

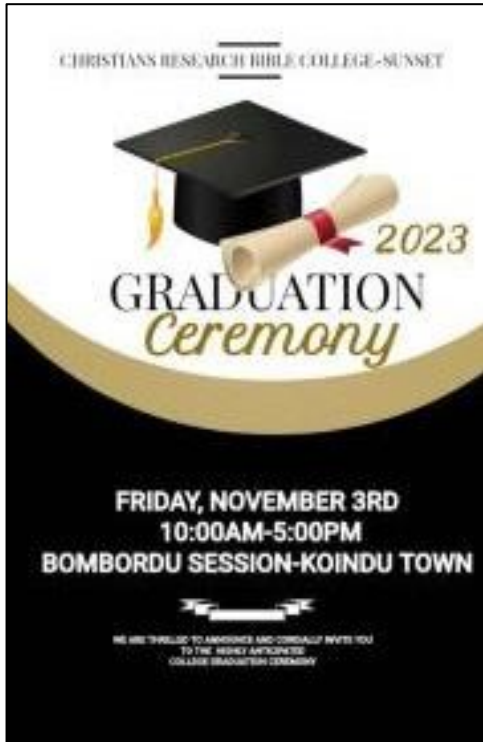


# Christian Research Bible College Newsletter



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## 2023 Mission Trip & Graduation Ceremony



The CRBC is located in Koindu, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Our flight landed around 7:15 PM in Freetown; then began the long trek to our first night



stay in Sierra Leone. Joseph Yillia picked us up at the airport after having secured transportation for the **almost** nonstop trip to the

hotel in Kenema. (*Meeting Joseph for the first time since our parting back in March of 2019 in Ghana at the Ghana Bible College was overwhelming. We had kept in touch since then through WhatsApp.*) The first car we took ended up having a flat on the front passenger side. The driver changed it but had to retrieve the spare from under our luggage, while it rained. Then, after a short distance we ended up transferring everything into another vehicle until it also had a flat on the front passenger side, while it rained. This was not even their rainy season. We finally arrived in Kenema around 2:00 AM. We were very pleasantly surprised later that morning to notice our vehicle for the rest of the trip (*both on paved and unpaved roads*) was a Toyota Hilux 4x4 with a passenger cab supplied by Francis Amara's brother. When we came to the end of the paved road our driver Emmanuel exclaimed "Welcome to Africa".



## Evidences of the Civil War



All along our journey we were reminded of the civil war in Sierra Leone which began in 1991 and lasted eleven years. What were once homes occupied by families, now uninhabited hulls, are the remains of what was left after the rebel forces had dismantled them for the building materials to fund their rebel cause.

We also saw a tank that was aground and left in place as a memorial that such a tragic event had destroyed so many lives.



Brother Amara said that we would be saddened if we had seen Koindu before the civil war and as it is now. It will take years before all can be rebuilt to where it once thrived. The properties of those who were killed or who fled and did not return, are currently guarded by relatives until they are either rebuilt or sold, in most cases way below their market value.



A water tower that once supplied the Koindu residents was left disabled as a result of the rebel invasion.

## The State Road



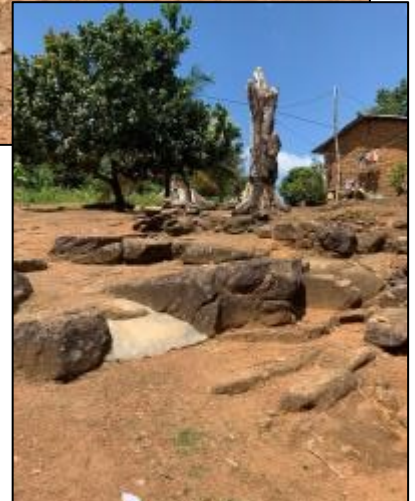
Traveling through the villages it was nothing to see these little “gas stations” (left) where motor cycles can refuel.



# Kpuyah Congregation, Koindu



This is the congregation where Joseph co-preaches with Brother Francis Alieu. Pictured at left we are standing in front of the tomb of their first preacher, Francis Musa. At right is the view from the building looking up toward the road leading to it.



The attendance on our first Sunday worshipping with these brethren was 192, with 75 children present. Dan Goodyear gave the sermon after Cliff Fox gave the Bible study lesson with Joseph doing the translating. English is common but needs translated into Leone due to the difference in dialect. The brethren proclaimed that this is now our new home. They really wanted us to stay.



## Our Lodging (...owned by Joseph Yillia's uncle.)



Joseph is fueling the generator to run the electricity. Our wash is seen hanging on the line after Francis Nyuma used a scrub-board to wash it.



The barrel above is filled with water from the well and used for bucket bathing and for flushing the toilet since the water tank outside is not in use. If you want hot water it has to be heated via a propane heater.



The main source of transportation is the motorcycle. Joseph is transporting me with his son, Caleb.

Brother Francis Nyuma (21), one of the CRBC 2023 graduates, lives on this property as caretaker. He is responsible for keeping the generator running, washing our clothes, etc. and watching over the property. The other lodging in the compound is housed by a police officer who serves as its guard.