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We celebrate that God is faithful to work all things for the good of those who love Him and are called for His purposes. His ways are higher than ours and His thoughts greater than ours by far! Do we trust Him? I admit that sometimes I am like Peter and I take my eyes off Christ because of the storms around me. When He graciously brings us through storms I look back in awe of how wonderfully God orchestrated the events. I have been singing songs like Trust and Obey and Yes, Yes Lord, to my baby Melanie reminding us. May we be quick to listen, obey, praise, thank and testify of His love, grace and mercy that endure forever.

Covid was worse after the Christmas holiday here in Sierra Leone. Those affected most are people in contact with international travelers. Thankfully schools and churches have been able to remain open if they follow the restrictions.

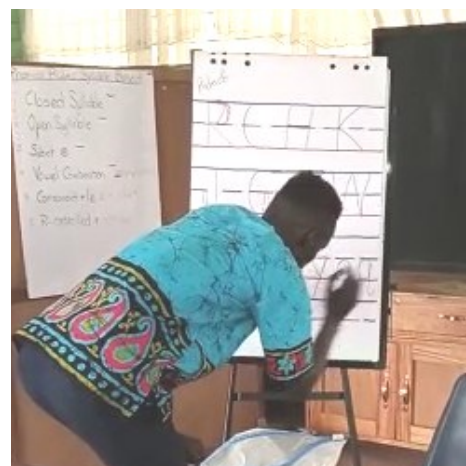
LITERACY TRAINING

Since schools are open Transformation Education has redirected our attention from the Radio Teaching Program, sponsored by UNICEF in collaboration with government, to training teachers in person. Our first Level Three Phonics Training had three participants who are impacting many with their knowledge. They are making excellent progress.

One participant Padita has been designated by her school to be the Phonics teacher for Kindergarten through Second Grade. She uses the reading resources provided by Transformation Education and she shares them with her colleagues. She says, teaching and learning the letter sounds and blending letter sound skills, have caused the most significant change, increasing reading abilities at her school.

Mabel and Patrick are reading coaches with the job of taking the students out of their classes 5 times a week to provide one on one support. They say the most significant change they have noticed from the training is from implementing "Word Attack" and "Stuck on a Word" reading strategies. Instead of giving the reading student the answer when they are stuck on a word, they ask the student questions that will help the child discover the answer for themselves.

During Level 3 Training we evaluated the trainers ability to train others to teach the following: Handwriting, 42 Sounds in English, Manipulating the sounds, Discovering sound patterns, Blending and Segmenting them as an approach to increasing pronunciation, reading, writing, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

**MISSIONARY, PEGGY CUMMINGS DIED.**

Many have heard the Gospel, participated in a Bible School, lead house churches and developed life skills as a result of the Hope of Glory Ministry she started!

We believe and pray that Hope of Glory will continue to go from Glory to Glory. Her dream of Sierra Leone to be united in Christ lives through many of her spiritual children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

The tributes at her memorial service were "Wow! Mama Peggy is missed."

FAITHFUL DISCIPLE MAKERS:

Those we trained with 4 Fields continue to report positive results and impact as they are making disciples in their communities.

Here is a report from Abraham Turray in rural Kambia District:

These are the members of the Kalinti fellowship. The Fullah, Susu and Limba tribes stay in this community for different reasons. The Fullahs take care of cattle, the Susu tribe are traditional healers. The Limba are the landlords and farmers. All these tribes are Muslim dominated tribes.

Three citizens were Muslim before I came, one member by the name of Mr. Samah who is now a Christian asked me to come and teach him and his family how to make Disciples for Christ. This is how the work started here, as the saying goes, "Teach One to Reach One." In Matthew 28:18-20 there are four important references to the word "ALL" Jesus says, (1) "Teach ALL nation," (2) "teach ALL things that I have commanded you." These two are our responsibility. Jesus says, (3) ALL the power belongs to me." and that (4) He will be with us ALWAYS. Those are His responsibilities. My prayer is that among these people, God will bless us with faithful disciples who will go and reach others in Jesus name. Amen.

