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April 2024

**1. “To God be the Glory, great things He has done!”**

Dearly Beloved,

Every SAVE newsletter serves two main purposes: First, it is an opportunity to give you a peep into what the Lord is doing through our partners in Sierra Leone. Secondly, it is a “Thank you note” to you, our numerous friends, who voluntarily avail themselves to the Lord as instruments of agape love to the Sierra Leonean community. Your encouragement, friendship, participation, and sacrificial financial support have fueled God’s engine to propel SAVE through the years. The November 2023 visit to Sierra Leone, of some SAVE Board members, was both encouraging and uplifting! It was a tremendous blessing to participate in the Harvest Intercontinental Pastor’s Conference, with over 300 indigenous pastors in attendance. We also visited with our Bible-based partner ministries, and the Lord opened doors for the SAVE team to meet Christian parliamentarians, doctors, and teachers. The Lord is surely honouring His Word. “To God be the glory, great things He has done!”

Sincerely in Christ, *David Musa*

SAVE Executive Director

**2. November 2023 Pastors Conference**

In November 2023 four of the SAVE Board members (David Musa, Chris Follman, Larry Moran, Brian Bowen) visited Freetown to meet with our partners in ministry. For three years the covid epidemic had prevented SAVE members from travelling. A special aspect of the 2023 visit was to attend the pastors conference (sponsored by SAVE) organized by our church partner Harvest Intercontinental Ministries, under the anointed leadership of Bishop Julius Laggah. There were 3-400 pastors and other Christian workers affiliated with Harvest Intercontinental in attendance held for

the first time in the new spacious Harvest sanctuary. Julius has a strong organization below him with several coordinators generally responsible for 30-40 churches. Harvest has a vibrant church planting strategy, currently



*Pastors 2023 Conference in Freetown*

having 152 churches throughout Sierra Leone. The last time we were in country, there were around 100 churches. Please keep praying for Bishop Julius.

**3. New Leader at SLEFES**

Starting in January 2024 was the new national leader of SLEFES, Matthew Charles, (the Sierra Leone Evangelical Fellowship of Evangelical

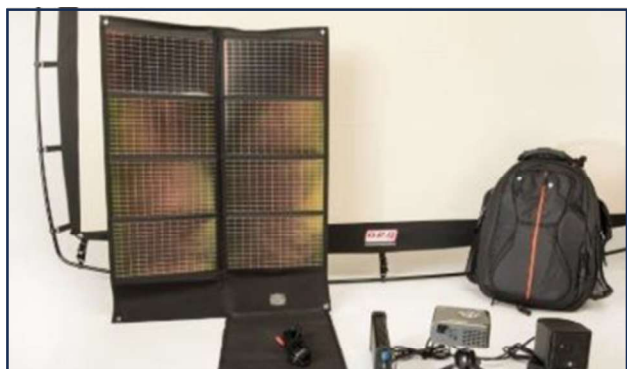


*SLEFES Leader Matthew Charles*

Students, an IFES national movement). SLEFES currently has thirteen staff (nine full-time and four part-time). There are 36 campus fellowship groups involving 3,500 students. 'SLEFES teaches and challenges students to be Biblically balanced and become practical disciples of Christ in character and conduct. It believes that Biblical discipleship is to know and follow Christ at all cost, with the ultimate goal of being like Jesus' (see SLEFES website). Over the past year SAVE has provided some essential funding to help pay the SLEFES staff salaries. In Sierra Leone the monthly salary for a young high school teacher is \$100 and similar salaries are paid to Christian workers. Supporting the ministry from in-country donations continues to be a big challenge for all Christian ministries. Please pray for Matthew as he settles into his new leadership role in the year ahead.

#### 4. Project Request from EFSL

For many years SAVE has supported the Church Empowerment Department of the EFSL (Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone, the umbrella organization that brings together all the evangelical churches and ministries). The two full-time pastors in this Department (Rev Joseph Baio and Rev Michael Abdulai) visit remote villages to preach and teach. To support this outreach programme SAVE is purchasing the Jesus Movie Backpack. It is solar powered and so can be used in villages where there is no electricity supply. Please be praying for these two pastors and for the leader of EFSL, Rev Gadiru Bassie.



*Jesus Movie Backpack Project*

#### 5. November 2023 Meetings in Freetown

Besides attending the 2023 Pastors Conference in Freetown, the SAVE team visited with partner ministries SUSL (Scripture Union of Sierra Leone) and DISCET (Diakonia Interdenominational Services for Counselling, Evangelism and Teaching).



*2023 SAVE team with SUSL leaders*

Scripture Union continues to print each year paper copies of daily devotionals for all age groups, SAVE donating towards the printing. This year they printed 3,000 copies of Daily Guide, 3,500 copies of Daily Power, 5,000 copies of Bible Study Outlines, and 500 copies of Daily Milk. SAVE has also given financial support to SUSL staff salaries (currently there are six full-time staff). Most Christian ministries in Sierra Leone have suffered as a result of the frail economy of the country. This has particularly been the case for DISCET. The exchange rate in 2020 was 10,000 Leones to the U.S. dollar and in 2023 it was 22,000 Leones. Covid also wreaked havoc on support. Four years ago, DISCET had ten staff, but today it is six which means some key losses, including counselling director and field and program director.

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support for the Christian leaders in Sierra Leone. More reports from SAVE partners are available on our SAVE website.

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***'And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.'*** Luke 7:23