



Kailahun

Sierra Leone
West Africa



News Update

Let us Give Thanks To God

We continue to give thanks to God for all that He is doing in and through this ministry. The work is above and beyond anything we ever imagined when we set out on this journey in 2017. Please join us in prayers of thanksgiving to our wonderful God who is so faithful and who has brought us so far. We are incredibly humbled at how He has chosen to use us in this way.

We bless the name of Jesus and give him all the glory. This is God's plan; God's vision and we will continue to walk in obedience as He leads and guides us.

Thank you, Lord, for all that you are doing, thank you for all the lives that have been touched by you through Maranatha. We give you all the glory Lord. *"If your presence is not with us Lord, do not send us up from here"* **Ex 33:15**

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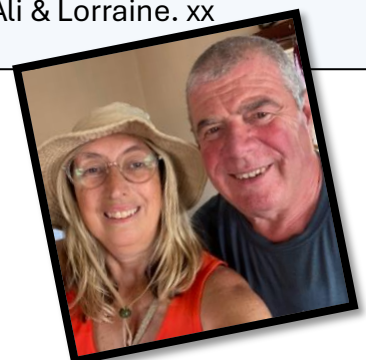
Taking the Good News of Jesus into the world

Hello,

I can't believe it is already nearly March. Each time I do an update I am stunned by how quickly time seems to be passing us by. There is much work to do and so little time to do it. The world is growing darker by the minute, there are multitudes of people who still need to hear the Gospel. I have an ever-increasing sense of urgency to go and make disciples as the Day of the Lord draws near.

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

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



Planned Trips

Lorraine is travelling to Sierra Leone on 4th March returning home on 30th March. Ali & Lorraine are planning to go again later in the year Oct/Nov time. Lorraine will report back on this trip on her return in April. Watch out for that in your inboxes.

Maranatha Ministry

The monthly training continues in Kailahun, when Ken and the team gather a group of leaders together for training in the #NPL principles of making disciples who make disciples and planting small, simple House Churches. These training days are going well and those attending always leave built up and encouraged to go out and put into practice the things that they have learned.



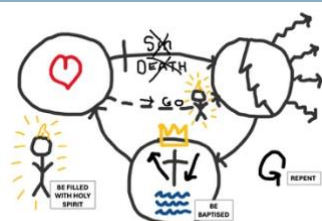
Ken, Gloria and their team continue to meet as simple Church in Ken and Glorias home, which is our base in Kailahun. The #No Place Left, 3/3rds church model is working, and they are growing together as team. We are praying that from here we will very soon start to see multiplication. The two groups Ken is discipling continue to meet as does the group Pastor Sorie has started in his community.



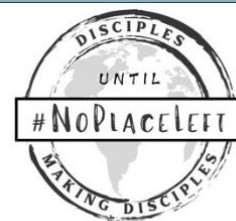
New House Churches are now being established in several places outside of Kailahun, even this week we have heard about two new House Church groups meeting as a result of us training leaders in a town called Mobai, about half an hour drive from Kailahun. Ken has also informed us that Army Chaplain, Pastor Daniel has launched another simple church in Freetown, there are now two house churches meeting in communities in the capital Freetown as a result of the discipleship training.

Currently it is not clear how far things have moved, and spread out from all the trainings that have been done in and around Kailahun. Lorraine is hoping that during her March trip there will be time for her and Ken to get a better idea of just how far the work has spread.

#NoPlaceLeft



Multiplying Disciples, Churches, Leaders, and Movements until there is #noplacelleft.



This Disciple Making, Church Planting, Multiplying Training has transformed our ministry not only in Sierra Leone but also here in Morecambe.

If you are fed up or frustrated at the lack of lasting fruit and you are willing to learn a new way. Or if you are just interested in knowing more about the #NPL Training, please get in touch and we will let you know the next training dates. Alternatively, you may be interested in having an initial one-day training in your locality, we could bring a team to do that for you.

There is a 1 Day, Initial Training planned in Morecambe at the end of April, get in touch if you would like details. There is no cost.

'The Promised Land'

The vision is

To develop

'The Promised Land'

and by doing this make

Maranatha Christian Outreach Ministries

self-sustainable.

We will build a

'Discipleship Training Centre'

where missionaries will be trained, and released to GO, and make disciples of all nations.



The next phase of the work on 'The Promised Land' is to build a Chicken House. Praise God we are now halfway there. The foundations have been laid, the walls are built up to four course high and the pillars to place the roof on are under way. Once the 14 pillars are in place a concrete beam called a ring beam, will be laid across the top of the pillars along all four sides of the structure ready for the roof to be placed on top. This building is 30 x 40 ft and will be large enough to house 500 chickens. Initially the plan is to buy 100 chickens while we train people how to properly care for them, once we are confident that they are competent in caring for the birds, then we will increase the number. The plan is to eventually have another building the same size to separate the layers from the broilers (*chickens bred for meat*). [Initially the current structure will be split in two]. Funds are in place to complete the building up to roof height. We then need £1,000 for the roof, £850 for wire netting, £180 for 100 chicks which includes feed for two months and all necessary vaccinations. That is a total of £2,030 to complete the project and to get to a place where we can start to see some small income from 'The Promised Land'.

