

The Koinonia Trust

Spring 2025



Updates on the Projects

(Top left Photo) A Christmas gathering of the tailoring students and the football team as they enjoyed lunch together before the Christmas break. (Top Right) Edwin on the right visiting from Ambassadors for Football, Liberia.

UPDATE ON THE TRAUMA HEALING GROUPS

A new opportunity has arisen and it is hoped that Momo will assist in the training of staff members from another ministry that Frances would have supported before. Their ministry has grown and they now want to equip their own staff internally to facilitate Trauma Healing Groups. These groups have helped people with wounded hearts find healing, engage with scripture and become more resilient.

Momo continues to offer pastoral care within the community to married couples, youth, and community dwellers who come. Since the new year he has supported ten individuals in difficult situations.



Momo and the volunteers helping to repair the local road at the end of rainy season.

UPDATE ON THE TAILORING WORKSHOP

The tailoring class is ongoing with participants from within the community. These are vulnerable girls, women and men who live locally. Since early October classes are three times a week and will continue to the end of May 2025. This workshop enables people to gain the necessary skills in tailoring so that they can create and sew clothes. After completing the course many participants continue to tailor clothes helping them to earn money for their families.

New Request from the Community

One thing we are currently exploring is a request from the community to facilitate short term classes such as baking and soap making. As people look each day for a way to earn small money to feed their families, they cannot commit to learn new skills over a long period.

UPDATE ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM

We have thirty-five boys and a girl total thirty-six, ages from ten years to sixteen years. They are divided into two groups, ten to thirteen years and fourteen to sixteen years. Practices are done three times in a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

There has been some unsettlement as we have several coaches since September but none that has been able to stay. We are hoping this last one will be able to make a commitment. It is hoped that in April we will have two local coaches who will be trained by the Ambassadors for Football Ministry from America. This will be their first time leading training for community coaches in Liberia. We had a visit from one of their local coaches who took a session with our kids. It was great to meet Edwin a young man passionate about God and Football. The kids all had great fun.



PRAYER POINTS

- Please continue to pray for the local community in Sasstown that they will come to know God in a very personal way.
- Pray for Momo, Kebbeh as they minister to others that they demonstrate God's love and care.
- Pray for a football coach that will be committed to train the young people.
- Pray for Frances as she continues to pursue her studies and as she continues to serve God by taking church services.
- Pray that God will continue to supply the resources needed for The Koinonia Trust and like a mustard tree it will grow and bear fruit.
- Pray for Momo as he takes up his role of a community leader, that he will lead with integrity and wisdom

Reflections

REFLECTIONS FROM MOMO

John 9:4 *'I must work the works of him that sent me; while it is day: The night cometh, when no man can work'.*

When I reflect on this verse it reminds me we are created and given a purpose, while we are in this world. How we carry on that assignment is squarely our decision. Whether we obey or not is also our decision. Often as we obey God and carry out his instructions, He gives us additional responsibility.

When the Lord give me the task of working alongside the most vulnerable and poor in the city of Monrovia, Liberia, it seemed many times to be a huge task. Sometimes resources were not always available but we kept trusting and obeying God each year. God has never let us down and continues to open doors and meet our needs.

As we serve our local community, I have been called to serve our local township as a community leader. I am working alongside nine other volunteers in making decisions that will bring better development to the community such as a tarmac road, electric and better sanitation. Our goal is to accomplish firstly God's agenda given to us and secondly to serve the community we live in. *We are to work while it is day for the night cometh when no one will work.*

REFLECTIONS FROM FRANCES

Matthew 17 vs20-21: *'For truly I say unto you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain move from here to there, and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you'*

This verse is worthy of a sermon but alas I have only a paragraph! In real life a mustard seed is the smallest of seeds however once planted and nurtured it can grow into a magnificent tree. The growth in height can be up to 30ft and its breadth 20ft. It provides refuge and sustenance to many and its fruit is both flavourable and medicinal. For me, this verse represents the growth and transformative power that can take place in our lives through faith in Jesus Christ. My hope is that it will inspire you, as it does me that, with God all things are possible.

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