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Dear Friends of SAVE,

***'To God be the glory, great things He has done!
The vilest offender, who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus, a pardon receives.'***

It's nearly 50 years ago, that the Spirit of God actualized these words in my rebellious teenage spirit, opened my eyes to my wretched sinful condition, and brought me safely into His glorious salvation. This hymn became, and still is, my Anthem. One of the things that fuel my passion for the ministry of SAVE and our faithful ministry partners in Sierra Leone is that if God's grace could liberate even me from the power and bondage of sin then it could happen to anyone.

May it be our primary objective to give the Lord all the glory and be firm in our belief that ***'the vilest offender who truly believes,'*** instantly receives God's pardon and salvation.

Sincerely,

David Musa, SAVE Executive Director

1. SAVE Strategy

On several occasions the SAVE leadership has needed to remind itself of their primary goals. The three specific long-term goals are to support proclaiming the Gospel, planting of Churches, and discipling young Christians. These goals mean investing in indigenous Bible based ministries which are ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Sierra Leone. There is always the challenge of maintaining a right balance in how SAVE should invest our time and resources. This Newsletter provides some brief reports from our partner ministries in Sierra Leone. Please pray with us that we always focus on God's priorities and thank you for partnering with us in this mission.

2. Sierra Leone Fellowship of Evangelical Students (SLEFES)

This year SLEFES is celebrating 40 years of ministry. It was in 1982, while David Musa was serving Christ in Sierra Leone among the college students, that SLEFES became an established ministry in the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES). David was instrumental in seeing this student ministry

established. In those days there were only five college campuses having a Christian Union but in 2022 there are now thirty-six Christian Unions involving over 3,500 Christian students. The Lord has enabled SLEFES to develop a strong and committed staff team of twelve who are ready and willing to serve the Ministry whenever and wherever the Lord leads them.

Students and graduates of SLEFES have a great desire to live according to the Word of God but national salaries are small and giving to the ministry is very limited. The total bill for annual salaries is about \$25,000 with individual staff members receiving between \$100 to \$200 per month. This past year SLEFES requested help with paying salaries and so a significant portion was supplied by friends of SAVE. To tackle this problem of staff support SAVE is collaborating with the SLEFES leaders to build a database of all the Christian college graduates who can in the future be regularly informed of ministry news, needs and prayer requests.

This year friends of SAVE have refurbished and donated several laptop computers to SLEFES, which have been taken to Freetown, the capital city, this fall.

3. Scripture Union of Sierra Leone (SUSL)



An SU meeting at a Muslim high school

An exciting development has been the opening up at Muslim high schools to the SU (Scripture Union) ministry. In early 2022 the SU ministry was operational in eleven Islamic high schools, four in Koidu City, three in Makeni, two in Kailahun and two in Kambia. SU area coordinators are visiting these schools on a weekly basis with a discipleship training programme. At the

Sierra Leone Islamic Federation (SLIF) High School 73 SU school group members gave their lives to Christ. The level of sharing of the Gospel to Muslim youths was unprecedented. The SLIF principal, though a Muslim himself, was of firm belief that the SU ministry will help to transform the lives of his young students! These schools are opening their doors to SU on moral grounds, realizing the Christian message brings about change in society, a change for the better. This year SAVE has provided financial support for SU workers, resulting in a positive input on the staff morale.



Five motorbikes donated to SUSL from CMA

One SAVE initiative is to help set up and maintain links between our Bible based ministry partners in Sierra Leone and Christian ministries in the USA. An excellent example of this is with CMA, the Christian Motorcycle Association (mvi.org). In 2022 CMA provided funding for five new motorbikes. These were supplied to the SU National Director, Kpandei Tucker, who handed over the five motorcycles to their Christian field workers in the regions of Makeni, Yoni, Rutile, Kabala and Pujehun.

4. Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone (EFSL)

SAVE continues to give support to EFSL with its Church growth initiatives. This includes supporting Muslim Background Believers (MBB'S) with monthly support to a limited number of people who have been facing serious challenges and suffering because of their faith in Jesus Christ. The EFSL support is a real life-line for these believers as they grow spiritually and personally.

The EFSL radio ministry has two regional representatives in the South/East and North/Kono regions. They continue to disseminate Christian

messages through the one-hour radio programs in Bo and Makeni. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the radio programs were used extensively for Bible studies, prayers, responding to questions, giving people hope and sensitizing churches and communities on how to stay safe and to comply with the COVID-19 regulations.

5. DISCET Counselling for Tanker Inferno Disaster

Thirty-five survivors of the fuel tanker disaster were approached and counselled for a period of two months early this year. Many of those counselled were encouraged and showed real signs of recovery. Their hope in God was restored during the counselling process as some confessed, *"it was God that gave us help, after we lost everything overnight, we had no choice but to turn back to God the giver"*. As hope was restored they continued believing God for His intervention in their lives. The means of making a living, including motorcycles and tricycles, were stolen during the chaos of the inferno and in some cases were completely burnt up. The DISCET counselling has helped to restore their dependence on God. DISCET is asking that we *"please pray for God's provision"*. One lady, Mrs. Kadiatu Jalloh, lost her two sons in the disaster who were the bread winners for the family. The Christian counselling sessions with her and others have given them reasons for hope.

6. Servants of the Word (SOW, the Gambia)

Please also pray for our partner ministry at the Bible College in the Gambia and for the leader of the project there, Steven Musa-Kormayea. This dear brother has a number of serious health concerns. God willing, in 2023, we are hoping that a team can visit the country to help further develop the library and to teach some short courses. Pray for this possibility.

7. Harvest Intercontinental Ministries, HIM

harvestcathedralfreetown.org

For 2023 there is interest to support the HIM Annual Pastors November conference in Freetown. A small team of SAVE supporters are hoping to travel to Sierra Leone to contribute and participate in this significant pastoral training conference. David Musa will be the trip director as well as a presenter at the conference.

Thank you for all your prayerful support.

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