



NEWS LETTER

The Koinonia Trust Inc.
Monrovia, Liberia

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Update on the Football Team

- This year The Koinonia Trust football team has reformed with a new coach. They are about to enter the community league.
- We are delighted to have 35 young males and 1 female all under the age of 17.
- Once a week Momo will be facilitating the Trauma Healing Program with the young people.



Update on Pastoral Care

This is at the heart of The Koinonia Trust. We have wanted to develop a safe place where people could come just as they are. A place of love and security where no one needed to pretend, where their brokenness and their baggage would be laid down at the foot of the cross. Where the gentlest of hands could take it and demonstrate how much God loves them in spite of the tangled mess that we can get ourselves in.

This part of the ministry is the qualitative part, difficult to capture because of the intimate personal stories that are people's lives. It is time-consuming but essential, because people want time, time to talk, time to process, to heal and to grow. This is the area that our leaders invest in regardless of whether they are coaching football or teaching tailoring, their time is invested in mentoring and discipling people.

- As Momo goes alongside people with prayer and support, he has been able to share the changes that are happening as people surrender their struggles to God. One lady who had been using alcohol to help numb the pain for a long time has found healing as she participates in a trauma healing group. God is healing her heart, transforming her mindset and setting her free to enjoy life. She is now a participant in our tailoring class.
- Momo continues to participate in local church life and is encouraging the local Pastors through prayer and bible study.
- As Momo continues to settle into becoming a part of the community, he engages with the leadership in building a stable community. The community has had a lot of strife and there are many practicing witchcraft.
- Many are coming to seek advice, counsel and pastoral care, support and prayers for people who have experienced trauma in the community continues.

This is the very colorful administration building that has the office, near right, bathrooms in the middle and the sewing room far left



Update on the Community Sewing Class

- The tailoring class continues to progress, with improvement in the skills of the participants. They are able to make a variety of garments now both for themselves and for their families.
- A Trauma Healing group for the participants continues with them three times a week. This has provided a safe space for them to share and process some of the things that have caused deep heart wounds. It is a biblical-based program and through God's word they are able to read how much God loves them, how He is close to the brokenhearted and seeks to heal them.

Yassa our wonderful instructor on the left with three participants.





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We are asking **YOU** to consider joining our monthly sponsorship scheme of

€10 - €15 - €25

If this interests you, please go directly to our website where you will find our Donate button.

Our Social Media Platforms are currently being updated but you will find more information at

www.thekoinoniatrust.com

Facebook: The Koinonia Trust
Instagram: koinonia_trust

Prayer Requests

We praise God for His faithfulness as He continues to show us favour not only as a ministry but in our own personal lives.

- Pray for the community that we are working alongside
- Pray for our tailoring participants, our football team and those whom we are engaged with through counselling, prayer and trauma healing that they will grow closer to God
- Pray for the leadership team in Liberia that they will lead diligently and with integrity, demonstrating God's love
- Pray for the advisory group that God will give them wisdom
- Pray for all our sponsors that God would bless them as they sacrifice their own income to support us
- Pray for Frances as God opens doors of new opportunities
- Pray for the financial stability of the Trust



Updates on Funding

We have been unsuccessful in our funding proposals to the Irish Embassy in Liberia and Liberia Mercy Partners this year. We are in desperate need of finance and are please asking you to help. Please consider monthly sponsorship no matter how little. It will be appreciated. If you don't want to make a monthly commitment please consider doing a fundraiser for us.

Reflections

Reflection from Momo

Psalm 18: 1&2 'I love thee oh Lord my strength. The lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.'

Truly the lord has been our strength and my provider, our deliverer, I will therefore praise Him. God is the rock of our foundation in the Koinonia Trust. As we enter into a new year, we are trusting God to be our fortress and a high tower. A shelter in the time of storm. We are grateful to God, that He has ushered us in to another New Year. As a Liberian I am grateful to God for a smooth transition of a new leadership in the government of Liberia.

Reflections from Frances

Luke 17:32 'Remember Lot's wife'. Of all the people that was in Jesus' life He told us to remember Lot's wife who when being rescued looked back. Subsequently she then turned into a pillar of salt. I have been mediating upon this verse for the last six months. It resonated with me. She lingered, she longed, she had her hopes and what she thought was her future there. Without warning she was taken out, rescued, she hesitated and saw what she was leaving. I have been guilty at times of lingering and longing pondering on the what ifs. How much time do we waste in doing this? Sometimes God asks us to open our hands and give Him back those dreams and hopes we hold dear and trust Him with our future whatever that will be. Lot's wife got stuck because she was attached to the past and it outweighed her confidence in the future. God wants us to embrace what is ahead in 2024 and take hold of His promises. This is a year of new beginnings.

