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continue to
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with our quarterly
newsletter which will
help you know
how to pray for
and partner
with us better

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YOUTH SEMINAR

As part of his goal to strengthen the ministry in the operational areas and to raise committed Christian youths, the National Director, Kpandei Tucker in collaboration with the Area Committees held Youth Discipleship seminar in Madina town in Tonko Limba chiefdom (Kambia district), Makeni and Kenema cities on the 13th and 20th November and 4th December 2021 respectively.

SU Ministry was established in Tonko Limba chiefdom in March 2021 and about 40 youths from Madina encountered Jesus in a new way at the vacation camp in August 2021. The Youth Seminar

therefore was generally a follow up discipleship program for all areas. The theme "Follow Jesus" from Matt. 4:18-20 was very appropriate. A total of 325 youths and 13 pastors/ teachers were in attendance. The seminar was held at the Wesleyan Church at Madina and Flaming Bible Church in Makeni & Kenema.

While at Madina, Bro. Tucker met with Pastors at Sami town for vision sharing and also preached at the Madina community radio station, Radio CART-BAMING FM 96.8. His teaching ministry has always been a blessing to many who listen to him. **Pray that God will continue to use him.**



Late Bro George Leramo



MOBILITY SUPPORT FOR FIELD WORKERS

With the need to capacitate Scripture Union Area Coordinators for effective ministry, the National Director has not only visited, trained and held programs in operational Areas but also solicited support through SAVE USA for provision of five (5) motorcycles. The National Director handed over these five (5) motorcycles to field workers from Makeni, Yoni/ Mile 91, Rutile, Kabala and Pujehun Areas. on 21st December 2021. The brand new Bajaj boxer motorcycles were received at SU Head

office in Freetown and all recipients were deeply filled with joy.

Though there are about 15 more areas to benefit from this gesture, we are however very grateful to God for partners who supported. With this kind of support, the ministry has been spreading into new districts and chiefdoms as God raises faithful men for the task. **We will continue to pray for more provision for other operational areas.**



The new National Chairman of Scripture Union of Sierra Leone



MR SAHR MORMAKOE YAMBASU

Further to the decision of the National Council meeting of November 2021, it is my pleasure to announce the current National Chairman of SU SL.

MR SAHR MORMAKOE YAMBASU was born on the 23rd November in Kono District eastern part of Sierra Leone. He is married to Mrs. Rebecca Sia Yambasu and they have two children, Sahr Moses and Sia Nanah Yambasu. Both of them are now adults.

Sahr's journey with Scripture Union started way back in the 1980s when he became a member of his school Scripture Group while he was in form 3. From 1993 – 1997, he served as the sponsor (teacher in charge) of the Scripture Union group in the Secondary School he was teaching. From

2000 to 2005, he served as the Training Secretary at the Western Region.

When he left Scripture Union Sierra Leone in December 2005 as the Training Secretary, he worked in various International Non-Governmental Organizations in Sierra Leone including World Vision International, ACDI VOCA, Christian Aid and Children of the Nation Sierra Leone. He held various positions in these organizations ranging from Area Development Manager and Base Manager in World Vision, District Operations Manager in ACDI VOCA, Regional Manager in Christian Aid and Country Director in Children of the Nations Sierra Leone. He is the Co-Founder of a registered National Non-governmental Or-

ganization called Community Aid Network Sierra Leone. Currently, he is the Deputy Registrar of Transit College Sierra Leone.

Sahr Mormakoe Yambasu holds the follows qualification: MA Gender & Development Studies, MA Educational Administration & Management, Bachelor in Education – Population Studies, Post Graduate Diploma in Theology of Works, Higher Teachers Certificate (Secondary).

He became saved through the Assembly of God Church while in the Secondary School. He is currently a Lay Preacher in the United Methodist Church where his wife is serving as a Pastor. He has the gift of Teaching. His passion is to see youths saved and developing their God-giving potentials.

OUTREACH TO OPERATIONAL AREAS

As a way to follow up on ministry operations, the National Director (ND) and Team visited Pujehun, Yifin, Mambolo and Port Loko on the 4th December 2021, 24th -26th January, 4th February and 5th February 2022 respectively.

