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DISCET helps to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of post war Sierra Leone society. It trains Counselors to help individuals deal with relationships, and trains church leaders to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the unsaved.

DISCET HOSTED A TWO DAYS RETREAT FOR ITS STAFF

DISCET hosted a two days retreat for its Staff in January this year. This retreat is an annual event where Staffs are given the opportunity to have retrospect of their activities in the previous year, evaluate their gains and shortcomings and make room improvement where necessary.

In the retreat, it was discovered that much needed to be done in the Field and Programmes department. The retreat focused on planning more evangelistic outreaches and seminars this year. Pastors and leadership conferences, Marriage and Single conferences were also cued for this year.

The field and Programme department has been vacant for the past two due to the resignation of the desk officer because of poor enumeration. During this period, the Director has been supervising this department for implementation of programmes.

The retreat was climax with prayers for DISCET, its donors, both national and international, supporters and friends.

DISCET PURCHASED SIX PLOTS OF LAND FOR THE BUILDING OF THE DISCET SECRETARIAT AND THE COUNSELING SCHOOL.

I do thank God for helping us acquire a six plot of land in the Grafton community for the building of the DISCET Secretariat and the Counseling School. This land in question is completely fenced and secured and it was bought for \$ 4,500/00

USD per town lot. The six town lots were calculated to be twenty-seven United States dollars (\$ 27,000.00 USD). This property is situated in the middle of the Grafton community on a flat plain terrain. Documentation for the above mentioned property is in progress and upon completion of this documentation. DISCET appreciate God for the big achievement as she prays to have her own property amidst the rising cost of rent every year.



The Secretariat together with the Sierra Leone board are planning to take an architect to the land to map out how the land can be utilized. The primary desire of DISCET now is to urgently construct a two storey building that will house DISCET Administration on the first floor, a conference hall and the Director's office on the second floor and a multi-purpose hall for fundraising on the ground floor. I will explain to you more of this in my next newsletter.

SAVE USA DONATES THREE REFURBISHED DELL LAPTOPS TO DISCET.

Early this year, SAVE USA donated three modern refurbished dell computers to



DISCET. This donation came as answer to our prayers because all the computers we have been using lately were computers that have served their lifespan in computer technology. Their drivers do not support some of the programmes we use thereby making the work difficult for us. These computers were delivered to us by hand of Bro. Edgar Momoh who travelled from the USA for the Christmas holidays. The computers were shared among the finance unit, the counseling unit and the administration. These computers were found

to be very useful to us because it has made our work more simple. I on behalf of the rest of the Staff force do thank SAVE USA for this donation and pray for God's hand to be upon all they do.

DISCET GRADUATE NINE PERSONS FROM THE COUNSELING SCHOOL ON THE 27TH JANUARY 2023

The Counseling School in Freetown on Friday, January 27, 2023 graduated nine trained counselors from the school at the Open House Global Missions Church in Freetown. The guest speaker was Rev. Laurence Lamin, he spoke on the topic; *Christian Counseling; A Great Tool to Overcome Mood Disorders, Addictions and a host of Life's Challenges Today*. The Rev. Can. Dr. Modupe Taylor-Pearce awarded the certificates. This school was established in 2007 where the first batch was trained by British and American Counselors with the aid of the Association of Christian Counselors in the United Kingdom. This training was an exhaustive one that lasted for two years with the intention of producing trainers that will continue training others afterwards. Since then, a cross section of these trained counselors has been graduating trained counselors annually. Since then to now over 205 Counselors have been trained so far which has started advertising counseling in the country and addressing the emotional needs of people. From the reports reaching us at the DISCET Secretariat, marriages that were at the brink of collapse were restored again.



A young man contemplating to commit suicide because of a disappointment meted to him by his fiancée was given hope through counseling by one of our past students

REV. CAN DR. MODUPE TAYLOR-PEARCE CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY.

In a thanksgiving service held for him at the St. Augustine's Church, Hill Station on the theme, "with God nothing is impossible", the 90th birthday for the Rev. Can. Dr. Modupe Taylor-Pearce was celebrated in a grand style with music of saxophone leading the service played by the birthday celebrant himself. Many compliments



were paid him, among the entire was an exciting one to me, “he is a disciplinarian and a persistent prayer warrior”.

The service lasted for three hours with the cutting of the birthday cake by him and his wife, Mrs. Olive Taylor-Pearce, the children, the grand children and more.

The new church auditorium was full of people from all works of life; relatives, friends, colleagues, parishioners, sons and daughters in the Lord. His son in the Lord, His Lordship, Bishop Akintayo Sam-Jolly prayed for him.

DISCET CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF MINISTRY TO SIERRA LEONE

DISCET celebrates twenty-five years of ministry to the people of Sierra Leone. The thanksgiving service took place at the Joy Assembly of God Church, Short Street. The theme for the celebration was, “Awake thou that sleepest” Ephesian 5:14. Although the attendance was sparsely attended, the celebration was a success. The preacher was Rev. Patrick Clay-Weah.

At the end of the service, one person made a decision to serve Christ all the days of his life. We thank God for what He is doing through the ministry of DISCET.

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