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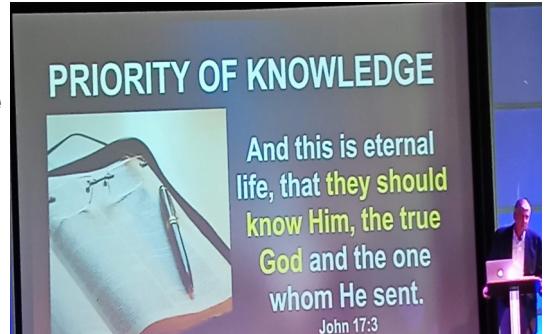
Beloved TE Friends,

Greetings of peace and joy of the Lord to you. In our June Newsletter we reported about the following:

1. ACSI Launch, 2. Adult Literacy, 3. Ongoing Discipleship, 4. Disciple Training in Bo, 5. English Literacy Phonics Training of Trainers.

In this letter we will give tell the progress in these areas and future plans so you can join us as the Lord leads.

We will give an update in these areas and others, as well as prayerfully look at the way forward.



1. Association for Christian Schools International (ACSI): I am

grateful for those who made it possible for me to attend the yearly Kingdom School Institute in Texas in June. While there I was encouraged in so many ways especially being with like minded people. I met the new ACSI President, Dr. Larry Taylor; the Director of Kingdom School Ministries, Dr. Glen Schultz; and Africans from Nigeria and Uganda who are registered with ACSI. There were many useful teachings and resources.

ACSI Sierra Leone: We are praying for and taking steps to hire an office coordinator.

ACSI offers PATHS to School Success training for school leaders. When the standards are met the school becomes an ACSI school for 3 years, then it is re-evaluated.

ACSI also offers Kingdom School Training for educators and students.

2. Adult Literacy: Since June TE has not directly conducted Adult Literacy Classes. One of the previous students is persistently asking for further classes. Do you or someone you know want to come work in the area of Adult Literacy and Numeracy. The Adult Literacy rate in Sierra Leone is less than 50%.

3. Ongoing Discipleship: Thankfully there is too much to report and we can't tell how the Holy Spirit is working as we faithfully sow.

Here is what Brother Abraham Bangura reports:

Since August 2018 I attended the 4 Fields Discipleship Making Training. This tool has helped me to be more productive in making disciples. After the August training I started one discipleship group with five people in the group. We meet every Saturday for two hours. After the meeting we all go out together in the community to reach people in our relationship map with whom we want to share the Gospel (Good News of Jesus' Love). I am mentoring four people from my church to have their own discipleship groups. Apart from my church discipleship group I have started two new groups—one in my parent house and one with youth from different churches that want to start discipleship groups in schools.

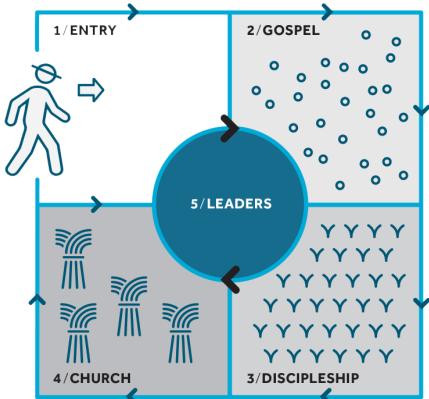
Currently the population is 20% Christian living in Sierra Leone. Our aim by 2028 is to see a population of 85% to 90% Christian everywhere in Sierra Leone active and starting more discipleship groups and churches.

Our aim is to train people in the entire 16 districts in Sierra Leone and to follow up and give moral support and encouragement as they start discipleship groups in every town and village.

God is using these 4 Fields Discipleship Making trainings to transform lives in Sierra Leone. Over 30 discipleship groups have been formed as a result of



August 2018 training and three have transformed into a church.



This web site provides helpful disciple making information:
<https://e3partners.org/training/>



4. Discipleship Training with a Goal of Every Area in Sierra Leone Reached.

Paul and Jesus set an example of sharing the Gospel, setting and accomplishing goals to reach whole regions. In Romans 15:23, Paul wrote, "But now that there are no further opportunities (no place left) for me in these regions,"

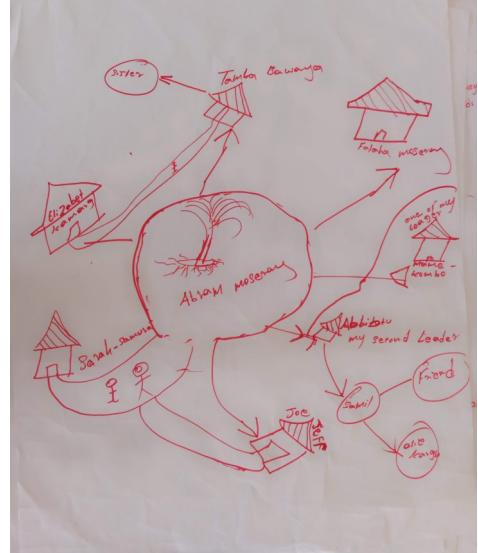
Thankfully there is too much to report and we cannot tell how the Holy Spirit is working as we faithfully sow, but below are some celebrations and faithful brothers and sisters who are making disciples throughout Sierra Leone.

