

Trip Update

24th October – 13th November



From Ali & Lorraine

Dear Friends,

We returned from Sierra Leone on 13th November, two days ahead of schedule due to a flight cancelation. There are always positives in these things. It meant we managed to see our son Matthew in London before getting the train home.



We arrived in Lunghi at 2.15am, this is the first time we flew with Royal Air Maroc, and the flight times are not the best, but again on the positive we collected our bags and were through the airport in record time. We slept for a few hours in the home of a Christian family who live near the airport and at 7:45 we were on the road to the ferry to cross to Freetown where we would get the bus to Kenema. We left Freetown around 11:15am and arrived in Kenema at around 5:15pm where we called in the supermarket to buy the essential powdered milk for our brews and doxycycline our anti Malaria drugs. We were back on the road, in a taxi this time and arrived in Kailahun around 8:30pm where we were greeted with jollof rice prepared by Mummy Gloria. We ate and went straight to bed.

On Saturday we visited 'The Promised Land'. It was great to see the 'Caretakers House' completed and to be able to draw water from our very own water well. The first crop of casava is growing well and we were able to witness the first fruits of that crop being harvested. What a blessing to see a very bountiful first fruits. While we were at the land it started to thunder and not long after the rain came. We got soaked through as we travelled home in the pouring rain on motorbikes, though the rainbow over the land was a great encouragement. We spent a further day on the land praying and seeking God that the land would be fruitful, and that there would be



They ran out of tiles!



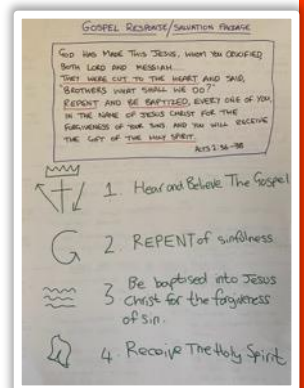
an abundance of everything planted or reared there. ‘The Promised Land’ is hallowed ground and the fruits of the labour of all involved will be extraordinary. It really is a special place.

You may remember in our last update prior to our trip, we asked if anyone felt led to help financially with the next phase of the development. We said we would be starting work on the Chicken Houses in November after the rains. At the time we sent out the update, we were challenged by the Lord not to put a figure out there and to trust Him. We can now tell you that we were able to send £1,000 to begin work on the foundations of the chicken houses. Ken has been advised by the department of agriculture to build two structures so that they can separate the chickens. These are not small chicken sheds they will be 30’ x 30’ purpose built chicken houses; the plan is to begin with 100 chickens, we will breed, sell eggs and sell chickens. We are hoping work will start within the next couple of weeks.

So far on this project God has provided just at the right time, the exact amount of money that has been needed. God is teaching us big lessons here, Lorraine in particular, as she is a planner and an organiser and likes to have everything in place. As we move forward our faith needs to increase, but we are trusting Him and growing in our personal walk with our Lord who provides all that we need just at the time it is needed. Jehovah Jireh!

Teaching and Preaching.

On Saturday we had a full day’s discipleship training with the local pastors and leaders that we are currently working with. It was a full day on the gospel message which was received well and resulted in some requests for baptism. On the Sunday’s we preached in church. The first Sunday Lorraine spoke and called the church to stand up and be counted in Gods end time army, encouraging the church to Go and make disciples in these end of the end days. The second Sunday, Ali spoke about living for Jesus in the power of Holy Spirit. On the final Sunday Lorraine spoke about being obedient and doing the things God calls us to do, that He has a plan and a purpose for everyone. We also did 1 day #NPL trainings in Mobai, Nyanyahun and in the church in Kailahun. Each of these training days end by the team going out into the community and sharing the gospel with all who will listen. It’s great seeing people straight away putting into practice all that they have learnt.





We also had the great privilege of visiting a local drop-in centre for people struggling with alcohol and drug addiction. We were able to preach the gospel and then between the five of us who visited we were able to talk and minister one to one with those who were wanting to know more about Jesus. We saw incredible deliverance during this ministry time. Ken and the team will return to baptise those wanting to move forward and they will start a discipleship group here. It was a real confirmation for us as we looked at the parallels between here and Grace Ministries in Morecambe, a drop in that Ali heads up. Interesting the man running this place is also called Ali.



Thank you.

We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our friends and supporters. Without you we could not do what we are doing. We know that the long-term vision of making disciples who make disciples is Gods heart. Currently our discipleship ministry continues to grow, and we continue to make disciples as we go. We are constantly training people to fulfil the great commission of Matthew 28:18-20

“GO and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded”

It is working and we are so humbled. ‘The Promised Land’ development continues in the background, as we continue to make disciples both in Africa and in the UK until **#NoPlaceLeft**

If you are interested in knowing more about #NPL training, please get in touch. We have a team who can come and train in your locality, or you are welcome to come to one of our training events in Morecambe.

This is Gods vision, Gods land, and He will finish what He has started!!!

We now need funds to complete the two structures to house the chickens and to buy the poultry. We are trusting God that the funds will be available as we need them. If you feel that you can help, that would be a real blessing and will take us nearer to making Maranatha Christian Outreach Ministries self-sustainable, which is our goal.

