

JANUARY 2019 UPDATE FROM SIERRA LEONE:

“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that Land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire Journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.” (Joshua 24:15-17)

Indeed the message of Joshua to the Israelites was clear and the people re-affirmed their faith in God in their Journey of life. It’s a clarion call for us as we journey in this life. The year 2018 has come and gone, we have experienced both good and bad, joy and sadness. In all His grace was sufficient and has brought us to another year 2019. In affirming our apostolic faith, we joined our patriarchs to say “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord” indeed God has done great miracles in our lives he gave us free salvation in Christ Jesus whom today we preach and proclaim in all the nations of the world.

BAPTISM IN KABALA: The year 2019 started in a very good mode as the lord commands in the great commission; more souls were baptized into the Kabala CRC church. The Rev. Edison Kamara who is the resident pastor of the kabala congregation baptized the new believers who have accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and savior and have passed through the catechism lessons.



A BIG CACTH: Still in the mode of the New Year celebration, the new branch of the CRC in Kabala is growing numerically as well as spiritually. On the first Sunday of the year Hauwa Conteh a strong Muslim woman as well as a woman advocacy activist in Kabala decided to confess Jesus Christ as her Lord and savior , since then Hauwa have been very active in the Church , she attends both the Sunday worship as

well as the Wednesday midweek and the Thursdays cell prayer meetings. Hauwa decided to give her life to Christ, as a result of the persistence witness of her 10 year old daughter, Kadiatu who attends the CRC Primary school Kabala. Kadiatu have told her mother that she wants to be a Christian and would like her mother to join her in Church. After a long time of resistant by Hauwa eventually The Holy Spirit convinced her that what her daughter was telling her was the right way for her. Kadiatu is so happy today that she can go to church and her Mother Hauwa.



Hauwa Conteh , daughter Kadiatu and my wife after Sunday worship and CRC 2 one mile kabala.

AN ABANDONE CHILD FOUND A NEW MOTHER: Though this may not be a new thing, but the event surrounding the incidence its worth knowing and also praising God for saving the life of an innocent Child.

We do have a morning devotion everyday on the radio, people calls to ask for prayers and give testimonies of the work of God in their lives. One morning , a lady [age woman a.65 years old] called to introduce herself as Nartoh Conteh. Nartoh Conteh shared a pathetic story of a child that was abandoned in her house one early morning by an unknown teenage girl. Accoding to her the lady came to her house very early in the morning and asked to use the toilet in her house. She gave her water to use and the lady handed over a child to her with the intension of getting back the child after coming out from the Toilet. Behold the young Lady disappeared from the backyard. She reported the matter to the Police as well as the social welfare and child care unit. But up to now the biological mother of the child could not be found. Hence she calls for help from individual. Presently Nartoh comes to the CRC 2 One mile Kabala to worship. The Church has provided a little help to her to care for the child. Nartoh have named the little boy God's gift.



Baby God's gift

Nartoh Conteh with Godsgift.

FRIENDLY VISITS: It is always an excitement and encouragements when we are visited and encouraged by our partners. The year 2019 as I earlier mentioned, is starting in a positive note. Recently Dennis Degroot came with a team of partners of the mission work here especially that has to do with Education of our young ones, Chris Steenhof ,the principal of the Bulkley valley Christian School in Smithers as well as Garry and Lena Walker of the willougby CRC Vancouver all in BC Canada, from January 20-February 9] Though Chris, Garry and Lena have since returned , Dennis will be here till February 9.

They had the opportunity to visit the new CRC Schools coming up in some villages namely; Nanfayie, Firawa, Yarah, Yirah Filaya, Kondembaia, Dian sokurola, Shekuya, samabaia Bendugu, and Alakalia. They also have opportunity to see for the first time [especially for Chris, lena and Garry] to see the kabala Christian school. Pictures below shows some different places and schools visited:-



At the Kabala Christian school of the CRC –SL.



Visit at Shalom radio, a media ministry of

the CRC SL.



Interacting with kids at the Yirah Filayah crc primary school.



At Firawa crc nursery and primary school, also the team met with the village authority.



The Muslims imam who donated land to be use by Christian school in Firawa wvillage. Next picture is meeting with school committee in Diang Sukorola.



at yarah crc nursery school pupils ,learning to write.



Chris at Nanfayie. CRC Primary school. The smithers CRC have helped to build this school.



At shekuya , it was pathetic and shocking for the North American to see this place been used as a classroom. But on the right is the new structure World renew through CES is building to provide a good reading and learning environment for the pupils in Shekuya village.



At the newly started Alakalia crc primary school .

CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOOLS: Beside Kabala, and Nanfayie of most of the schools visited have no classroom building where the kids can sit and learn. Most of them use the church building auditorium as classroom on week days. While on Sunday it's used for worship. Secondly most of the teachers are volunteers who needed more training to be qualified as teachers.

THE MULTIPURPOSE CHURCH AND OFFICE BUILDING KABALA: We continue to give thanks to God for his provisions and the supports we are receiving towards the completion of this building and the radio coverage. So far we have made significance progress. We have paid for the plumbing materias as well as the plumber.

Our good building material friend s has again graciously loan us the required tiles needed for the rooms so that we can pay him later. Hence we have tiled all the rooms. But we still need to pay for the tiles and the cements. To complete now we still need to fix the glasses for the windows, and the electrical fitting. The doors now are all fixed.

To finish before moving in the following need to be done.

Payment for the tiles, cements, electrification it will cost \$7,865:00

Then there is a need to dig a deep water well and then connect the water to the building it will cost \$3,200: 00 , then the balance payment for the mason is \$2000.. Therefore total needed to complete our phase two building and move in will be **\$13,065:00**







PRAYER REQUEST:

1. Thank God for the growth of the church here in Sierra Leone.
2. Thank God for the new converts especially for Hauwa Conteh and her Daughter Kadiatu. That they will remain faithful in serving God despite all provocations and mockery that they may receive from their family members.
3. Pray for Nartoh Conteh as she cares for little Godsgift. That God will grant the child good health and provisions for Nartoh to care for him.
4. Pray for all the education ministry of the CRC especially for the schools that are coming up in the villages. Initially it was the Kabala Christian School alone, and now the humble beginning is seeing the light of the day as more schools are coming up. Pray that God will provide resources to build classrooms and give the teachers the required training to be able to be effective teachers.
5. Pray for the nation of Sierra Leone. The new administration has set up a commission of inquiry to investigate the former administration on how they have handled the country resources, in her efforts to fight corruption. The officials of the former administration have vowed not to cooperate with the commission and the government is threatening to crackdown on any person that refused to submit to the commission. This is raising a lot of tension. Pray that this will not result to any arm conflict in the nation,

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