



Christian Research Bible College Newsletter

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Kailahun District Annual Fellowship



Kailahun district is one of the three districts in the Eastern province of Sierra Leone. Its capital and largest city is the town of Kailahun. As of the 2021 census, the district had a population of 525,372. Kailahun district is subdivided into fourteen Chiefdoms.



The residents of the district are mainly farmers who grow cash crops such as cocoa, coffee and palm trees. The district is mainly Muslim dominated, due to the commonalities between Muslim practices and tradition.



Kailahun district has existed since 2005, a few years after the return from the 11 year civil war. Brethren who were converted into the church of Christ mainly settled in the Kailahun district. Having started a few congregations there, five in all, they then decided to meet every three months to discuss the progress of the churches, their experiences and challenges on the work in the district and to help provide necessary solutions and some assistance to the weak when the need arose.

This included having seminars to edify and strengthen the church through teaching, which had been going on in the district for years up to that time. By His grace, the meetings and seminars have yielded immensely positive progress including:

- Establishing 6 other congregations.
- Constant fellowship and meetings.
- Edification of the church and the new convert.
- Strengthening of congregations.
- Providing help in time of trouble when able.
- Familiarity among brothers and sisters in the district.
- Cooperating with other districts to push the work forward.
- Evangelism: open air, door to door (*pictured here*), Radio and one on one.
- Fellowship among women, youth, and men.



However, there have been challenges, both financial and personnel wise, with regards to the spread of the Gospel, church planting and ministry work. Many preachers did not get biblical training and some had little education. With Joseph's return from the GBC, the brethren in the district and

ministry works (*which include district meetings, fellowship meetings,*

along with programs for youth and women) have received strength, proper planning and re-enforcement by His grace and to His glory through various supports, mainly with the establishment of the Bible school.



By the grace of God, there are now 17 congregations in some of the chiefdoms with over 1000 members and more left to cover. Our aim and vision is to cover all the chiefdoms by His grace and that we continue to multiply preachers. The biggest challenge is the support of base preachers and evangelists which the church has not been able to overcome yet, even though we are encouraging and teaching self-support and reliance. (This information is from Joseph Yillia and edited.)

Other Information

The total size of the Kailahun district covers 350 square miles and is run by a district council.

Projects: Youth Gardening



Ladies' Bus Trip to Freetown

Christian sisters met in Freetown for a seminar titled "Virtuous Women in Christ" where they affirmed "We are great contributors and complements to our beloved men in Christ. We accept our humble and submissive role in the church of Christ".

1 Tim 2:11-15



Young Ladies in Training



Brother Dan Goodyear (SIBI) brought tailoring machines as a gift from some sisters in his congregation to empower these young ladies, along with future preachers and their wives, as a way of making an extra income. Pictured here they are wearing their very talented creations.

Ongoing Construction



Brethren come together to gather and transport sand for making bricks to be used in future projects.





CRBC Classes



Second semester classes (*Feb – Apr*) include Communication Skills, Bible History, Computer Studies, Hermeneutics, Spiritual Discipline/Christian Ethics, Homiletics, and Church History and Doctrine. Testing is to take place April 24-30. Please pray for the success of these students and instructors to the glory of God.

Sierra Leone



Sierra Leone was a British Crown Colony from 1808 to April 27, 1961 when it achieved independence, but periods of political turbulence have marked its recent history. On 19 April 1971, Siaka Stevens ' government abolished Sierra Leone's parliamentary government system and declared Sierra Leone a presidential republic. Sierra Leone Colony and Protectorate lasted until 1961 when it gained independence from the United Kingdom, with Elizabeth II as Queen of Sierra Leone. It retained her as head of state for a decade until 1971, when the country became a republic. (*Wikipedia*) Koindu is home to the CRBC as shown by the red arrow.

Support Information

If you, as an individual, or your congregation is interested in funding the CRBC, checks can be made out to: “*Lighthouse Church of Christ*”; memo line “*Joseph Yillia/CRBC*” (address listed below). An updated financial report can be sent to any donor. Budgets can be tight but even a small amount of \$50 each month would go a long way toward the goal of finishing the campus of the CRBC. If you wish to support the Ghana Bible College please contact me through chapelalley@gmail.com. Remember, even the widow’s mite will go a long way.

Photos of Joseph’s schooling, graduation, family, campus construction and work can be viewed at <https://www.truthdiscovered.net/index.php/photo-galleries>



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Even with the dollar shrinking and household budgets tightening, your gift can still make a big difference to the work of evangelism and training preachers in Sierra Leone in proclaiming the message of the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In supporting the CRBC, our donors are taking part in the great commission to “teach all nations”. The school’s motto to our students: “Teaching Jesus Christ and Him Crucified”!

Thank You! Funding/Support Donors for the CRBC as of April 1, 2022

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Lighthouse c of C: \$11,750
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Patrick: \$950
Rayborn: \$2150
Yana: \$3910
Other: \$148

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