

Remand Home & Approved School

We all thrive on encouragement, but for some of the boys we work with in the Approved School and Remand Home, this has been a rarity. Recognising this, we organised a prize-giving ceremony in order to acknowledge their hard work in the numeracy course to date. Six boys were presented with certificates to show they had completed part I of the basic numeracy course, while two other boys were commended for different aspects of their work. One boy was announced as the 'Top Guy' and was presented with a certificate, along with a personal tape player. Our prayer is that these boys will realise their true value in God's eyes.



Recently there has been a more rapid turnover of the boys at the Remand Home, and so we are concentrating on Bible Studies and team building activities. Some of the games from the literacy and numeracy courses are also being incorporated in our programme.

The Child Development Programme

The two-year curriculum is now completed in draft form and the final reviewing is underway. As we enter the final phase of our involvement with the CDP praise God for the way in which He has directed this work over the past months.

Together with EFSL, we ran a training for new facilitators in May. This was well attended and Rainbows of Hope is now working alongside 17 churches starting clubs.

Some of the churches currently running clubs are 'evangelising' other churches, encouraging them to start children's clubs. We have 2 new children's clubs starting through this. In addition, one church was so excited by the enthusiasm of a facilitator at Lumley that they have approached us asking for help starting a club with numeracy and literacy for the street children in their area.

Over the coming weeks we are trying to link up different churches together so that they can support each other in running the clubs. We are also looking at ways in which the CDP can be disseminated throughout Sierra Leone. All the animators involved, both in Freetown and Kailahun would love to see this programme used more widely to touch the lives of the children and bring the Gospel into some of the darkest places in the country.



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Praise...

For God's faithfulness in the ministry of Rainbows of Hope since 2002

For the Parental Training running in two churches in Freetown and three in Kailahun

For completion of the two-year curriculum in draft form

For the prize-giving at the Approved School

...and Prayer

For the churches involved in the CDP, that God would renew their vision

That God would build relationships between the different CDP churches so that they might work together and support each other

For the facilitators, that they would be encouraged and supported by the churches

For God to raise up an organisation to continue our ministry to the boys in the juvenile institutions

That we would honour God in our last few months here in Sierra Leone, and that our testimony would constantly be to God's faithfulness

For the future dissemination of the Children's clubs and Parental Training for the expansion of God's church in Sierra Leone

That the boys and girls in our programmes would realise the love of Christ for themselves

Thankyou to our Facilitators

We want to thank the many facilitators who run the CDP children's clubs. Without them the clubs would not happen and the children in crisis would not be being reached with the Gospel. The list below gives a taste of some of the things the different facilitators do each week.

- Prepare the club material
- Visit families and children
- Go around the community reminding children to come to club
- Arrange the weekly collection in church to buy food
- Take children home after the club
- Mediate between church and community
- Spread the Gospel
- Show the children who Christ is

We praise God for you all and for your commitment to the children of Sierra Leone.



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The Hands and Feet of Christ

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

It sounds so easy, “love one another”. But what does this look like? How do we love one another? Christ loved us with a sacrificial love that took Him to the cross.

What is sacrificial love? It’s love with a cost. It’s love that reaches out and touches lives. But what cost are we prepared to pay to be the hands and feet of Christ?



What is it that Christ is calling us to sacrifice? Is it our time? Our money? Our reputation? Our pride? If we, the church, start to love with the sacrificial love of Christ then the world will see we are His disciples and be transformed.

Introducing two more members of the Team!

This time it is the turn of George and Matthias to introduce themselves.



My name is George Pat-Davies and I am 6 foot 3 inches tall!! I joined Rainbows of Hope in 2004 and am an animator with the Child Development Programme. I am also involved with the Literacy and Numeracy club at Lumley.

My future dream is to teach God’s word in Bible colleges in order to plant churches. I also enjoy working alongside young people and would love to continue working in this area in some way.

I am Matthias M’Bayo. I am a Christian called to serve God in the area of evangelism and missions. I joined Rainbows of Hope in 2005 after returning from working as a missionary in the Gambia for 6 years. I work as an animator for the CDP and I am the Parental Training Coordinator.

In the future I would like to plant churches and evangelise the unreached areas of Sierra Leone and abroad.



Farewell to Sierra Leone

At the recent WEC International Intercon meeting the decision was made that the work in Sierra Leone should come to a close. The decision was made prayerfully, and WEC is open to God’s leading in the future if He calls them to return to the country.

It is with sadness that we announce that the project will be closing in September 2006. However, we are able to see the lives changed by the ministry over the past 4 years since it began and are able to praise God for His goodness and faithfulness to us.

Parental Training

The Parental Training is currently running in two churches in Freetown and three communities in Kailahun. The lessons are interactive and practical and give a Biblical mandate for the family.

The testimonies we hear are amazing. In one place all the people attending are muslims. They are so enthusiastic about the programme and want to communicate the teaching to other people in the community!

We pray that the churches will be so impacted by the programme that they take it into their communities.

After the current pilot of the scheme, the curriculum will be reviewed and we hope to run a workshop for different Christian organisations to help them disseminate the Parental Training throughout Sierra Leone.