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If you would like to give financially to 'The Promised Land' development, then our bank details are above. As stated previously we do have a 'Go Fund Me' page running, though it is better for us if you can give directly, as funds through Go Fund me take over a month to hit our bank account. If, however, you would prefer to use 'Go Fund Me' [the link is here.](#)

We are so excited as we see God working in and through the ministry. Even this week Ken has remained in Freetown and on Tuesday he is holding a training day where he has 10 leaders from different denominations coming together, he will train them how to GO and make disciples who make disciples.

The work is moving and growing, and momentum is building.

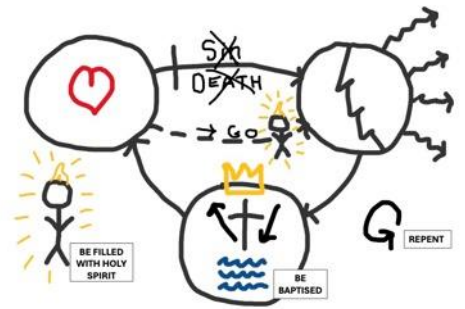


What a privilege it was to be able to donate 150 Lifewater Kits to families in a village called Nyanyahun. Nyanyahun is about a 20 min motor bike ride away from Kailahun Town. Prior to the distribution we gathered the team together who would be helping with the distribution and did some refresher training with them. Together, we spent a few hours preparing the buckets and lids. 300 buckets and lids had to have small holes burnt into them so that the filters and taps could be fitted. It was great to see the team using initiative and arranging themselves into a production line. To make the holes we needed to heat a small metal ring in the fire and then push it through the plastic to burn a hole. The holes then needed to be tidied up with a blade so as the taps and filters would fit snugly. We then provided a well-deserved meal prepared by Mummy Gloria and her team of ladies, which was enjoyed by all.

We travelled to Nyanyahun on three consecutive days to distribute the kits that will provide safe and clean drinking water for between 800 to 1,000 people for years to come. As well as showing them how to assemble the kits, we talked about the dangers of water borne disease, and the importance of drinking clean water which is a massive problem in Africa. The recipients were also instructed in the use of the filter kits and how to clean and maintain them.

We obviously never miss an opportunity to share the gospel and those receiving the clean water kits also heard the message of the Living Water. It was such a privilege to be part of this distribution.

The Monday after the distribution we travelled back to Nyanyahun and did a half day #NoPlaceLeft Training, teaching our team and others who joined them how to effectively share the gospel using the 3 Circles Gospel Tool. We then split into teams and spent the afternoon in the village sharing the gospel with any who would listen. It was so good to see the young people confidently and effectively sharing the Good News of Jesus.



Prior to leaving Kailahun we spent a further two days with the team in the village visiting each house that had received a kit. We checked that they had prepared a stand to house the kit and that the kit was assembled well and was working correctly. What an amazing privilege it was to visit these people in their homes. We are so grateful to Lifewater UK for trusting us with this distribution and we are so thankful to all the sponsors that made it possible.

Ultimately, we must give God all the glory, without Him none of this would happen.

Pray with us

Thank you to all of you, for reading our update and for standing with us as we continue to serve God in Sierra Leone. If you are not able to help financially at this time, we would really appreciate your prayers.

We are very aware that the key to seeing this vision come to pass is prayer.

Please join us in Giving thanks to God:

- For all that He has done so far in providing for us to get to where we are right now. Providing just the right amount of money as it is needed. We give God all the glory.
- For His protection as we travel.

- For the work of MCOM as we continue to use and teach #NoPlaceLeft and see the ministry growing and spreading as a result.
- For our team in Sierra Leone especially Ken and Gloria, Baby Rejoice and Sorie, Kpandeh and their families, who work closely with Ken in all areas of the ministry.

Join us as we pray:

- For provision of funds to get our vehicle back on the road as soon as possible.
- For a righteous Land Manager, to live in the house that we have built. To oversee the work on site and to work closely with the team in Kailahun as we move forward with "The Promised Land Development".
- For the finances needed to complete the building work on the poultry houses, to purchase the poultry and to commence the foundations of 'Maranatha House'.
- For financial provision as it is needed, to keep the discipleship ministry growing and moving forward.
- For Holy Spirit to drive more workers out in to the harvest.
- For Ken & Gloria as they serve God faithfully, working tirelessly to see the vision come to pass and look after Baby Rejoice in the midst of it all. Rejoice is full of energy and never stops. Pray that they will find the right help to assist with the care of Rejoice.
- For all those who have been trained in disciple making through this ministry, that they will continue to grow and live lives obedient to Gods call. That they will make many disciples who will make disciples, and we will see multiplication.

We love and appreciate all our friends and supporters, please get in touch if you want to know any more about our work. If you would like us to come and share at your church or group, we would be happy to do that. If you would like to know more about #NoPlaceLeft, we can come as part of a team to train you, your church or group in simple evangelism tools. This has transformed our ministry in both Africa and at home in Morecambe.

Blessings from,
Ali and Lorraine



Please pray for us and our family, as we continue to share the gospel and make disciples who make disciples, both in Africa and at home in Morecambe, UK. We will continue until **#NoPlaceLeft**

