



## 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*

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Hello,

As always, we wish to thank you all for your prayers, support, and encouragement, especially while we were away in Sierra Leone.

As I begin to write this update, we are in Brussels Airport awaiting our connecting flight, on our way home from an incredible four weeks in Kailahun.

We both feel as we begin to reflect, that the ministry seems to have shifted up a gear. The presence of God was so evident everywhere we went. We are totally humbled and blessed that God would choose to use us in this way.

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



## Let Us Give Thanks to God

### Special Thanks

I must start by saying thank you to those people who so generously helped with the funds for both the vehicle repairs and the generator. God is incredible and never ever lets us down. If He wants work doing, He provides all that is necessary to do it. As we move forward in the things, we believe He is calling us to do in Sierra Leone, these answers to prayer and this provision build our faith to believe Him for so much more. So, thank you so much for your obedience to Holy Spirit and your generosity. It means so much more than you could ever imagine.

Ken and Gloria continue to work tirelessly in planning and organising the work on the ground. As well as the Maranatha work, they also oversee the Watchmen International work, Pastor a large Church in an area where poverty is extreme and Mummy Gloria travels around markets in the district buying and selling jewellery to help with the day-to-day costs of living and supporting their family. We thank God for them and for their hearts to see God's Kingdom come in Kailahun and beyond.



## October Trip - 5<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 Maranatha Christian Outreach Ministries

We usually try to travel to Sierra Leone twice a year but unfortunately this year that was not possible due to increased costs, for this reason we decided to extend our stay to a month. This gave us extra time to visit more villages and communities where we work and more opportunity to spend time with our team and their families in Kailahun. We are very aware that our presence in Kailahun is greatly appreciated by Ken, Gloria and the team and it encourages them in the work.

We had an extremely busy schedule, and it was an amazing privilege to serve God in Kailahun over the four weeks we were there. Our first meeting was with the Maranatha Core Team and the local village Pastors from the ten communities in which we are working. We were so encouraged that they all made the effort to come, some of them travelling a long way on very bad roads. I shared a little from the sermon on the mount about not serving two masters, and how God promises to provide for all our needs. It is always difficult regarding finances, and we have struggled to find local pastors who are willing to do the work once they realise that there is no financial recompense for them. Most people think that there is a lot of money available, because we are from the West.

It was a great encouragement for us as we shared the vision of how we feel we can move forward and reach more people with the gospel. The pastors seemed to grasp what we were saying and were very enthusiastic about carrying things forward. We are already receiving reports of pastors reaching out from where they are in their own communities and sharing the gospel to other nearby villages.

We visited each of the communities in which we are working and encouraged the people, shared the gospel and baptised those wanting to be baptised. Ali and I did not personally baptise everyone but trained the local pastors and encouraged them to conduct the baptisms. We talked about the importance of baptism and encouraged the local pastors to baptise people as soon as possible after they commit their lives to follow Jesus. Over 50 people were baptised during our time in Kailahun.

We both had the great privilege of preaching each Sunday at several different churches in Kailahun Town, it was such a blessing to have these opportunities to share the things God has placed on our hearts.

Our biggest challenge during this trip was the state of the roads, they were so bad that we were unable to take our vehicle out to the rural areas which meant we had to travel on motorbike taxis. We travelled long distances on bad roads on the back of bikes, this is not ideal but praise God we managed to get to all the places we needed to visit. It was just extra expense we had not budgeted for and was not good for our backs. Next year we plan to visit in April, if possible, when hopefully the roads will be better, as it will be the beginning of the rainy season.

# Transformed International



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Part of our time in Kailahun was spent meeting with our Watchmen International team, training with the Africa Youth Award (AYA) leaders and visiting some of the AYA groups. We had a very productive and encouraging time with the Watchmen International leaders from both Sierra Leone and Liberia. It was so encouraging to hear their enthusiasm for the program and to talk about how we can develop and move the work forward in both countries.

The second day was with the AYA youth leaders, our focus was training on the new online registration and feedback forms. It was always going to be a challenge as many people do not have smart phones and it is difficult to get online. We talked about how we are overcomers and we had great fun, with a few frustrations along the way as we attempted to get online and practice completing the forms. It was such a great blessing to have the youth leaders together and hear their encouraging stories about the Africa Youth Award and how it is impacting the lives of those participating.

We managed to visit four of the seven AYA groups during our time in Kailahun and it was great to share some words of encouragement with the young people and hear from them about how the program is helping and benefiting them.

While visiting a town close to the Liberian border, we took the opportunity to visit the border to make enquiries about visas. We are hoping that on our next visit we will cross into Liberia to visit with our Watchmen International Team there.

We were so blessed and encouraged by the enthusiasm of everyone involved and we are excited to see the Transformed International work grow and develop in this region of Africa.



# How You Can Help

Sierra Leone is facing increasing challenges as is most of the world right now. Fuel prices continue to increase and fuel supply is becoming more difficult. Most of our activities involve travel and so our biggest cost is fuel or transport costs. Fuel has more than doubled over the last year which means our costs have increased considerably. Currently we have £170 a month coming in through regular gifts, it would be amazing if we could raise another £100 per month in regular monthly gifts, regular gifts mean we can plan our ministry more effectively. That would mean just 10 people committing to give £10 per month.

While in Kailahun we planned the activities for the next year and have committed to a budget of a minimum of £180 per month at current exchange rates. This does not include costs of vehicle maintenance or rent for the house which will be needed in October 2023 when our current tenancy ends.

Even though we replaced the vehicles fuel injector recently we could not source an electric injector and had to fit a manual one in order to get the vehicle back on the road. We need to source an electric fuel injector and take it with us when we next visit, this will cost anything between £500 and £800. If you know anyone who may be able to help with this then please let us know.

We would also like to raise £750 to purchase a piece of land that Ken and Gloria are currently renting and using as a small scale farm. They want to raise funds to help sustain the work of Maranatha. We would love to be able to help them to buy the land and work towards establishing a small pig farm, which is their longer term vision.

We never like asking for funds but without finances we cannot do the things we believe the Lord is asking us to do. If you can help by giving a one-off gift or a regular monthly donation, we would be really grateful, please pray and see what Holy Spirit says.



## Ongoing Prayer

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 at this time.

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

- 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 is doing.
- 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 continue to rise at an alarming rate.
- 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.
- Pray as we seek to source an electric fuel pump that we are able to find the right part at a good price.
- Pray that the vehicle will be protected from any accidents or further 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 within them will attract many to Himself.
- Pray against jealousy and division amongst God's people.
- Pray for the farm initiative that the crops will be plentiful, and the team will be encouraged. Also ask God to release funds to purchase the land and sow into the pig farm.
- Pray for the right property to rent once our current lease runs out next 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.

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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