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We thank God for the commitment of Pastors Michael and Alice and all evangelists from New Hope Church, Sierra Leone in reaching out with Jesus' love to neighbouring communities. The photo shows a Marion (Midwife, centre in orange), Rebecca (Nurse, left) and Abigeil (evangelist, right) during a health talk at Mabendu village.

A new outreach has begun at Gbanah Lol, below, where lots of children and young people are enjoying hearing the gospel and singing praises to God.



At Rogbarrie village a church has been planted from nearby Lokomasama church, it is led by Elijah, below 2nd left, who lives in the village, with support from the rest of the team at Lokomasama (pictured). The community leaders have been welcoming and supportive.



A team from two of our supporting churches; Fulwood Free Methodist and St Simon & St Jude's with All Souls, have recently visited Sierra Leone.

They were blessed to be part of the Easter services at New Hope Church, pictured above left at the Good Friday service I-r are: Dave Sewell, Linda McGuinness, Lorna Norcross, Matthew Norcross, Hazel Sewell and Julie Rowlandson (our community ambassador). Dave Brown from Fulwood FMC, pictured left, says; "It was great to meet up with the children at Emmanuel Home who are sponsored by our church. They were thriving and looked very happy. Taking part in outreach into some of the villages was great, and sharing the Easter Message with people from a mainly Muslim background was a real privilege. Pastors Michael and Alice are such lovely, humble and caring leaders who inspire everyone they meet with God's grace and love."



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You may remember that the church and pre-school at Lokomasama, Sierra Leone meet in a temporary structure with tarpaulin roof (right), we thank God that we have been able to start work on a permanent building!

The official foundation laying took place recently, Rev. Michael Fofanah, our Sierra Leone Director, below left, said: "The official foundation laying took place on 2nd April 2024 at midday!! We were very honoured by our supporters from Fulwood Free Methodist Church and from Saint Simon and Saint Jude. Local chiefs and even the Regional Imam came to give his support. Praise God, another Church and School building is going up in Jesus' Mighty Name!!"



The foundation laying was celebrated with much prayer and praise and lunch for the whole community. Mary is pictured left preparing casava leaf stew to be served with rice.

You may remember us introducing Clayton pictured below with Alice, headteacher of New Hope Primary School, last April as a new baby, when he was found on Michael and Alice's doorstep. Along with his young mum, Clayton is being supported by our team in Sierra Leone and sponsored by a family in the UK, we're very pleased to report he's a very healthy, happy and loved little boy.



We thank God for all the ways the team in Sierra Leone are reaching out with Christ's love. Please pray for them as they share the good news of the Gospel and provide practical help and support week by week. Please pray especially for the young Church at Rogbarrie, that God will bring people to deep and lasting faith in Jesus.