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Dear praying friend,

How quickly time flies! Christmas is almost upon us, but most Sierra Leoneans hardly take notice as the global economic down-turn takes its toll on us. Most people say: "It's only by God's grace that we survive." And we are no exception to this testimony; hence we join together with our brethren and raise our hands to the Lord in praise for the shower of his love upon us. Hallelujah!



Augusta brings Christmas cheer

For the last year our ministry has been in leadership transition, during which time I have been largely engaged in working closely with Pastor Daniel Bona (senior pastor of one of our congregations – Grace Christians in Action Church). My assignment has been to teach a weekly Bible study and lead the Couples Fellowship, while Augusta serves with the women, teaches the children in Sunday School, and leads the ushering team. Outside the church, her passion for impoverished children and the aged has led her to engage in feeding large groups of these disadvantaged people on special occasions. As her husband, I have often watched her go through the rigors of arranging her team in preparing food for those poor little

angels and sharing the love of Christ with them.

Her most recent feeding program was held in Mano, in the Southern part of the country, where she fed about 450 children and elderly people (I believe you will have already seen the report.). Augusta is now trusting the Lord for provision for another feeding this Christmas in the village of Grafton, on the outskirts of Freetown, and asks that you would pray with her for this need. She is projecting to once again feed some 450 children and seniors.

In the early part of November I had the opportunity to accompany the Wiebe family to Bunce Island, with its ruined slave trading fortress, and the Banana Islands. I recall, during our first visit to Bunce Island several years



First 'River Ministry' trip - confident before hitting rough water

ago, when Ken and I discussed the possibility of starting what we coined as a "River Ministry". Since I am a poor swimmer, and was brought up in a family that feared small rivers, let alone the open sea, I quickly dismissed the idea by telling him that it was fine, but that I needed time to think about it. On our way back to Freetown on that occasion we were met by rough water, which had me holding tightly to the boat, and trembling with fear, as the waves splashed water on my face. When Ken took notice of it, he teased me. Since then he has been asking me about the river ministry, but I always put him off by saying, "I still have that in mind."



Leaving for the Banana Islands



The Wiebe family, beginning their tour of Ricketts

Not until this last visit and tour around the Banana Islands, when we got to the second island and landed at the small and desperately poor village of Ricketts, with a population of about 200 people, did I have any idea that such a place existed within the territories of Sierra Leone. I stayed at the church to talk with some of the church people while the others were given a tour of the village. As I left Ricketts I was filled with a burden for the people. Arriving home, I shared our experience with Augusta and she was quick to show interest. To my amazement she said, "Let's go there at Easter to feed and play the Jesus Film for them." Since then it has become our prayer that the Lord will provide us

with the possibility to share the Easter with them. Ken also is keen to return to the islands to minister with us.

I must share one more testimony with you: Our children, Chris and Eleanor, successfully passed their exams; Chris is now in college, and Eleanor was promoted to the Senior Secondary school (SSS1), or eleventh grade in other words. We want to thank the Lord for his hand over our lives in caring for our wellbeing, and especially meeting to the needs of our children. We also thank God for you, as you were a channel he used to bless us. Each blessing we receive from you counts for so much. On behalf of my family I want to thank you for standing with us in prayer and also for supplying our needs through your financial contributions for us and our ministry.



The Methodist Church, typical of the island's poverty

Prayer Requests:

1. Our ministry in Sierra Leone is still searching for a successor; please pray that the Lord would lead us to recognize the right person for this position.
2. Also pray for the feeding program already scheduled for this Christmas, that the Lord will provide the \$3000 we need to bless both the seniors and children.
3. Continue to pray for Ricketts village, that our plans to share the love of Christ with them through feeding and showing the Jesus Film will become a reality.
4. Our children, Chris and Eleanor, need prayer for adjustment to their new school class and college, and for the supply of their needs.

We are also praying for you that the Lord will especially meet your family needs and give us all a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Until then, God bless you.

Yours in His service,

Christian & Augusta Kallon

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