

# April 2024

## Taking the Good News of Jesus into the world

Hello,

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

We arrived home on 24<sup>th</sup> April after a very busy three weeks away. We hope you will enjoy reading our trip update. There is a lot of information enclosed in this update, so sit down with a brew and enjoy the read.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

With love and blessings,  
from Ali & Lorraine. xx



**Kailahun**  
Sierra Leone  
West Africa



## Trip Update

### *Let us Give Thanks To God*

As always, we must start by giving thanks to God, we have so much to be thankful for. It is a year ago since we came home from Kailahun after God re-ignited a vision in our hearts to buy a piece of land to develop, to make the ministry self-sustaining. Just a year later, the land has been purchased and work has begun. Please join us in prayers of thanksgiving to our God who is faithful.

Thank you, Lord, for the provision of this land and for all that has been achieved so far. We bless your name Jesus, and we give you all the glory. This is your plan, your vision, your idea, for which you are providing. Thank you.

We also want to say thank you to all who have sown in some way into this ministry. We are so grateful, and we thank God for you all. We pray His abundant blessings upon you and your families. **THANKYOU.**



# Trip Overview

We traveled to Sierra Leone for a three-week visit from 4<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024. This trip incorporated work for Transformed International (*Watchmen International*), Lifewater UK and Maranatha Christian Outreach Ministries.

This trip was another first. Due to the extortionate cost of flights into Sierra Leone we had to fly into Conakry, Guinea, and travel across the land border to Sierra Leone. This meant a 12-hour car journey to Kailahun. The border crossing was fine on our way in as we had been able to get transit visas online but coming home it was a bit more difficult as we needed to purchase our visas at the border. It would have been OK but there is only one person at the border crossing who has the authority to process visas, and he was not in the office, so he had to be called, which meant a 90 min delay.



We then encountered a very difficult “Anti-Corruption Officer” who held us for half an hour as he looked in our bags and scrutinised our passports. A tactic of these officials is to delay, if they delay people long enough, they will give them money to speed the process up, unfortunately for him, we were not those people! Apparently, Ken was again delayed by the same man on his way back across the border, he also refused to pay.



We have now moved to the new house that we are renting; it is a nice big house with plenty of space for meetings and training. Although we were told that there was solar it only works in the daytime as the batteries do not retain charge! It did mean however, that we are able to charge phones and other equipment throughout the day, which meant we did not need to put the generator on in the evenings. This saved us some money on fuel for the generator, and we managed just fine with torchlight.

We visited our mechanic to discuss the ongoing issues with the vehicle. It seems that a new engine which would not need an electrical fuel or oil pump but could use manual ones, and a manual gear box are the best way forward and so the mechanic is looking at costs for us. We have just over £2,000 in the pot for the repairs, so join us in praying that this is enough to get the vehicle back on the road. It is so important that we get it up and running before our next visit in November as we need it for a new ministry project.



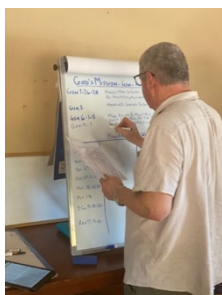
# Maranatha

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, we visited Mobai, a village we visited last November. We did a half day #NoPlaceLeft refresher training and then went out into the town to share the gospel with people on the streets. We went out in four teams of 4-5 people, and it was so good to see those we had trained sharing the gospel message with confidence. We spoke to over 80 people in the hour and follow up meetings were arranged with seven people. Many people were prayed for, for healing and other various situations. One man said he wanted to respond to the gospel, however, when we discussed repentance with him, he was unable to see that he had anything he



needed to repent of. In this instance the team arranged for someone to go back the following week and to teach him from the bible regarding sin. The openness and the willingness for people to allow us to share the gospel was incredible. The harvest is plentiful, and the workers are few. As our group walked back to the church, we discussed about how this kind of evangelism is hard work, so many people want to hear the truth about Jesus, just in one group we had three follow up meetings arranged.

