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DIRECTOR'S BULLETIN FOR MAY 2018

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1. The New Field Officer made a Pre-trip to Makeni to organize DISCET Marriage and Singles Conference

The DISCET Field and Programmes Officer together with the DISCET Director made a three days visit to Makeni in the Northern region of Sierra Leone to organize a five days Marriage and Singles Conference. The DISCET team met with the "Makeni Council of Church Ministers", a local pastoral grouping that oversees the welfare of Pastors in the region to assist with the co-ordination and publicity of the conference to the public. Members of the pastoral organization were happy to receive DISCET and they pledged their support for the success of the conference.

The DISCET Field Officer had meetings with the Pastoral council executives where he explained to them in detail the reason for the conference. The Pastors in turn thanked DISCET for such a laudable venture as this was one of the teachings they have been praying to God for in the past few years. They explained how some Pastors are abandoning their wives and how marriages are breaking up on a daily basis in their region. This is a God sent programme and we shall support it fully, one Pastor added.



A Cross Section of the "Makeni Council of Church Ministers" in a planning meeting with the DISCET Field and Programmes Officer,

DISCET requests Partnership With the Correctional Service of Sierra Leone.

DISCET on the 27th June 2018 approached the Director General of the Correctional Services of Sierra Leone and the Minister of Interior and asked that, DISCET partners with their department to counsel inmates in their correctional centers across the country.

The reason for this is, we have done a research and came up to the conclusion that, the same crime that take most of these offenders into jail, when they come out, they commit worst than what earlier took them to jail. This shows either little or no correction was done at all, otherwise there should have been a change of attitude.

It is because of this back drop that DISCET decides to help with the counselling of inmates in the correctional centers of Sierra Leone. We believe this is one step towards the transformation of the minds of the people in Sierra Leone.

The inmates in these correctional centers range from Business Men and Women, Politicians, Drivers and Riders, Co-operate and Public Servants as well. All works of life are in those correctional centers.

The Director General of the correctional Service of Sierra Leone thanked DISCET for the moved we have decided to take and promised to take immediate action to consult all stakeholders in the correctional service for the approval of this laudable request but reminded the Director of DISCET that confidentiality which is the watch word for every successful counselor must be strictly observed once the permission is granted.

DISCET is still waiting for the Director General's approval before effective work can commence in the Correctional Service of Sierra Leone.



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DISCET RECRUITS NEW LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS

As the terms of service for the DISCET local Board in Sierra Leone expires for some members, the DISCET leadership in Sierra Leone has embarked on the recruitment of new Board members to replace the outgoing members. These members have served DISCET for ten years and they thought, it is time for them to move back and allow other people to display their talents. The outgoing Board members are as follows: 1. Mr. Gerald Wilson (Former Chairman of the DISCET Board) 2. High Court Judge Jamesina King, Mrs. (Former Vice Chair and Chairman) 3. Rev. George Spilsbury-Williams 4. Mrs. Ayodele Gilpin-Jackson. These outgoing Board Members were recruited in September 2008, they have served DISCET tirelessly till their retirement in 2018. They will be replaced by Dr. Gladys Palmer, a Psychologist and Professional Counselor. She has a doctorate degree in counselling. Mr. Sylvanus Besolu-Betts, an administrator and lecturer, Ms. Jeelo Miata Kainwo (Kallon) a barrister and lawyer and Mr. Victor Macaulay a retired manager of a reputable firm in Sierra Leone.

We are earnestly looking forward to have a wonderful time with these people as we team together to take DISCET to the sky.

DISCET LOCATES ANOTHER BUILDING FOR SALE SUITABLE FOR DISCET SECRETARIAT

The DISCET Secretariat together with some Friends of DISCET have been looking for a land or building where the DISCET Secretariat can be built. Several places have been sported in the last six months. The reason why we did not transact business with those landlords is because the prices they've been asking for those properties was very high.



Recently, we were shown a house on Victoria Street that is out for sale. The price is a little cheap compared to the prices of the previous properties. The house you see in the picture is

going for \$ 123,000.00 USD. This includes all the taxes for the purchase and the preparation of documents for ownership of the property.

KINDLY PRAY WITH US FOR FUNDRAISING FOR THE PURCHASE OF THIS PROPERTY.

4. DISCET MOVE OUT TO COUNSEL SCHOOL PUPILS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF FREETOWN.

The counselling department of DISCET have resolved to move out to counsel Pupils and Students in Secondary Schools and Colleges in the municipality of Freetown in the Western Area of Sierra Leone as a pilot programme.

The reason for this move is to help reduce or eradicate the continual violence in schools and colleges. Sport in time past was meant for entertainment and amusement but in the last decade, it has turned out to be a time of violence, mayhem and destruction of lives and properties. This has prompted government to put a ban on all sporting activities organized by schools and colleges.

This has become a serious concern to DISCET, so we have decided to visit these Pupils and Students and have a group counsel with them to see reason for a peaceful atmosphere during sporting season in the school calendar.

Many contacts have already been made to authorities of secondary schools and colleges. We only waiting the reopening of schools for action.