



SCRIPTURE UNION SIERRA LEONE

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Greetings

A blessed New Year greetings to you. Beloved, as we reflect on the operations of the ministry in the year 2018, the Executive and management of Scripture Union Sierra Leone wish to acknowledge and appreciate your various forms of support. You have supported us prayerfully, financially and through your service / in kind. Our ministry's achievements for the past year are a sum total of the support of all our partners and friends; and the faithful implementation of our staff and volunteers. You are indeed one of our valuable ministry partners. God will surely reward you as He promised in 1 Cor. 15:58. Issues in this edition of newsletter therefore, seek to present an overview of some key events, activities or ministry the Lord enabled us to accomplish in 2018.

We anticipate greater partnership and achievements in the current year.

➔ Donations

Through partnership with Sierra Leone Agape Voluntary Effort (SAVE) USA, we received donation of two motorcycles for the purpose of evangelism in schools. These were stationed at South East and Western regions (one each). These motorcycles were more operational from **January** for school ministry in the regional towns and a few operational areas close by. While we remain thankful to SAVE and the donor organization, we wish to request for more motorcycles for effective ministry operations in the far ends of the regions like Kono and Kailahun in the East, Kambia in the North West and Rutile Areas in the South of the country.



In response to the need to secure office equipment for Western Region, Rev Canon Dr Modupe Taylor – Pearce (former National Chairman in the 70s) launched and pioneered a fundraising project in which he solicited funds from veteran members of SU Sierra Leone. With this donation, the region was able to purchase one brand new laptop, one desktop computer and one printer. We are grateful to all who contributed towards this venture.

➔ Outreach

For far too long, SU ministry operations in Western Region had not gone beyond Hamilton in the peninsular Area. In May 2018, we went on outreach to Sussex and established five (5) school groups. Two volunteers of Scripture Union in the South East region also extended the ministry to Blama and Segbema in the Eastern part of the Country. Volunteers in these areas need motorcycles for effective ministry. *Kindly pray with us for God's provision.*

Throughout the year, we received several 'Macedonia calls' by people who might have encountered SU in one area and upon transfer to other areas desire the establishment of the same.



They were either teachers, Secondary school pupils or Pastors. In some cases, they are new schools established by Churches who invite SU to take over to instill Christian values in the life the pupils. During our School outreach ministries, we discovered that some groups were established under the umbrella of SU without the knowledge of the regional office because for them, SU as a specialized organization for school ministry. We have had to take over and ensure effective Christian ministry. The challenge now is having few staff and volunteers to adequately manage the groups. *May the Lord send us more willing and faithful volunteers and provide them motorcycles. Matt 9:37*



A Day with the Lord

On the National Independence holiday of 27th April, we held a day seminar for youths from various schools referred to as “A Day with the Lord”. This program which was planned by executive of Central Meeting of Secondary schools attracted 70 participants from various secondary schools and were drawn from three operational areas within the Western region.



The Seminar was held at the Scripture Union hall in Freetown. Topics covered and respective facilitators include:

1. Who is a Leader? By Rev Simeon Y. Yonda
2. Career Choice by Bro. James Sesay
3. Me and my Future - Bro Victor Ekaegbu
4. Battle for the Young - Bro. Emmanuel Gborie



➔ **School Executive Training**

Training of school group executive was held for four Areas (East, Central, West and Peninsular) . These trainings as usual are meant to equip school executives on how to function effectively in their different school groups along with understand the ministry of SU. Topics covered in the trainings were:

1. History of Scripture Union Sierra Leone
2. SU Ethos
3. How to Run a SU School Group
4. Functions of different Executive members

As leadership changes on yearly bases, it becomes imperative to train and retrain succeeding leaders. The program focuses on leadership development, helps to sustain SU Ethos from one generation to the other and guides incoming leaders on how to maintain healthy ministry in their different schools.



The trainings were held on three different occasions and locations with 129 School group leaders from 30 schools. They were in batches from Freetown West and the Peninsular, Freetown East and Freetown Central Areas.

From all the Areas where these trainings were conducted, participants asked lots of questions especially on the roles of the school group officers, as some schools had leaders in offices that were not in line with the standard SU school group offices. This created opportunity for harmonization. We are grateful to God that the officers from different school groups were equipped to carry out their different roles effectively in their respective school groups. These have helped young people to unlock their leadership potentials.

➡ Condolences

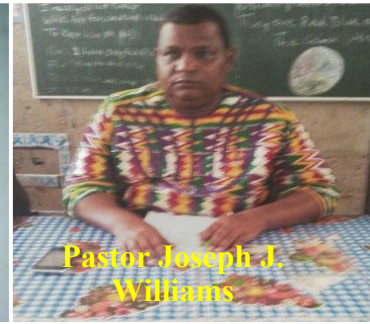
Called to eternity with the Lord were three of our faithful and committed members: Mrs Emma Dupigny, a sponsor of SU group at Methodist Boys High School and regular financier of the ministry. She passed away on the 13th January. Dr Walter Sydney Marcus-Jones will be remembered for providing free legal service to SUSL and together with his wife (deceased) donated a property to the ministry situated in the capital city of Freetown. He died on the 1st February.