Prompted by the need to revive operations in Pujehun where the contact person had departed the areas, the ND and Brother Vandil Gbao visited the area. They appointed a new dynamic Area Coordinator (Pst. Mustapha Koroma) and organized training for 15 School sponsors/ teachers at the Winners Chapel Church.

Bro Saio Jalloh, Area Coordinator for Koinadugu and Falaba districts went on outreach to Yifin, Nieni Chiefdom 53 miles away from Kabala to establish Scripture Union ministry for the first time. He engaged in vision sharing, training Church Ambassadors and Area Committee members.

To reinforce SU ministry operations, the National Director, Kpandei Tucker and Regional Chairman (North Kono region), Pastor Alusine Kamara went on monitoring outreach to Mambolo and Port Loko on the 4th and 5th February 2022.

At Mambolo, the brethren ministered to the entire Scarcies Baptist Secondary School and later to the Scripture Union group exclusively. SU group at Scarcies has also attracted Muslim youths who have made decisions to follow JESUS. It could be recalled that most of these youths got saved at the youth camp last year in Kambia. They were excited to receive the National Director who was the main speaker at the camp. He promised them Bibles, Daily Power and OneHope Christian literature materials to help them grow in their faith.

In Port Loko City, Pastor Alusine Kamara and ND held meeting with a cross section of the Area Com-

mittee at the Free Pentecostal Mission church on the 5th February. Strategic decisions were made for expansion and consolidation of SU ministry in the district. This led to the appointment of the first Area Operations Coordinator in the city. **We pray that the new operational areas will grow and become more impactful in the transformation of children and Youths.**



SCRIPTURE UNION IN THE LEAST EVANGELIZED DISTRICT



Training session

Pastors were excited to receive Scripture Union ministry for the first time in their district. The National Director, Kpandei Tucker and Area Coordinator, Brother Saio Konkoro Jalloh went on ground-breaking outreach to Falaba district headquarter town of Mongor Bendugu from 24th to 26th February 2022. Mongor Bendugu is over 200 miles away from the capital city of Freetown and has 71 miles deplorable road condition from Kabala to the town.

During the two - day visit, Brothers Tucker and Saio Jalloh held training

sessions for School Sponsors, Church Ambassadors and Area Committee members at The Door Christian Fellowship Church. The training was climaxed

with the appointment of a seven-man Committee to oversee Scripture Union ministry in the district.

Falaba is the last district to reach with Scripture Union ministry. It is however the least evangelized in Sierra Leone with about two percent Christians while the rest are largely Muslims and few traditionalists. The Pastors were hopeful that SU ministry will be of great help to their churches through discipling of children and youths; mostly of the other faith. They expressed need for Christian literature materials, Bibles and mobility for effective ministry opera-

tions into hard-to-reach areas. To God be all the glory for a successful outreach. **Please pray that through Scripture Union ministry many children and Youths in this district will come to faith in Jesus Christ.**



FIRST NATIONAL AREA CHAIRMEN'S RETREAT

As the ministry expands its operations to rural communities and in all districts, Area Committees are formed to oversee the work. Some community stakeholders are appointed to provide leadership as Area Chairmen on each committee. In order to consolidate the gains made so far, the National Director held the first National Area Chairmen's retreat at Scripture Union (SU) Headquarter hall; with lodging at YMCA Guest House in Freetown from 11th to 12th March 2022. There were 21 participants from 19 Area Committees.

The retreat aimed to train on general SU ministry, SU Hermeneutical Principles, embracing ICT to enhance ministry and administering of OneHope gospel materials to children and youths. Also, it helped to instill more commitment/ ownership in Area leaders

for effective operations. This warm fellowship gave the leaders opportunity to discuss ministry matters and resolved on joint regional programs and projects. Updates from them showed that SU ministry has been of tremendous impact in transforming children and youths in their areas (mostly Muslim youths). Leaders who were experiencing the ministry for the first time at their community level, were grateful and hopeful for more impact on their churches.