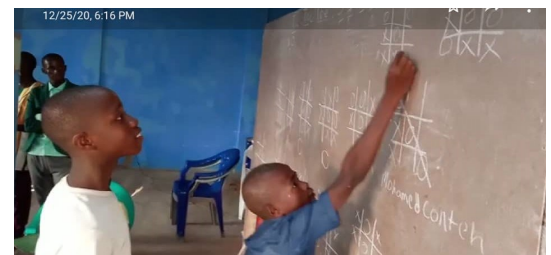
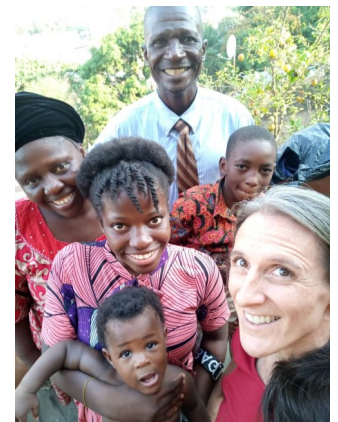
Brother Abraham Turay
Kambia District Tonko Limba Chiefdom Northern Sierra Leone.
God bless you for your prayers Shalom

We have brother villages such as: Layia Gboray, Lungi, Sanama, Kamathara, Konta, Kabialor, Faiyah, Malikia, Mafafila, Katharine, Massagalie and Madina where Pastor JT Kanu is staying, In Karana District we have four villages and they're doing well, only Coronavirus stop some of us meeting.

CHILDREN'S HOME

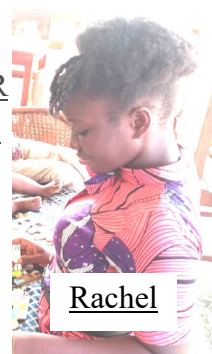
Safe Kitchen and friends provided resources for a Happy Christmas for a children's home. The got to swim and eat at a hotel, and choose a Christmas gift to unwrap on Christmas day and more!!

They are financing Chess coaching and Piano lessons, football training and more for the children! It is encouraging to partner with them.



\$100 PER YEAR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

See their stories
on the cover.



Rachel



Balla

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

We have also been sorting the items that were sent on the containers. We are very grateful for the valuable educational resources even though they provide a time consuming challenge to sort them, and discover who will best benefit from them. We keep some as resources and give most of it to schools.

- ♦ Children's Story Books: Even though many of the children are not able to read the books, the pictures help them. The children get inspired to read now that they finally have books available to them.
- ♦ Educator's Books: These have been very resourceful in helping me prepare, train and equip the teachers and teacher trainers.
- ♦ Christian Literature: These have been shared with colleges, counseling centers, book stores, church groups, individuals, and various discipleship groups. As we sow the seed we pray and trust that it does not return empty.

Transformation Education, based on our mission to increase the quality and quantity of Disciples of Christ and Literate Citizens, prioritize resources useful for teaching literacy and Christian living.

*Specific Needs (For further details contact me.)

- Role Models, coaches, mentor, teachers, friends for every walk of life.
- Reading curriculum: Relevant early and emergent reading systematic and sequential curriculum for schools.
- Christian Growth Resources: Bibles: (Audio, Video, Printed) Kid's, Picture, Easy Reading, Study Bibles, Bibles in their language or English, Bible Study Guides for various ages and maturity, materials to help people know and grow as children in Christ.

ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL (ACSI)

The Sierra Leone chapter celebrated its third anniversary!

Recently we have promoted schools to participate in the February 23rd ACSI Global Day of Prayer and in a Zoom Conference Training with the Nigerian ACSI leaders, on the 27th.

BOARD

Transformation Education Board Members are WOW!
They are compassionate, competent, experienced, and helpful. Thanks be to God!

TE has a USA board and a Sierra Leone Board, for which we are very grateful. They give legal and professional administrative guidance and assistance.



PEN PAL PROJECT

It is a pleasure to join my Junior High Principal, Dr. Armendia Dixon in the **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MENTORING PROGRAM**. Transformation Education will be coordinating pen pals from Sierra Leone to communicate with the USA participants.

NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

The neighbors are hungry. So they say. Every week, I get a request from different neighbors for food, water, or Bible Study. Thankfully we have interviewed and plan to hire two Christian leaders to disciple members of the community.

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Ephesians 1:16-21

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

SCHOLARSHIPS: \$100 A YEAR TRANSFORMS MANY LIVES!

Since 2016 Delta Kappa Gamma, South Carolina Chapter has donated Scholarships to girls through Transformation Education.

Without the scholarship Precious Jackson would not have had the chance to attend school. **With \$100 per year support, Precious is the first in her class at Methodist Girls High School.**



Rachel's father never completed elementary school, yet the **\$100 per year makes it possible for her to aspire to be an engineer.**

Balla is a Head Teacher from a village in the Kambia District, which is a few hours from Freetown. She and many of her teachers are working without teacher training, because they lack finances for the college courses. She proactively cares for the members of the community. Transformation Education is helping pay tuition so she can attend distance education training, which meets during school holidays. The fee is **\$100 per year.**