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Praise/Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord, we 1
are now in the new
Obstetric ward!

Praise the Lord for 2
all the people willing
to come and serve
the hospital and the
church in Sierra
Leone.

Praise the Lord! The 3
new website is up
and running and you
can follow us at
www.waemm.com

Please pray for The 4
Sierra Leone
Wesleyan Church
and the Gbendembu
bible college's 22
students.

For Tom and I as we 5
travel to churches
this summer and
Matt as he prepares
for college.

Marc who has been 6
ill as he serves the
army in Kuwait.

- To become a financial or prayer partner in our ministry [Click Here](#)
- Asher family fund WM04-0332
- We thank all the people willing to continue to pray for us .
- Read about Kamakwie at

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Three years completed and still so much work to do.

We arrived in the U.S. on Tuesday and although we love Sierra Leone, I must say we are glad to be home. The heat was a bit much and we have missed the kids so much this year. Matt was able to come for a couple of weeks and we so enjoyed having him back in Kamakwie, but having him leave again was very hard. He is graduating next weekend from Emmanuel Christian School in Toledo, Ohio. He plans on entering an engineering program in the fall with a major in alternative energy engineering. Marc is still in Kuwait with the WV National Guard. He has been ill recently and is expected to return to the US later this year. Mimi and Chris are still in WI, Mimi teaches 4 year old kindergarten and they are moving the school to another facility this year. Tom's parents have been ill this winter and we are currently visiting with them in WV. My family is all well with a new baby, Brayden, who is 8 months old, for Curt and Eryn and another baby on the way for Paul and Stephanie. We are looking forward to getting to know this new little Dennis. Louise had a little scare with her health, but we thank the Lord that all is well. It will be nice to spend some time with loved ones this summer. We are speaking at a few churches this summer but waited to schedule most until we were able to see Tom's family. If you want to reach us this summer we can be reached by email or on our cell at 419-

349-1399.

Well, now that I have given you the family news, let me tell you about all the wonderful things the Lord is doing in Kamakwie and Sierra Leone. Last month I told you that we had a volunteer junior chaplain named Daniel who is helping Chaplain Jarr at the hospital. God has really blessed their work and over 100 Muslims have converted to Christianity. Tom and Daniel have been taking the Jesus film out to Wesleyan churches in the villages every Friday night., also They often have over 300 attend the showings. The Jesus film is a powerful film and opens many doors.

There is a new Wesleyan church near the hospital in the village of Kakamba. We tease and call it a Wesbyterian church as it was built by the people of the village with the help of Fredricksburg Presbyterian Church (Ryan Brooks's church). The Muslim leaders of the village wanted their children to have the opportunity to hear of Christianity, so they personally made the blocks, hauled them and sand for mortar and helped lay block for the building that was opened last weekend. There were over 150 in attendance at the first service in the church. When we get back in the fall the church will be dedicated and handed over to the Wesleyan Church. The community wanted to ensure that the young people could attend the church, so they also gave



their community junior secondary school to the Wesleyan Church. Please pray for this new Wesleyan School as they look for teachers to upgrade the education there. We hope there will be some teams that come to help the few teachers that are there.

We have not had much internet this last year so my newsletter have been few. As I try to tell you about this church, I realize that I am not doing the miracles that we saw in this, justice. To have a village that is 100% Muslim request to have a Christian church built in their village just amazes me. Then to have those very leaders of the village volunteer to make bricks, carry them to the building site, carry nearly 3 tons of sand and rock, help lay bricks, help skim coat the building with cement and even help paint inside and out is unbelievable. Doing all this work by hand, they built that church from the foundation up, in less than six weeks.

All during that time, the youth of the Kamakwie district went to Kakamba every week and carried benches and draped tarps over bamboo poles and set up a temporary church to

Weekly church services. They started with just a handful of youth, then a few adults from the town started attending. When we went to see the progress of the church, I was afraid that the Muslim leaders might complain about the adults who were attending. When they had first approached us about building a church they had said that “we won’t cross the carpet (convert) but we will allow the picken den (children) to make up their own minds.” But after some adults started coming they just said “its better to have people wanting to go to church than not wanting to go to mosque.” And then the leaders called us to a meeting with the Kamakwie District secretary and gave the junior secondary school that had been built by the village community, to the Wesleyan church. They said they were afraid that if it became Muslim the children might not be able to attend the church. On May 22, 2011 just 6 weeks after the ground breaking, the youth carried benches from the school to the new building and we held Sunday school and church service in the new building. There were over 160 in attendance. The young men from the youth groups (primarily the same guys who started the youth scholarship program) are tending to the new converts and preaching at the service. Please pray for this new church and for help with the schools. I have put some pictures of the building progress below.



This clinic planted the church.



The church meets in the lean to for 8 weeks.



Making blocks from mud.



Kakamba Junior Secondary School



Bringing textbooks to the school



The village hands over the church land and the school



Building late in the day.



A packed church!



Men with a vision and the grand opening!

There is so much that has happened since our last newsletter, that I am going to do a monthly letter for the next three months. I don't want you to miss any of the miraculous details.. God has been so good to Kamakwie and the Bombali district.

We finally have our website up and running! I just can't tell you all about the work in one letter every quarter. So go to the web site and learn a more about what God is doing in Kamakwie . [Click here](#)

Again we thank all of you for the prayers and support. We know you are there with us!
In His service,
Drs. Tom and Karen Asher