



BWM NEWS

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
John 1:5*

Disaster Relief - NC

Rev. Chris Thore joined a 15-man team with the Richard Petty Race Team to serve with the Methodist Disaster Relief in Lumberton, NC. They worked on 5 houses but report that there are still hundreds that need to be cleaned out. Rev. David Merritt is also forming a team to Fayetteville in January 2017. The Bethania Moravian Church is collecting supplies. Check out www.moravianmission.org/engage/disaster/ for how you can help.

If interested in joining a team, contact Justin Rabbach: justin@moravianmission.org.



Welcome in Sierra Leone

Eighteen hours of flight time, followed by 10 hours on the road, with the last 9 miles on gravel and often through knee-deep mud (praise God for the Land Cruiser!), Bishop Sam Gray and I finally entered the town of Ngiehun and were greeted by a swarm of youth and children who sang, played the drums and paraded us through the town to the Moravian Church. Every time we went walking, the children would cry “pumwi” for foreigner, and would give a big smile when we sent back a wave. The chiefs of the village also welcomed us and told us this is our home. Come any time.

Sam and I were visiting in order to review the ministry of Rev. Mohamed and Safie Braima in this mission area of the Unity. The church in Ngiehun has over 300 participants and there are growing numbers at the outstations in Morfindor and Baoma. There is the potential for two new groups forming in Kailahun. We reviewed the development of their Book of Order, teaching material, and other processes for their church.

On Sunday a large crowd worshipped with us in Baoma,

Light of the World

Safie Braima tells the story of a child who had been under the spell of voodoo, which is a common practice in Sierra Leone. The child would periodically go into a trance and have disturbing visions. Safie brought her to the church and much prayer was given over her, with a gradual release from the spells.

We see the power of God working mightily in our global churches—bringing healing and release from that which binds people. In our independent and self-sufficient world in North America, we sometimes forget how much we need this God who loves us and wants to be active in our lives. In these times of seemingly increasing political discord and turmoil throughout the world, God calls us to step back from our self-focus and turn again to this Prince of Peace, who came to be light in our darkness.

We pray that this Christmas season you draw closer to this Lord of Love, this Prince of Peace, that you might see even more clearly and testify to his work in your life and within our church today.

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served by Pastor Braima Aruna. Pastor James Lansana was commissioned as an acolyte, to serve the Sierra Leone church in the absence of Br. Mohamed. Sam and I had the joy of baptizing 70 children and adults.

The Junior Secondary School is doing well with over 200 students registered. The new solar system provided by Little Church on the Lane has been wonderful, allowing students to study at night. They hope to set up a computer lab soon, and are looking for equipment to develop a science lab, which is required before



opening the high school. They are also looking for Antioch servants to come for 6 to 8 weeks at a time to help at the school, e.g. with the computer lab, French classes, or science classes. Contact Jill Kolodziej at: jill@moravianmission.org if you are interested!



Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support of this ministry. There are dreams for a primary school so that children can learn

Christian values and Moravian understandings from the beginning. They also would love a Christian radio station and maybe even wireless one day! Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

Judy Ganz

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