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## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026 MINISTRY UPDATE

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### **Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,**

The Lord continues to open doors, and we are grateful to see steady progress as the Gospel advances here in Sierra Leone.

Recently, we returned to a village in another district we first visited in October. It was a joy to see the seed had taken root. There are now seven believers in the village, all engaged in basic discipleship. During this visit, Shaun also had the privilege of leading the village chief to Christ while sitting outside the village mosque. We later learned he oversees 16 surrounding villages. He has given us full freedom to minister in his village and has expressed his willingness to help us take the Gospel to the others as well. He is now in basic discipleship alongside the new believers. We are praying that these ongoing Bible studies will grow into a healthy local church as leaders are developed from within the community.

We have also begun two small-group Bible studies on the Freetown peninsula. The first is in a predominantly Muslim community. We are praying that, as hearts respond to sound biblical teaching, this small group will grow into a strong local church plant grounded in sound doctrine and faithfully led. In another location, Shaun is leading a small-group Bible study at a new church plant, coming alongside a local pastor whom he is personally discipling and mentoring. It has been encouraging to help lay solid biblical foundations from the start. At the same time, Shaun continues to provide consistent one-on-one discipleship and mentoring to two other local pastors, helping them grow in clarity, character, and confidence as shepherds of their people.

As part of our Okada Outreach Initiative, we met with leadership at a strategic motorbike transportation hub. This initiative is a non-facility-dependent church-planting strategy that takes the Gospel directly to where people already gather and live. The leadership welcomed us and granted permission to share the Gospel, pray with riders, and begin Bible studies right at the park. The leader was genuinely excited for his people. It is a simple, direct approach that trusts that faithful sowing in everyday spaces will yield lasting fruit.

Global Life University-Sierra Leone is thriving. We are seeing real spiritual growth and doctrinal maturity among our students. They are making meaningful strides in strengthening their ministries biblically, and it is deeply encouraging to watch them develop into leaders who can rightly handle the Word of God and shepherd their churches well. In addition, we celebrate God's provision of funds to complete the GLU classrooms, which also completes the building project of our GLU local church partner.

Our prayer is that these evangelistic efforts, Bible studies, and mentoring relationships will produce healthy, self-sustaining local churches led by trained national pastors who, in turn, will reach and disciple others. That is the long-term vision.

Finally, we praise the Lord that the upcoming Women of Influence Conference is fully funded. We trust God to use it to strengthen and equip women who will have a lasting impact in their homes, churches, and communities.

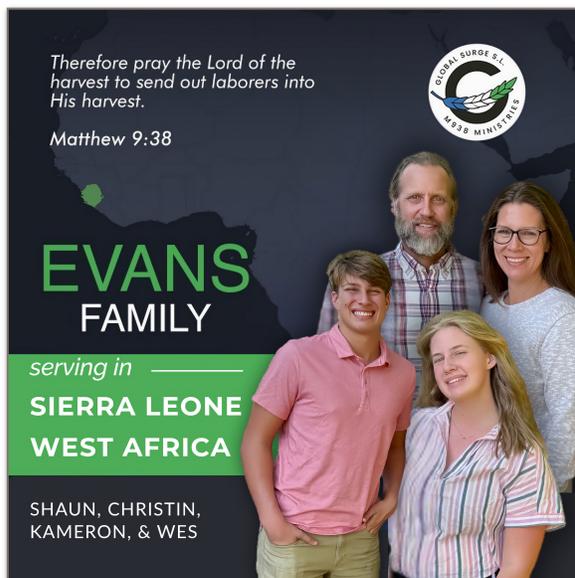
Thank you for praying. The Lord is at work, and we are thankful to serve where He is building His Church!



 **Please Pray With Us For:**

- **Pray for the new believers and the chief** – that they would be deeply grounded in Scripture, grow in genuine spiritual maturity, and stand firm as their faith becomes known throughout their village and the surrounding 16 villages.
- **Pray for open doors in the surrounding villages and among the Muslim community** – that hearts would be softened, Bible studies would multiply, and these gatherings would grow into healthy, doctrinally sound local churches led by faithful men.
- **Pray for the pastors and GLU students we are mentoring** – that God would shape their character, sharpen their understanding of His Word, and raise them up as strong, humble shepherds who faithfully lead and reproduce other leaders.
- **Pray for the Okada Outreach Initiative and the Women of Influence Conference** – that the Gospel would spread boldly at the motorbike park, that lasting discipleship would take root there, and that the conference would equip women to impact their homes, churches, and communities for Christ.

*Thank you for standing with us. Every life touched, every church planted, every soul saved—it's all because the Gospel is going forward, and you're part of it. We are grateful for your investment in the Great Commission.*



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