

OCTOBER 2017 UPDATE FROM FROM SIERRA LEONE:

“So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in Love , may have power together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the Love of Christ, and to know this Love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:17-19, NIV).

The year 2017 is almost coming to an end as we have just about two months to go for the year. We give thanks to God for his blessings in the ministry here in Sierra Leone. Christ is indeed dwelling in the hearts of people who had not known him and have now accepted him as their Lord and savior. The church is growing and more souls are coming to the faith, more preaching centers are been established in new areas. New villages and towns are calling for the Church.

Magburuka and Kono are calling for the CRC church. Villages such as Madina are calling for the light of Christ to dwell in their communities. These are all acts of the Holy Spirit moving in various direction calling for the elect to come back home. Halleluiah.

SHALOM FM RADIO KABALA: Following the approval of the frequency for the radio last month, the Month of October was full with activities at the station establishing the commissioning and dedication of the station . Sunday October 22 was the day . The event was witness by the paramount chief of wara- wara Yagala chieftdom several religious leaders including the chief imam of the Kabala central mosque . Ron Geerlings the Global director for Africa and Europe of the Resonate Global mission from Grand Rapids as well as the International director for the Timothy leadership training, Rev. Albert Strydhorst , were all in attendance to witness the Love of Christ in Kabala town as the station was dedicated to the Lord for the purpose of preaching the gospel of salvation as well as community development.





Rev. Strydhorst and Ron Geerlings



Rev. MB Jalloh and Rev. Strydhorst



A cross section of worshippers at the occasion.



Mamoud Marah could not hide his feeling , smiling with joy and happiness to express how he feel on that day.

THE NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING IN KCSS. The work on the new classroom building at the Christian school is progressing fast. The foundation is now completed, it's been filled with, and very soon the floor will be done and the work on the wall will soon start.



CRC SL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Seeing the need of harmonizing and proper supervisions of church related schools, especially with the new vision and zeal of the CRC churches in the villages taking up the challenge of starting a Christian school in their communities using the little resources especially the spaces in the church buildings to educate their young ones. The Church has established an Education committee made up of seven people. They are charged with the responsibility of supervising and monitoring these schools, as well as work with the relevant government ministry for proper registration, and making sure that the schools met the requirements. Also its going to be the responsibility of the committee to make sure that if donations or helps comes, they are share accordingly to the various schools that are established or will be established. Some of these schools are : Kondembaia and Yarah Nursery schools, as well as Nanfayie and Firawa Primary schools. We also have a school that was started by Foria community. Others are Yirah Filaya Badela, Madina and diang sukorralla. Among these Schools , its Nanfayie school that has a befitting school building structure, courtesy of Smithers .

OFFICE, MULTIPURPOSE AND CHURCH BUILDING: To God be the glories, as we all know the first phase of the building was completed which now host the Shalom radio. Our dream of completing the remaining structure is still high hoping and trusting for your continue support. We need to raise the second floor of the second phase, we are hoping that before the end of this financial year , we should be able to move to the new office building . But that will only

happen if the resources are available. The third phase which is the auditorium shall be used for worship, training and meeting centers for the church. We are estimating about \$34,000 to \$40,000 to finish the whole work and if possible with the furniture. [God helping us] when completed , the office building will have twelve rooms for all the staff CES, CRC-SL while the radio staff will continue with the already completed building.[the first phase]



VISIT BY RON AND ALBERT: Another moment of blessings and sharing the wonderful stories of the Love of God. Ron Geerlings of the Resonate office in NA as well as Rev. Strydhorst of the TLTI visited and had meetings with the leadership of the CRC SL, TLT Participants and also partners from Liberia. All the meetings were held in Sierra Leone.

Rev. Solomon O Davis of the Peace on earth in Liberia came to discuss about the TLT in Liberia, while Morris Sonnie was on the new work in Tienni.

Beside this meetings, we were also opportune to meet with REN Soon Lee of the Korean Presbyterian Mission [KPM], in Waterloo. KPM operate and Reformed Theological College [RTC] and would like to partner with the CRC-SI in the area of leadership training, for both churches and others in the country.



First picture. Morris, Strydhorst, Solomon, Bahago, AND Ron second pic; Ron, Bahago, Moses, Lee and Strydhorst.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Thank God for the successful dedication of the Shalom Radio.
2. Pray for the staff of the radio station for commitment .
3. Pray that the people will hear the Word salvation through the radio and get save.
4. Pray for Pastor Morris Sonnie of Liberia , while he was in Sierra Leone to meet with Ron and others , news came that part of the roof of his house was destroyed by wind storm
5. Pray for Sierra Leone, Very soon the ban on political campaign will be lifted and people will be campaigning for the forth coming generation election ,pray for peaceful transition.
6. Pray too for Liberia, their election has gone into a runoff , pray for peaceful election too in that country.
7. Next Month we planned to travel to Nigeria to see our Children, for safety.
8. Joyce will be completing her national service assignment on Nov. 2 Pray that God will help her find something doing . Bernhard is still waiting for admission into the University, pray that he will be able to get it. Things are very difficult in Nigeria. There are over 150 Universities in the country, but getting admission is always difficult for many especially who do not have so call big person to advocate for him or her. For us we trust but in God to do it for him. Judith is continuing with her study in Wukari pray for her as well.
9. Monday October 30, we are expecting two gospel artists from CRC Nigeria to visit our young people here to encourage them and train them in the area of Church Music etc. Pray for safety as they travel. [Lordswiil Angulu Kadiri and Samson Shishi] . Lordswiil is coming from the CRC Abuja while Samson is coming from Wukari CRC.
10. Thank God for the two Churches in Nigeria who are paying for the people to come.
11. Pray for funds to enable us complete our building projects in Kabala .
12. Pray for our new proposed areas of Church planting in Magburuka and Kono, In Magburuka a Lady there offered us a Free Land for the Church, she is a member of the Church in Wellington –Freetown and she want the CRC in her home town.
In Kono, someone also offered to host any person that we will send to start a church, pending when we are able to find our own place. All these are opening that the Lord is making for us. We need your prayers and supports to enable us fulfilled this mandate.

CONCLUSION; In all we give thanks to God for his grace , and we appreciate you all for your prayers and supports for us, Please continue . The Lord bless you.

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