

THANK YOU UPDATE

In Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica he admonishes the believers to give thanks to God in all situations. In, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, he said, "in all circumstances give thanks to God for this is good and it's the will of God in Christ Jesus for you [for me us]".

Today, the 13th of January 2022 marks exactly 54 days since we left Sierra Leone and arrived in Nigeria.

I want to sincerely thank all of you for your prayers and supports all these years of our work in Sierra Leone.

Our last moments in Sierra Leone were filled with mixed reactions and emotions. The Brethren in Sierra Leone organized farewell services in our honors in four different locations, namely: Freetown, Bo, Alkalia with a final gathering in Kabala on November 14.

The final events were filled with grace and the presence of many personalities including the paramount ruler of the Kabala and the regional director of Resonate Global Mission, Sosthene Maletoungou, who travelled all the way from the republic of Guinea. The brethren from Liberia were also present, Morris Sonnie, Rev. Solomon O'Davies and Dr. Scott Othello of the Monrovia Bible College.

We were honored with gifts, prayers and wonderful words of commendations.

We want to thank God and you for your supports in all these years we were in Sierra Leone. We are now back with the family in Nigeria.

My older daughter will be completing her M.SC in Chemistry, by the grace of God, when she defends her thesis this Friday. John Calvin hopes to start his national youth service next month, Judith is in her final year in the university and Bernhard is in his third year. And today, Jemimah resumed her teaching work in the primary school. The church is still making arrangement of finding accommodation for us in Abuja where I will be working in my new office as a church developer.

Beloved in Christ I want to say that though we are not longer in Sierra Leone. I will still want to appeal to you all to continue your usual support for the work of Resonate in Sierra LEONE. And be praying for the national leaders in Sierra Leone for the Holy Spirit to guide them in the work.

I am very happy to see that the painting work continues on the multipurpose building. To God be the glory! I am sure that very soon the building will be dedicated to the glory of God for use. It was a great joy for me that my farewell thanksgiving service was held in the building.

According to the plans for a smooth transition and the continuation of the work in Sierra Leone, Mr. Sosthene, will be doing that directly with intermittent visits to Sierra Leone. Any inquiry and questions can be directed to him. His contact email is smaletoungou@crcna.org. As soon as I start work, I shall keep updating you on what the Lord is doing here in Nigeria. Any support for Sierra LEONE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO RESONATE AS USUAL.

The blessings of the Lord be with you all.

In Christ.

Istifanus and Jemimah Bahago.