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, we travelled to another community called Ndyanhun. We trained the people in the basics of going out and sharing the gospel, the training was received well, and we split into three teams and went out into the community. Our group spoke to two separate groups of people who were all Muslims, the first was a group of three elder men and one younger man and the second a group of six young men. Both groups were willing to listen to the gospel message and all asked many questions. None, however, were willing to accept Jesus and repent. The sad thing was, that they all said that they believed our message, so in fact they all chose to reject Jesus. The Christians we were with, said they would go back and speak to them again. It was brilliant to have such great conversations. Many seeds were sown.



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> was the first day of our new 12-month Disciple Makers Training. It was a great day; we explained the plan for the training course and went through the format. We looked at 'God's Heart' from 1 Tim 2:4, God "*wants ALL people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth*". We then looked at how we can see from Genesis to Revelation that God said go out and multiply.



Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> was our final meeting with the leaders and pastors who we have been working with over the last year or so. It was so encouraging to hear how helpful they have found the teaching and training that they have been receiving. Also to hear how they have been going out and putting what they have been learning into practice. Over the past year between them they have planted 16 small simple house churches and started 15 discipleship groups. This is working, things are starting to move. We give God the glory for what He is doing. It was also great to give out Certificates of Participation to those involved.



# 'The Promised Land'

In November, a decision was made by the Board of Trustees, to start work on building the first structure the "Caretaker's House". It was decided that we should start with what funds we had and trust that God would provide the rest as and when it was needed.



We are pleased to report that the "Caretaker's House" is now very nearly completed. The roof is on, and the ceilings are currently being installed. The septic tank is being dug and the drainage around the house for surface water is underway. Funds are now in place for these works to be completed as well as for the external door and windows. Our God is so faithful.

Once the current works are completed, the bathroom will be tiled, the plumbing work in the bathroom completed and the house will be painted. A local well will also need to be dug so that the caretaker and family will have water on site. The cost of these remaining works is around £1,000. If these funds are received the work on the "Caretaker's House" should be finalized by the end of May 2024. As soon as the house is completed, a caretaker will move in who will be responsible for the security of the site.



Drainage for  
surface  
water



Ceiling being installed



Digging the septic tank

Over the next few weeks, Cassava will be planted which will hopefully bring in a little support for the caretaker.

The rains have now started to fall again in Kailahun, which means the next phase of the work will not start until later in the year. We are planning that the next construction will be the "Goat and Chicken House" which will mean that in the early part of 2025 we should be able to house livestock and start to see the land beginning to generate some income.





During our second week we visited Gandorhun in Kono District to assist and monitor the first part of a Spiritual Transformation Training Program. This was a difficult journey. We travelled the first two hours in a taxi but then had to hire bikes for the second part of the journey. The roads are very bad, and we realised that our bodies are not as supple as they used to be. We travelled with Ken and Pastor Samuel Sorie.



It was such a privilege for us to be involved in this teaching, despite the journey. There were 40 pastors and leaders in attendance across the four days training. It was encouraging for us to hear Ken talking about spreading the training across the whole of the country and starting to strategise a little about developing a team outside of Kailahun, to make this possible. We received some very good and encouraging testimonies from those attending the training. Below are just a few of those testimonies.

“Like John the Baptist in Matthew 3:1-2, Watchmen International awake me from sleep and remind me of Jesus second coming. I was vulnerable in many points unknowing to me, but the STTP point them out and I know them. May God help me to overcome in the weak points”.

1. “These four days teaching have built up my faith to stand strong in God”.
2. “It taught me to be always ready for the second coming of the Lord Jesus”.
3. “I am blessed with that we have to share our challenges with one another for help to resist the devil”.

“The Holy Spirit transformed my life through this teaching”.