Along with the National Director (who was the main facilitator) were: Dr Donald Manley (former SU National Director), Pastor Jeremiah Fengai (a representative from OneHope) and Mr James Bernard Turay (a lecturer at IPAM college).

Participants appreciated the National Director deeply for such laudable initiative and requested that the retreat becomes an annual event and hold for



more than 2 days. **May these leaders continue to be committed to providing effective oversight in their areas.**

OPEN DOORS INTO ISLAMIC SCHOOLS



At a National Workers retreat about two years ago, the National Director started raising awareness about reaching out to youths in Islamic schools. In recent times, we have seen God create open doors into these schools for the salvation and discipling of muslim youths. While it is unimaginable in most Islamic schools, others have begun to open their doors on moral grounds. Area Chairman of Kambia and Vice Chairman of Makeni Areas are taking the lead in this, along with Area Coordinators of Kono and Kailahun. By the end of March 2022, Scripture Union ministry was operational in four (4) Islamic schools in Koidu city, three (3) in Makeni, two (2) in Kailahun and two (2) in Kambia – a total of 11 schools. Area Coordinators visit these schools weekly for discipleship programs.

Kambia is one of the districts where Scripture Union (SU) ministry has been fastly spreading with greater harvest of Muslim youths. Prompted by the need to reinforce SU ministry in these Islamic communities, the National Director, Kpandei Tucker and Regional Chairman (North Kono region), Pastor Alusine Kamara organized membership training program at the Sierra Leone Islamic Federation (SLIF) Secondary School where 73 SU School group members gave their lives to Christ. This was unprecedented - sharing the gospel to predominantly youths of the other faith. Though a Muslim himself, the Principal was of firm belief that SU ministry will help to transform the lives of these interested members. Testi-

monies abound in all these areas of youths whose lives have been won over to Christ. We thank God for such opportunity and the souls that gave their lives to Lord. **Pray that God will use the ministry for transformation of muslim youths particularly in the less evangelized communities**



Leading muslim youths to Christ

BIBLE READING PROMOTION



With the support of SAVE USA and other individuals, we purchased 450 copies of Bibles and printed 500 of Daily power (devotional) to help youths to study the Word of God. Additionally, in the month of January and from partnership with OneHope SL, we received over 40,000 copies of gospel literature materials for Children and

youths of all ages. In February and March, Field Volunteers and Area Chairmen distributed those materials to youths and children in 115



schools in Kono, Moyamba, Pujehun,

Makeni, Madina, Kenema, Kailahun, Mile 91, Kabala and Rutile. **We pray that these materials will draw the**



beneficiaries closer to God.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. The National Director had gone without a vehicle for over two years but passionately travel miles on motorcycle for ministry. Let's pray for provision of vehicle for the him.
2. Plans for vacation camp are in progress. Please pray for the mobilization of resources for an impactful youth camp that will hold in different parts of the country
3. As ministry operations increases, there is need to recruit Training Secretaries in all three regions to assist the National Director. Kindly pray that the Lord of the harvest will send faithful workers



BEREAVEMENT

The Scripture Union family in Sierra Leone bade farewell to two of its committed members who are gone to be with the Lord.

Mr Victor Macauley (1946-2022) was an exceptional leader and served several times as National Chairman since 1980s. He got saved through SU ministry and had remained very committed to its mission till his death. He passed into glory on 5th February, 2022.

Also, Mrs Grace Jonah (1940-2022) who passed away on 17th February 2022, was the wife of another outstanding National Chairman, Prof. Daniel Jonah. Aunty Grace preached Christ and disciple many youths through her exemplary lifestyle and kind-heartedness.

Bro George Leramo, a missionary from Nigeria to Sierra Leone who worked closely with Scripture Union Kenema Area went to be with the Lord after a brief illness. He was very committed in the discipling new converts. He went to be with the Lord on 29th December 2021.



Mr Victor B. A. T. Macauley



Bro George Leramo



Mrs Grace Abla Jonah



Funeral procession, paying of last respect at SU House with blowing of trumpet