

Report No. 2 (Jan 4, 2024) from Michael Kamara, Kontha Community School, Sierra Leone

End of December, my wife Hannah arrived in Sierra Leone. The new year started with me falling ill. First of all, I just want to say thanks to the Lord for healing me from the mosquitos' bits that caused malaria. The devil failed. It was not easy for me on new year day, I was seriously sick on that day, but I was able to call a medical doctor who came to my resident and treated me. I brought so many Canadian malaria treatment pills that I take every week, but still, mosquitoes gave me malaria. It took me 3 days to recover. Now I'm completely better now. Praise God for that.



Hannah and I visited Kontha yesterday after my recovery. We provided small food parcels for women and children in the village for the holidays. They received 5 bags of rice and \$50 US cash for medical support for their children. There was so much happiness yesterday in Kontha village.

Before Christmas, construction of a 4th classroom has started and school furniture is assembled on site. The school renovation is going on well even though the Christmas and New Year's holiday breaks have interrupted and slowed down the work, but they're now back in action. As you can see, the toilets are floated/concreted with lots of iron rods and cements, very strong. This week they will put the blocks up to separate the rooms. The classroom or school ceiling is also finished, and doors installed. Kontha is a remote village with less than 200 people. The people are extremely poor but super friendly and hard-working. They welcome any development in their village. They take the school project seriously, with lots of joy, happiness, and hope.



The water well project has already started last week with manual digging by hard-working men, see first picture below. I will give you more details about the water-well digging next week.

Meanwhile I realized that building material prices have almost doubled since my last visit in 2022. Therefore, my estimate for Phase I (\$8000 to renovate school and build toilets) was under-estimated and I have asked the Discipleship & Mission Team to release \$2000 so far raised for Phase II (water well) to complete Phase I.



The second picture above is the mom from late Ramatu Turay whom we helped. I visited her in the village. She sends her sincere appreciation to Westend church family for their great support towards her late daughter's medical support.

The third picture above is Mr. John B Fullah, with his two children, Mariatu Fullah, 7 years (girl) and Samuel Fullah, 11 years (boy). During my second week of visiting the Kontha school project, on my way coming back to my house, my car broke down in a village called Mansakey where I met with Mr. John and his family. They are Christ-believer and we discussed about health issues with his foot. I asked him what causes the problem, how long he had this problem and how he thought this problem would go away from him and how he could make a living for his family. The answer: he has been with this foot problem over 8 years now, with no medical support from anyone. They survived through hard farming work with his family. He needs help and prayers.

As the project moves forward, I will continue to update you, my friends.

Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Best wishes to all,

Michael