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Dear Friends of SAVE,

Greetings in the Lord. The SAVE Board has a general policy that every three years we should try to meet face to face with our ministry partners in Sierra Leone. This year, from **March 14th to 22nd**, members of the SAVE Board will be in Sierra Leone (SL). There will be a two-day excursion up-country, out of the capital Freetown, to witness the use of the Jesus Movie Backpacks in a Susu speaking village. With support from friends of SAVE two of these Backpacks have been purchased for the EFSL (Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone). All Board members contribute to the ministry of SAVE, with their time and finances, on a totally voluntary basis. SAVE only provides some travel financial support to our Executive Director Rev Dr David Musa. Please pray with us that the meetings with our partners will be profitable in the cause of Christ in SL.

Sierra Leone Fellowship of Evangelical Student, SLEFES

It has been exciting to receive news from the colleges and universities ministry, SLEFES, of some of the outcomes from their campus outreach ministry.



Matthew Charles, SLEFES General Secretary, CEO

There was a major national conference, ‘ENGAGE 2025’, in the autumn and many students committed themselves to a life of Christian discipleship. One hundred and thirteen students made this commitment while seventy seven students committed themselves to a period of ‘Kingdom Service’ which requires the giving of one complete year of voluntary service to witnessing and evangelism in any region of SL. These periods of service have enormous impact on the lives of the young professionals of SL. The ‘ENGAGE 2025’ Conference had a total of 427 in attendance



SLEFES & Commitments made at ‘ENGAGE 2025’

(including speakers, staff and delegates) from six nations and three continents. Thirty small discipleship groups (SDGs) were formed during the Conference.

9M Population of Sierra Leone

The total population of SL is now nearly nine million people. The densest population is in the Western Area, around the capital Freetown. There was a substantial increase in the population of the capital following the 1991- 2002 civil war. Christian ministry is very active in the Freetown area and many Christian ministries are working in the other three regions of the country, in the Northern Province, Eastern Province and the Southern Province.



The Four Provinces of Sierra Leone

- 2015 Sierra Leone National Census revealed a total population of 7.09 Million people.
- 2021 Census showed 7.50M
- 2026 Census is expected to show a total population of nearer to 9.0M.

Please be praying for the Church plants that are being established across the provinces

that they will grow in grace and knowledge of the Word of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ as well as in numbers and size. There appears to be a real need for solid Bible teaching.

Diakonia Interdenominational Services for Counseling, Evangelism and Teaching, DISCET

The DISCET Director, Rev Steven Mahoney, reports, “Economic hardships on every level have plunged citizens into a huge dilemma, resulting with many youths reverting to drug abuse. The drug that is most prevalent today in Sierra Leone is Kush. This is a strain of Cannabis Sativa that has strong sedative or relaxing effects. Because of its high level of Myrcene, a terpene that promotes sedation, it can make its victims fall asleep unintentionally. Regular smoking of this lethal drug results in swelling of the legs and feet, and eventually ends with death. It has taken the lives of many youths in Sierra Leone. A team of three volunteers has been set up by the DISCET, and supported by SAVE, to help youths who are addicted to this evil menace. Kush has found its way into the provinces and even the villages. DISCET is now training more counselors in order to minister at every region and district of Sierra Leone.”

THANK YOU to all the prayerful friends of SAVE whose support enables national Christian workers to continue to serve and minister in their home country of Sierra Leone. To God be all the Glory.

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