“I thank God and the missionaries for this great wisdom they have imparted to us. Since the beginning of the training to the end, I have learnt a lot. Like the difference between a disciple and a convert, secondly how to take care of my church, and focus on disciple making and not converts”.

“The Holy Spirit teach me to put off the old nature and put on new cloth for Christ Jesus. I thank God for the message you bring to me, I am so happy. The Holy Spirit teach me to be ready all the time for my church, my family, and my friends. The Holy Spirit teach me to be self-controlled”.



We are very excited at the possibility of bringing Lifewater to Sierra Leone. For the past year Ken has been in discussions with the Government Department responsible for clean water, in Freetown. To make this sort of project viable we need exemptions from import duties. We had a meeting in Freetown on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April with the Chief Medical Officer for Sierra Leone and the Permanent Secretary for Water Resources and Sanitation. The Program Manager for WASH

was also present. This was a very productive meeting and Ken is going to be working closely with them over the next few months to get things in place. Lifewater UK is now actively seeking funding and we are hoping that our first distribution will take place in November 2024, this will see around 150 households receive clean and safe water for years to come.



It was great for us to do an initial Lifewater Distribution Training Day in Kailahun. We had a great time with the team. There were 12 people involved in the training. These included our core team and eight young people who are graduates of our Africa Youth Award program from Nyanyanhun, the village where the first distribution will take place.

The day was a great success and was full of excitement and enthusiasm. It was very exciting when we managed to connect via facetime with Roger and Glenys in the UK. Everyone fully participated in the training practice and presented back in groups about the importance of clean and safe drinking water. One of the three groups presented using a drama, which was very well done.



Everyone had the opportunity to practice burning holes in buckets.

There was great excitement about being involved in this project to bring clean and safe drinking water to their own community.

## Baby Rejoice

We would like to introduce you to Baby Rejoice Ken Fullah. Baby Rejoice was found in the street by Mary, Ken and Gloria's daughter, back in November. Mary has been doing her best to take care of Rejoice since then but is struggling to continue with her university studies and take care of a young baby. Ken and Gloria have now made the decision to take on the responsibility of caring for Rejoice. This is a big decision for them as they are both very busy and it also brings with it the added financial responsibility. Knowing Ken and Gloria as we do, we knew that they would not have made any other decision. Rejoice arrived in Kailahun the same day as we arrived. She is a beautiful little girl who we fell in love with instantly. It was very strange having a baby around the place during our stay. As you can see from the photographs, Baby Rejoice has very much settled in and is already part of the family.



We hope that you have enjoyed reading our update and once again we would like to thank you for all your ongoing support and prayer. We know that prayer is the key to the success of all that we do in the Lord. He wants to hear from us, not because He doesn't already know what's happening but because He loves us to talk to Him and He has so much He wants to say to us about the work we are doing on His behalf. We ask that you continue to pray with us and for us as we move forward in all that He is leading us in to through this work in West Africa.

# Ongoing Prayer

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

**Let us always 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 has done and continues to do.**



## Please pray:

- for God's continued protection, provision and good health 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 and doing the work God has assigned to us in West Africa.
- 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 Sierra Leone.
- that the Lord of the harvest will continue to release funds from the storehouse, for increased monthly income to cover all our costs as we move forward.
- for 'The Promised Land Project' that God will supernaturally supply all funds needed to complete the work sooner than we could naturally envisage.
- for our vehicle to be repaired and to give us no further problems. Pray for further finances that are needed to replace the engine to 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 Jesus 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.
- for us, our family, and our trustees.
- for the ongoing work of Transformed International, Lifewater UK and all those involved in the work both here in the UK and across Africa.
- for all the necessary exemptions to be put in place as soon as possible so that the planned distribution will go ahead in November.
- for beautiful baby Rejoice, for her health and strength, that God will supply all the needs in relation to the care of Baby Rejoice.

## Contact Us



07477 272726 - Ali  
07791 784354 – Lorraine



lorrainep09@gmail.com  
alip347@msn.com