4.A. June–August Training: Currently there is a team including Kassim, Augustine, Edward, Abraham Bangura and myself (Gwen) who have regularly met and who host trainings in the rural districts. Since our last newsletter (June) there was a five day training in Kono, in July were two follow up trainings in Freetown with American mentor Bill Smith. First Bill met with the core faithful implementers that emerged from the August 2018 training. Second the core leaders brought together and trained 30 new disciples whom they are disciplining from five different districts of Sierra Leone. In August the initial core leaders had a two day follow-up training in Kono then in Bo. Additionally they visited some of the newly started discipleship groups. As a result, eight new discipleship groups started in Kono District and 10 in Bo.

- Districts of Sierra Leone
- 1. *Bo
- 2. Bombali
- 3. Bonthe
- 4. Falaba
- 5. *Kailahun
- 6. *Kambia
- 7. Karene
- 8. Kenema
- 9. Koinadugu
- 10. *Kono
- 11. Moyamba
- 12. Port Loko
- 13. *Pujehun
- 14. Tonkolili
- 15.*Western Rural
- 16.*Western Urban



Abraham T. led a group of the participants in Limba Language. He works in Kambia District.



< Edward led a group of the participants in Mende Language. He coordinates the training and follow up in Bo District.



Kassim is making disciples of people in four different districts (Kono, Kailahun, Western Urban, Western Rural).

Seven Districts were represented at July's Discipleship training for trainers. Those trained plan to train individuals in groups in their District. They plan to make disciples of Christ, who will make other disciples, and develop them to start and lead Discipleship Groups or Churches.

4.B. Kambia District—Abraham Turay

Abraham Turay has been diligently, actively meeting with people in the villages where he lives in the Kambia District. He is actively working to raise up discipleship group leaders in five different villages because most of them don't have anyone to lead a church. 60 new believers were baptized since Abraham's participation in the August 2018 Discipleship Training.



The pictures show Abraham Turay and four of the people he is mentoring as they aim to maintain discipleship groups in their neighboring villages. They are pointing at Abraham Turay's Discipleship Map indicating which discipleship group on the map they represent.



USA TE Team going to Kambia to encourage the Disciples of Christ there. We are looking forward to Melvin (Gwen's Dad), Jack (TE Board Chairman), and Cindy (Sister in Christ) to join us November 6th-20th. The USA Team will be providing Training in Agriculture, Teaching Methodology and God Honoring Relationships.

Pictured in the field is the advance team who drove to Kambia from Freetown to make arrangements with members of the community. It is a five hour drive with some very rough roads. We are planning for a total of 75 participants.



During our visit, members of the church gifted us with chickens and cucumbers.



TE's Kingdom Growth goal is to strengthen and equip disciples to start and establish Discipleship Groups that mature disciples who generously do the same in obedience to God and for His glory.

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5. English Literacy Phonics Training of Trainers.

We have had the opportunity to train two groups of 25 in the first of three levels with the aim of Training of Trainers, and to observe implementation in the classroom.

Please join us in fervent prayer:

1. That those trained will have success as they implement methods and that they will intentionally train others.
2. For a USA Teacher Training team to join us in Training phonics Trainers from middle July–August 2020. This would be a huge help to the nation and for God's Kingdom.



Transformation Education is creating the TE English Literature Academy (TEELA) with courses to certify teachers to be trainers of English Literacy using Phonics.



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*teachers

who will teach from the books.

*students

who will learn from them.



Malawi Children of the Nations

It is a blessing to be part of the Barton Family—Children of the Nations, Malawi Team. The Barton Family, owners of Safe Kitchens, love God and love people. They continued to seek and follow God's guidance for a way to sustainably support orphans through a restaurant business. They discovered graduates from the orphanage Children of the Nations had written up a business plan together with their college business classmates and professor from a Christian College to start a coffee shop.

A few of us from Sierra Leone were blessed with the opportunity to join them and prayerfully see how the experience can benefit God's Kingdom in Sierra Leone. We cooked the local way with families in the villages, shared with some women's groups, shared business ideas, saw their projects and spent quality time with some children all in addition to the launching of the coffee shop. It was an encouraging learning and networking experience.

Being in the South East part of Africa provided an opportunity to visit my cousins Patrick, wife Lena, and children in their mission field in Tanzania. It was a blessing to learn from other cultures, organizations, and missionaries.



Praise:

- ◆ Phonics Training interest, there were participants from Guinee
- ◆ Disciples are maturing and leading
- ◆ License to reproduce valuable phonic materials for teachers and children. (EZ2 READ)
- ◆ Copy and Book Making Team that is competent, compassionate and responsible
- ◆ USA Team: Those coming to work with us, the Boards, and Front Line Team
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- ◆ Barton Family, Safe Kitchens, and Children of the Nations

Prayer Points:

- ◆ May God, out of His glorious riches, strengthen the new Christians, the leaders, the teachers, parents, and students with power through His Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. That we all being rooted and established in love, may have power together to know how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. May we know His love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
- ◆ For Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that works in us. To Him be glory throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. (Eph. 3:16-21)



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You are invited to join Transformation Education as we join God through our prayers and actions in the following goals for Sierra Leone that by 2028:

1. We aim for an exponential increase in maturing disciples of Christ. Currently 10-20% of Sierra Leoneans are Christians. We pray and work toward at least 85%.
2. Biblical integration and Phonics in 85% of SL schools, also spreading into 1/3rd of the schools in other Anglophone countries (Liberia, Gambia, Ghana).
3. Basic English Literacy and Numeracy for 85% of SL citizens.
4. Beautiful Feet short YouTube videos (at least seven) made that highlight Christians sharing the Gospel. (Romans 10:15)