Please join us as we pray for the remainder of the funds to be released and for 'The Promised Land' to be a place of abundance in every way. *'A land flowing with milk and honey' Ex 3:8*



Transformed International



Our work with Transformed International and Lifewater UK continues to grow and develop. We are humbled and privileged to partner with these two incredible UK Charities in West Africa.



Spiritual Transformation Training (STTP)

Our 'training of trainers' spiritual transformation programme has been designed to help church Pastors and Leaders to better understand and put into action God's plan for the lives of all Christian believers. Transformed International aptly describes the process that God initiated in our lives from the point of spiritual re-birth, a process that will only be complete either when we die or when Jesus returns. The end result of this spiritual transformation is to be fully changed to become just like Jesus!

From 11th to 14th February Brother Kpandeh and Pastor Sorie visited Foyah, Liberia to join with our team there led by Pastor Emanuel Taylor to do the first 4 days of an 8-day Spiritual Transformation Training. They will return in April to do the second part of the training. The team were also able to be there for a Gold Africa Youth Award graduation on the Saturday 15th Feb when 18 young people graduated. A new silver group has now been started.



The Africa Youth Award (AYA)

The Africa Youth Award (AYA) is a unique two-year discipleship and personal development programme designed specifically for young people. The programme was first introduced in 2007 and since then Transformed International has seen several thousand young people, across both East and West Africa, complete both the Silver and Gold programmes. These young people have grown in their spiritual lives, and, for many, they have taken great steps forward in sustaining themselves, and their families, in entrepreneurial enterprises. The Silver and Gold Africa Youth Award programmes are divided



into five sections: Christian Discipleship, Church Service, Community Service, Skills Development and Physical Recreation.

There were also two AYA Gold graduations in Sierra Leone in February and another two new Silver groups have now started.

It is such a blessing for us to be part of this amazing ministry seeing Young People, Church Leaders and Pastors being trained and equipped through solid biblical teaching and seeing lives transformed. We went through the STTP ourselves back in 2015 and it really was transformational.

Lifewater UK



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After our successful Lifewater distribution in November where we saw 150 families receive water filtration systems, in Nyanyanhun, Lorraine and the team will visit the village again in March to monitor those systems to ensure that they are working well. We are praying that there will be more funding available later in the year to do a further distribution in another village.

Please join us as we pray for these funds to be released

Ongoing Prayer

Let us always give thanks to God for His goodness and provision. God has done so much and brought the work so far. We are thankful for all He has done and all that He continues to do. We must always remember to give God all the Glory.



Please pray:

- ... for God's continued protection, provision and good health for our team and their families on the ground. As they continue to serve the Lord, making personal sacrifices we push forward reaching more people with the gospel and doing the work God has assigned to us in West Africa until there is **#NoPlaceLeft**
- ... for the economic situation in Sierra Leone as costs of fuel and food continue to rise at an alarming rate.
- ... for the political stability of the country.
- ... that the Lord of the harvest will continue to release funds from the storehouse, for increased monthly income to cover all our ongoing costs as we push forward.
- ... for 'The Promised Land Project' that God will supernaturally supply all funds needed to complete the work sooner than we could naturally envisage.

- That 'The Promised Land' really will flourish. That all seeds sown will lead to multiplication both physically and spiritually. That it really will be a land 'flowing with milk and honey', and there will always be more than enough.
- ... for our vehicle to be repaired and that it will give us no further problems. Pray that the £1,250 that is needed to replace the engine will be released as soon as possible.
- ... 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 will rise upon our team and the Spirit of God within them will attract many to Himself.
- ... against jealousy and division amongst God's people, this is a big problem in Africa.
- ... for us, our family, and our trustees and their families. For health and God's protection and provision in every area of life.
- ... for the ongoing work of Transformed International, Lifewater UK and all those involved in the work both here in the UK, US and across Africa.
- ... for funding for a second Lifewater Distribution later in the year.
- ... for God's appointed person to come and manage "The Promised Land". A person of peace who shares the vision, a righteous person who will not compromise the things of God. Someone who has the skills and knowledge needed to care for the livestock or is willing to learn, someone who understands about growing and working the land. God has the perfect person out there, don't let us rush or compromise on anything. This is a crucial role.

If you can help financially, please get in touch. We understand that there are many worthy causes out there and that there is so much need in the world right now. Please pray and ask Holy Spirit if you should support us in this work as we seek to make God known. We know that He has the funds at hand ready to be released. Any donations however large or small will go straight to the work on the ground.

Please also get in touch if you have any questions or if you would like us to come to your church or group to talk about our work in Sierra Leone.

Romans 10:13-15

¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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£1,250 – Vehicle Engine
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