



Dear Friends of SAVE,

February 2017

We are ever so thankful for your faithful love, support and prayers. You are meeting some of the most dire needs of the people of Sierra Leone. We praise the Lord for how He has touched your hearts and minds with such compassion. Thank you!

We have been receiving encouraging reports about the village animal husbandry and food preservation projects. In coming months the SAVE Board will be considering the partnership of another village in another region of Sierra Leone. The needs are great in all areas of life in Sierra Leone and we will deeply appreciate your continued prayerful support as we look to the future and how God is leading us onward with our holistic Christian ministry.

Village Animal Husbandry

This is a time of great joy and thanksgiving in the Kenema Vagboi village where sheep will be bearing lambs this spring. The flock is doing well and the villagers are looking forward to the new additions. Once the lambs are weaned, they will be shared with the other villages that participated in the agriculture animal husbandry training this past July. We are thankful to Dr. Diane and Peter Dickinson, Professor Daniel Moiforay and Reverend Musa Jambawai for their assistance and regular follow up.



Last summer's ewes will soon have lambs.

Dr. Diane Dickinson donated sheep last summer. The flock is reproducing. Villagers are excited.

Village Food Preservation

Those who participated in the food preservation training feel they need another time of learning the skills of canning in glass jars. It is our hope to return in 2018 to share those life skills with them, so that they become more confident about the process.



Another life-skills food preservation class is forth coming.

Post-Ebola Support and Rice Supplies

The Lord has enabled SAVE to provide rice and other food staples (Phases I, II, III) for the north, east and western districts in Sierra Leone. Phase IV – in the southern district - has yet to be completed and it is our hope and prayer that this can be done in the next two months. SAVE has committed to a 40 foot container of fortified rice from 'Feed My Starving Children' in 2017 for those post-Ebola victims in the south that we have identified, but still have not received any rice. It is our desire to get more rice (272,160 meals per container-load) to those who have ongoing food needs unmet. The hunger situation is still critical following the Ebola recovery. The rice from Feed My Starving Children is free, but our cost to ship and deliver the rice is about \$10,000 which we do not have at this moment. It is vital that we get the rice shipped and received in Sierra Leone by no later than mid May, before the rainy season begins. Please prayerfully consider sending a donation to SAVE at this time. Thank you!



40ft. container of rice needed for south region.



Rice delivery on dangerous rainy roads.



Post Ebola survivors still need rice in southern region.

Gift of a Vehicle to valuable SAVE Partner

SAVE is also so very thankful for receiving a vehicle from a generous donor to accommodate one of our Sierra Leone pastors who is here in the USA on a three year scholarship to get his Masters in Divinity at a seminary in Massachusetts. What a great God we serve!



Gift of Health Services to another valuable SAVE Partner

Pastor Jonathan Titus-Williams, the leader of the Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone (EFSL is a dynamic umbrella organization that coordinates activities among all the evangelical churches of Sierra Leone) received a serious health diagnosis from his doctor in Sierra Leone. He questioned the diagnosis and called SAVE Board member Paul Hoffmann, who serves at the Bread of Healing Clinic in Milwaukee.

Pastor Jonathon and Paul had worked together in Freetown on an earlier mission trip. The next time he was in the US, Bread of Healing providers ran dozens of blood tests, conducted several physical exams and health history and even another more specific diagnostic test. The entire battery of tests concluded that he had been seriously mis-diagnosed and his health problem was relatively minor and resolved with therapy. He had many hours to observe the Bread of Healing providers care for un-insured patients with an integrated, multi-disciplinary team approach. The Spirit moved him so, he decided to initiate a project of opening a free clinic at his church in Freetown. Several months later, the Bread of Healing @New Testament was opened with a grand celebration. The clinic operates several days per week with volunteer providers. The process is modeled after the example he observed in Milwaukee.



Paul- Milwaukee pharmacist (left) from Bread of Healing clinic, Eastbrook Church, WI.

It is Paul's desire to expand the involvement with the clinic in Freetown by sending medical staff to work alongside them and assist in identifying cost effective sources of medication and other necessary supplies. Bread of Healing relies on host churches to house their clinics. It is very important to bring people with health needs into the church to care for their spiritual needs as well as their health needs. Patients are served by medical staff and pastoral staff who pray with them at every visit. By meeting the health needs of the community, we can draw Christians and non-Christians alike into the Church and introduce them to the love of Jesus and the Word of God. The SAVE Board is most fortunate and blessed to have three members who work in the U.S. in the medical field. In 2018 we are planning to have a major Medical Mission trip.



Dr. David Musa with northern region pastors-Post Ebola Phase II. Successful rice distribution requires counseling and building relationships.

SAVE Team to Sierra Leone in late March

This spring SAVE will begin the process of evaluating new village partnerships. First year expenses for village pastor placement and basic needs could comprise \$5-10,000. Second phase would probably include the medical mission trip in 2018 with a required investment of \$10-15,000. Other specific needs will depend on village conditions as found during this exploratory trip.

Prayer Requests

1. The 2017 mission trip to Sierra Leone, March 21-29, will be headed by board members Dr Brian Bowen (SAVE President), Becky Davies-Venn (Board Secretary), and Dr David Musa (SAVE Executive Director). Team members wish to sense God's leading as we consider new areas/villages where to serve.

2. For fruitful times of consultation with Church leaders (Presbyterian and Independents) who have been partnering with us over the past 10 years and more and now the potential new Church partners as we look at new village locations. One potential new village site has been identified. This is Nyanadehun village in the Eastern Province.

3. Pray especially for Andrew Bangura who took over from Matthew Brima as coordinator of SAVE's Post-Ebola initiatives. Andrew made initial contacts with the Nyandehun village traditional Chiefs and received the initial invitation from the Chiefs and Elders while distributing rice. Rev Musa Jambawai, from the Eastern Province, may also join the SAVE team to Nyandehun.

4. To get a clear assessment and evaluation of the animal husbandry and weaving projects at Kenema Vagboi village. This will include a visit at Njala University for discussions with Professor Moiforay.

5. The team will need further wisdom when assessing the contribution of SAVE to our four long-term, Bible-based ministries of Scripture Union Sierra Leone (SUSL), the Sierra Leone Fellowship of Evangelical Students (SLEFES), the Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone (EFSL) and the Diakonia Interdenominational Services for Counselling, Evangelism & Teaching (DISCET). We want to ask our partners about the effect of SAVE's support on each of their ministries.

6. Funding for the 2017 March mission trip will come from Board members but we are still needing approximately \$4,000 for in-country expenses.



Post-Ebola, Phase III-rice and cooking oil distribution to grateful villagers.

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Reminder: SAVE board members are willing to come to your church or Bible study group and personally share what God is doing, how you can pray specifically or how you can partner with Sierra Leone Agape Voluntary Effort.

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