Mrs Emma Dupigny



Dr. Marcus-Jones



Pastor Joseph J. Williams

Also, Pastor Joseph J Williams served as contact person for SUSL HIV and AIDS project in Lungi for many years. He served as member of Lungi Area Committee in the Western Region and on Council for six years. He was called home on the 8th October 2018. Other faithful members who passed away in their regions will be remembered for their contributions in diverse ways.

➡ Testimony

Production of Daily Devotional guide is a major ministry in Scripture Union which helps people of all ages to meet God regularly through the Bible and Prayer. We were encouraged by the testimony of **Miss Fatmata Fullah** a lecturer at the Freetown Teachers College. She travelled from the outskirts of Freetown to SU Headquarter office to explain her testimony. "Ever since I came in touch with your Daily Guide, I have been using it every year. I came to buy a copy here just so as to have opportunity to share my experience using it in 2018. Sometime last year, I was going through a certain challenge and needed God's direction on the matter. As I continued using the SU Daily Guide during my quiet time, God spoke to me in a unique way through His Word in one of the passages in June. This became a turning point for a long standing issue. I am so grateful to God and appreciate Scripture Union. I will appeal to you to send copies to my church bookshop so other people will have access to it".

➡ **Vacation Youth Camp 2018**

Vacation camps were held from 22nd to 27th July in all three regions simultaneously on the theme **“Passing godly mandates to Faithful Youths”** from 2 Tim. 2:2. Youths in the western region converged at Prison’s Training School in Waterloo, Pate Bana Marank near Makeni city in North Kono and Bo city in the South East region. There were various group sessions for Bible Study and practical Christianity. Also, plenary sessions were held for Bible Exposition (on the theme) and selective topics like, Choices



and their Consequences, Right and Responsibilities of Citizens, Effect of Exam Malpractices, Health Talk on Effect of Drug Abuse and Sex and Sexuality.



Among the speakers at these camps was Kpandei Tucker, the National Director of Scripture union SL who did an extensively Bible exposition on various instructions given by Paul to be transmitted by faithful people for the sustenance of godliness in every generation. About fifteen youths had salvation experience and many others rededicated their lives to the Lord. Most youths attended camp for the first time and had thrilling experiences.



Outdoor Exercise



Group Picture

➡ Visit of Tony Nanzah to SU Sierra Leone

We received capacity development support from SU International in the form of Staff and Council Training from 25th to 27th October. Tony Nanzah, the SU International Field Development Director for Anglophone Africa was the training facilitator. The Training was held at SU Headquarter hall in Freetown. Topics pertinent to effective operations and functioning of Staff and Council members in the movement were discussed. Indeed, the training was an eye-opener to all participants. Council had not been trained for a very long time and this was a great opportunity. Tony was really a blessing as the sessions focused on strengthening the weak aspects of the movement. We are deeply grateful to Monica Kuschmierz (the SU Intl Director) and the entire Global Leadership. We kindly request that such training to be conducted bi-annually.

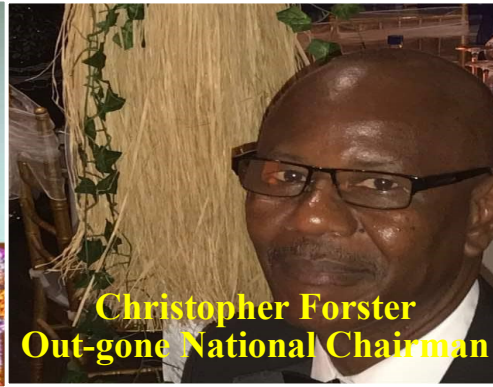


➡ Farewell

The National Council bade farewell to the former Chairman, Mr Christopher Forster and a cross section of the Executive Committee at the Council meeting in June 2018. Christo who was very supportive of the management and often represented the movement at international meetings, successfully ended second term of a total of 6years. He was replaced by **Rev Roselyn Freeman** who had been Chairman of Moyamba Area Committee and National Council member from 2007 to 2013. She is the first female National Chairman of SU Sierra Leone.



Roselyn Freeman
Current National Chairman

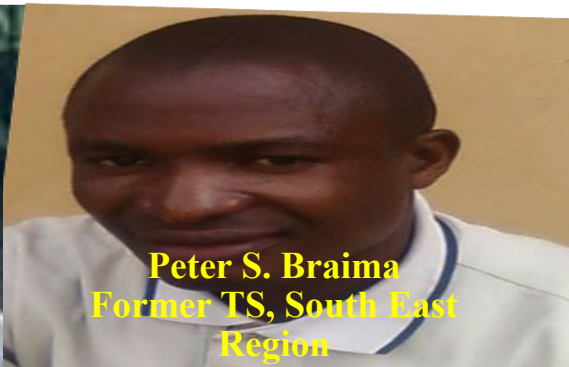


Christopher Forster
Out-gone National Chairman

Two former Training Secretaries concluded their service with the ministry and the Executive Committee and management bade them farewell. We wish them well in their future pursuits and pastoral ministry. While Pastor Peter Sahr Braima served at the South East Region and left in October, Pastor Joanes Augustus Pieh served at the North Kono Region and resigned in November. As we consider replacement through due process of recruitment, Mr Paul Jigba and Mrs Olivia Isatu Koroma are current acting in the respective regions.



Joanes A. Pieh
Former TS, North Kono
Region



Peter S. Braima
Former TS, South East
Region

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