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1. Greetings from SAVE Board

Dear Friends of SAVE,

All the ten members of the SAVE Board wish to send you their heart-felt thanks for your prayers and support towards ministering to the spiritual needs of the people of Sierra Leone. 2025 sees the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of SAVE through our dear brother, Dr David Musa. We praise God for the people and projects that have been touched through your participation and encouragement over these years. SAVE's Bible based partners in Sierra Leone press on compassionately in evangelism, discipleship and holistic projects. We ask that you don't hesitate contacting SAVE if you believe God is calling you to become more engaged in the Church growth in Africa. It will be our joy to share in more detail with you. This Newsletter brings to you just a little news about current initiatives. To God be all the Glory.

Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone (EFSL), Jesus Film Backpack

The EFSL is a national platform for bringing together the evangelical churches from across Sierra Leone. It recently held a half day training session for staff in the Church Empowerment Department on the assembling and usage of the 'Jesus Film Backpack'. This was purchased for them by SAVE. The Backpack is now proving to be a valuable tool in the rural villages of the unreached people groups in the north of the country.

EFSL, Unreached Peoples Groups

Unreached people groups (UPGs) are generally defined as people groups that have less than 2% evangelical Christian representation and less than 5% nominal Christian presence. In a practical sense, they are people groups and places where Christ is largely unknown and there is not a

church with adequate capacity to help make Him known among the wider population.



Rev Gadiru Bassie, EFSL General Secretary, with his wife Margaret

UPGs are estimated to make up 42% of global population (over 3 Billion people). It is generally understood that ten out of the twenty-eight people groups in Sierra Leone are unreached. The EFSL is now embarking on outreach to the Susu group who live in the north of Sierra Leone. They are almost entirely Muslim (89%). The vision of EFSL is to work with the body of Christ through the Church Empowerment Department to witness to the task of sharing Jesus with the Susu. EFSL has plans to use the Jesus Film with everyone, everywhere, in his or her own language, so that everyone will have an opportunity to hear the Gospel in their own language and receive Christ.

The Jesus Film has been a great tool in sharing the Gospel in this part of the world which has high rates of illiteracy. The use of the Jesus Film as an audio-visual tool draws the audience to the reality of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

All people groups naturally value listening in their primary language or mother tongue.

This very significantly speaks directly to the heart and connects with the soul. The Jesus Film, is currently available in twelve national languages of Sierra Leone. It serves as a great tool to reach the unreached people group in their heart language. Friends of SAVE are providing financial support towards the UPG initiative.



Reverend Joseph Baio; Team Lead for the EFSL Church Empowerment & Advocacy Department, with the SAVE 'Jesus Movie Backpack'

EFSL Savings Group Ministry

The EFSL, in partnership with Hope International, has conducted a 5-day training seminar for twenty-one Church leaders on the EFSL Church-Based Savings Group Methodology. This training prepares church leaders on how to launch and sustain Christ-centered savings groups that complement or enhance the church's work in poverty alleviation. After a 2025 training session then ten local churches established savings groups in their local communities. These groups are providing vulnerable families with access to a safe place to save, provide small loans from their pooled savings, and provide a Christ centred community which meets each other's needs.

Scripture Union Sierra Leone (SUSL)

Similar to the EFSL the SUSL is also one of SAVE's Bible based national partners.



Students gather for a Bible study

School Ministry; SUSL is experiencing tremendous growth in the establishment of Scripture Union (SU) groups in schools. The pupils will establish a new group when they transfer to another school that doesn't already have a Bible study group.

Camp Ministry; SUSL has plans to hold vacation Bible camps in July and August 2025. The theme of the camp is to be '*The Power at Work in Us*' (Eph. 3:20). Camp sites are at several regional cities, Freetown, Kailahun, Kabala and Kambia.

Staffing; There is an urgent need to recruit two senior staff for the Head Office and three Regional Coordinators. Pray along with SUSL for God's men to come forward and for more volunteer school visitors to enhance effective school ministry. Let's join SUSL in praying for the massive salvation of souls as their ministry prospers so abundantly among the young people. Please pray to the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth committed labourers. Friends of SAVE are helping to provide Bible study aids and to support Christian workers who organize the youth camps.

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'But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' Acts 6:4