



# The Koinonia Trust Inc. Monrovia, Liberia

## Newsletter September 2023

### Momo's visit to Ireland

We were delighted to welcome Momo to Ireland in May for a much-needed rest and for an opportunity for both self-reflection and learning as we look to the future. During Momo's stay we developed a new governance structure – which will give more responsibility to the newly convened governance team. We also amended our constitution which has allowed us to re-register in Liberia as a faith-based ministry. This will allow us more flexibility in how we work. Finally, we amended our constitution and developed an organisational manual that will guide what we are implementing.



The Two Reverends!! Rev. Momo Kinnie with Rev. Stephen Richmond.

A big **'thank you'** to Jim and Margaret Morrow for hosting a fundraiser for the Trust during Momo's visit.

### Update on Funding

**We are in desperate need for funding for 2024.** The Koinonia Trust project costs 11,000 euro a year to run. This covers the core costs including all the counselling and mentoring that happens on the ground as we seek to minister to the broken, the poor and the destitute as well as our projects - the football teams, sewing classes and trauma healing. This summer we raised 5,080 euro which was used to finish our administration building and establish the projects for the remainder of the year. A big thank you to all those who contributed.

### Update on the Football teams

The Koinonia Trust U- 15 team and U 12 continue to train both on the field and support one another off the field. We are hoping at some point to develop a team near our new compound.

### Update on the community sewing class

We are delighted to restart our community sewing class where participants will learn to tailor their own garments. We were able to purchase four more machines and our instructor is our former student.



### Update on Trauma Healing Group

Momo is facilitating a Trauma healing group once a week with participants from the sewing class.





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Please consider joining our monthly sponsorship scheme of **€10 - €15 – €25**. If you would like to make a regular contribution to help keep our work going, please go directly to our website where you will find our Donate button. You will find more information about the Trust at [www.thekoinoniatrust.com](http://www.thekoinoniatrust.com)  
Facebook: The Koinonia Trust  
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### Prayer Requests



- Pray for the leadership and community that we are now living in that God will give us opportunities to touch lives with his love
- Pray for the sustainability of The Koinonia Trust and its new governance structure
- Pray for Frances that God will provide the means for her to return to Liberia
- Pray for the sewing class participants and the football team that their faith in God will be sustained
- Pray for Liberia at this unsettled time

### Reflection from Momo

*Psalm 30 vs 12: “..I will sing your praise and not be silent, O Lord my God I will thanks to you forever”.*

God has been faithful to me. Who is like him, who took me thousands of feet above the earth flying like an eagle, and carry me thousands of miles from my seashore to another land? I will not be quiet for the Lord is glorious. God favored me in Ireland, I was loved, cared for and accepted by all of the people that came in my path. The Ireland visit was a time of meeting our sponsors, friends and those who have shown interest in the work in Liberia. For me my journey to Ireland is summed up as a beautiful country with loving people it was truly a refreshing time for me. To God be the glory, great things he has done.

### Reflections from Frances

*Philippians 3 vs 13-14: “Brothers I do not consider that I have made it my own, but one thing I do forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”.*

We are starting afresh, we have re-grouped and it is daunting, sometimes terrifying. However, I have to take encouragement from Paul’s words, his emphasis here on moving forward to what lies ahead. The yesterdays are gone, the familiar, the victories, the disappointments, the failings. None of these things should derail our focus on what lies ahead. I want to finish well and fulfil God’s purpose and plan here on earth for my life. So, if you are finding yourself in a new situation and maybe sorrow fills your heart from time to time as you reflect on the past, take some comfort and courage from God’s word today and embrace the future.