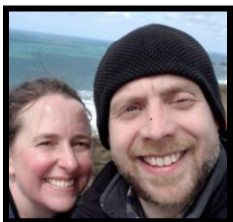
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We really wanted to share this next bit of encouragement with you all, as it is confirmation from God, that what we are doing in Sierra Leone is right and we are hearing from Him. In our last update, after our October trip, we mentioned how we had shared a vision with our Pastors, of how we can move forward reaching more people with the gospel without a massive increase in cost. We didn't go into very much detail about it, but since our return last November we have been blown away at how God has confirmed to us that the vision we shared was indeed from Him. Holy Spirit gave us a model that we shared with the pastors, God has now confirmed very clearly that this was from Him and that it will work. I must be honest and say when we went to Sierra Leone last October, we had no idea what we were going to do with the Pastors on the training day we had scheduled in. But God did. We trusted God and stepped out. We shared with the Pastors what we believed Holy Spirit had shown us and God has now given us confirmation that what we did was indeed His plan as we move forward.

We have some very good friends called Claire and Rich Barns who recently moved to Morecambe from Birmingham, in obedience to a call from the Lord. Part of their call is to equip disciples to share the gospel. In November last year, Claire and Rich started to take Ali and I through some of this training, it is called "No Place Left". We met fortnightly in their home, and they taught us these simple bible-based principles. We loved it and knew that we were to teach others what we were learning. On the 11th March we helped Claire and Rich with a one day training in Morecambe for local Christians. The idea was that once we had participated in this training, we would be able to take it to Sierra Leone in April and train our Maranatha Pastors.

From Morecambe to Africa



In January, Claire forwarded me a newsletter from another "No Place Left" trainer who was going to Guinea to train some pastors there. By some crazy amazing miracle, we were able to get Pastor Ken and another of our Pastors to Guinea, to participate in this four-day training. While there they met Russell Godward, who we later met at our training day in Morecambe in March, when he came along to help with the training. Ken was so excited and his words to me, after the Guinea training were "This is just a confirmation of what you last taught us". God really is amazing.

After our #noplaceleft training in Morecambe, we had the amazing privilege of taking a one-day #noplaceleft training to Liberia and a two-day training to Sierra Leone. Both trainings went incredibly well, we went out on the streets practicing what we had learnt, sharing the gospel with many people. Those who we trained are already training others and so the multiplication has begun. **We are so EXCITED.**

How you can help



Sierra Leone is facing increasing challenges, as is most of the world right now. Fuel prices continue to skyrocket and fuel supply is becoming more and more difficult. Most of our activities involve travel, therefore, our biggest cost is fuel or transport. The Sierra Leone government are constantly adding extra taxes for visitors and flight costs have increased massively, when you add the increase in ground costs it is now around £3,000 for two of us each time we visit. We used to be able to go twice a year for the same money. We are so grateful to God that He continues to provide for us to be able to visit and encourage the team on the ground. It is so important that we go and see the work first hand, we have a responsibility to ensure that all funds that we send are being used in the manner that was intended. In our last update we said that we were trying to raise £100 in new monthly donations, that figure is now £85. Thank you to those who have committed to support us in this way. This regular monthly income currently covers the monthly ministry costs and some of the on-ground costs when we visit, it does not cover the cost of our flights. If you feel you would like to help with flight costs, then please get in touch.

Our vehicle continues to be a big distraction. Thank the Lord that it got us to Liberia and back with no problems, and we nearly got to the airport. Unfortunately we broke down just one hour away from the airport. Ken and Joseph were then stuck with the vehicle trying to get parts and waiting for mechanics for nearly two weeks. It has cost us around £700 in unplanned repairs. Praise God, the vehicle is now back in Kailahun where our regular mechanic will look at it and advise on what the next move shall be. The mechanics in Freetown were saying that it needs a new engine, if this is the case it will be a very expensive job. The vehicle is an automatic and if it does need a new engine, the recommendation is that we put a refurbished manual engine in, this will mean a manual gear box and the pedals to be changed to manual also. A big job. Please pray for wisdom as we make decisions about this. Also please pray for God's provision for all the repairs and maintenance as is needed. So far He has never let us down. We serve an awesome God.

A Vision Restored

Over the last few years, we have stayed over at Ken's brother, Abdul's place in Mile 91 on our first night in Sierra Leone. During this trip, in the morning before we left for Kailahun, the Holy Spirit really touched me. God reminded me about a dream / vision He had given me many years ago when I first visited Africa (*Zambia*). The vision was to have a piece of land, that we would develop with farming and livestock, workshops and training and it would all be self-sustainable. I remember drawing a plan of the land and showing it to Ali and a few others at the time. When we were first in Sierra Leone with KIK, I drew another plan, this time I showed it to the Paramount Chief. As a result of that the PC gave KIK a piece of land on which they built the school, and we built our house. I thought this was it, the vision God had given me and when it didn't work out, I laid it down and thought that it was finished. Until this trip, when the Lord reignited my vision. I believe that the vision I had over 20 years ago is for now, I had just got a bit ahead of myself. When we visited the land, we prayed and asked God to confirm to us that it was the right place. As we walked around, we were a little uncertain initially, but as we prayed and discussed the land, we all received the peace that was needed to be sure that it was right to go ahead with the purchase.

We have written a five-year development plan and believe that on completion of this plan the ministry will be self-sustainable. The plan will cost approximately £60,000 to implement. (*Please get in touch if you would like more information.*)



Lifewater UK

We are in the process of trying to obtain duty free waivers on the Lifewater filter kits. Ken has been talking to officials in Freetown in the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Finance and WASH (*water, sanitation, and hygiene*). So far it is looking very promising, though we are still waiting for answers to a few more questions. If we get these waivers approved, it will mean that we can start to look at obtaining funding to do our first village water distribution in Kailahun which will be amazing.

Africa Youth Award

During this trip we visited a few of our AYA groups to encourage them. It is always great to catch up with the young people and see how they are progressing with the program. We have two of the groups graduating over the next couple of months which is brilliant. The AYA is making such a big difference to the lives of many young people across Africa.



How YOU can help

FUNDRAISING

£60,000

Over 5 years

A BIG vision for a BIG God

We would love to do more Spiritual Transformation trainings and start more Africa Youth Award Groups in both Sierra Leone and Liberia.

Although the land project is a Maranatha project, we do believe that it will generate funds for both of the WI programs also.

We have the teams on the ground keen to expand the work, but finances are as always, our restricting factor. Please pray for the Lord of the harvest to release funds for this work to continue and expand.

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. Also for a peaceful election on 24th June.
- 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, we ask for funding for flights, and for the land project.
- Pray that our vehicle will be repaired and will give us no further problems. Pray for wisdom for us as we make decisions about ongoing repairs. If we do need a new engine pray that God will bring in the funds needed. Also pray for protection for the vehicle as Ken travels around ministering.
- 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 for the land project, that the vision God has given us will come to pass.
- Pray for the right property to rent once our current lease runs out next year. We have found a suitable house but pray that the price is within our budget. We would like it for a maximum of £500 per year.
- 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 we will get all the necessary exemptions to make Lifewater viable in Sierra Leone and pray that God will find a funder so that we can see our first village distribution take place.

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