

The Church in Sierra Leone— Historical Background

Sierra Leone was founded in the 1780s as a place for freed British ex-slaves to resettle in Africa. It became a British Crown Colony in 1806, the year before the slave trade was outlawed.

In January of 1792, 1,200 former American slaves who had fought on the British side in the Revolutionary War— then emigrated to Nova Scotia, where they were unable to obtain land of their own — arrived in Sierra Leone and settled in Freetown. The expenses of their voyage were paid for by the British government. They had become Christians while in North America and carried their "boisterous Christianity" with them back to Africa defining their new culture in Christian terms, and spreading its message to all in Sierra Leone who would listen.

The Lutheran Church-- Missouri Synod began work in Sierra Leone in 1983. LCMS World Mission was forced to evacuate this field in February 1995 because of civil war. At that time, LCMS World Mission supported work among the Kono, Mende and Krio peoples. The primary work was evangelism and leadership training. There was also a rural health-care program. During the war, national leaders ministered to members and started work among refugees abroad.

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... being trained in the words of the faith, and of the sound doctrine you have been taught . . . (1 Tim. 4:6)

For the past three years, Pastors Phillip Grovenstein, Marcus Zill, and Dr. Steven Hein have annually traveled to Sierra Leone and conducted two-week intensive continuing education programs for pastors of the Lutheran Churches in Sierra Leone and Liberia. At the request of the Church leadership. PROJECT:



REV. MARCUS ZILL

PASTORAL EDUCATION has been a modest but valuable effort providing advanced theological equipping in the Gospel to faithful Lutheran pastors of these West African Lutheran churches. The PROJECT's goal is to strengthen the Ministry of the Gospel within their congregations and their outreach to the people of Sierra Leone and Liberia.

Again, we have been invited to undertake our most ambitious project; teaching 20-22 pastors from Sierra Leone and Liberia, January 9-21, 2011. Your prayers and consideration of support will help to provide the funds necessary to make this our largest program to date possible. Please pray that the Lord will provide resources that will make this labor of love possible for the sake of the Lord's mission.

Dear friends in Christ . . .



REV. DR. STEVEN HEIN

I have been invited by the leadership of the CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SIERRA LEONE to return with pastors Marcus Zill and Jeffery Grams and conduct another two week intensive pastoral education program at the Javouhey Center, Freetown, Sierra Leone. Several theological and practical educational experiences are being planned that are designed to further equip Lutheran pastors of Sierra Leone and Liberia for their ongoing faithful ministry of the Gospel.

This effort will again be a labor of the love we share in Christ. Our plan is to house and teach 20-22 pastors this time in two classes. It will take about \$17,500 to



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cover our expenses, for travel, lodging and meals for the men, and instructional books. I am

asking you to pray that the Lord will provide these resources as He has these past few years; but then also prayerfully to consider becoming a financial partner by offering a gift to help make this mission possible. Thank you for your support! *S. Hein*

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