

Prayer Focus

Luawa-Yiehun Community Church



A Church Out-grown Before It Is Completed—Sierra Leone

Safiatu and Mohamed Braima came to the United States over 30 years ago. They were Muslims when they came here. They became believers in Jesus and members of the Little Church on the Lane. They worked, studied and Mohamed completed 4 years of seminary training to become a pastor while working two jobs. All this preparation was in planning to return to their village in Sierra Leone to evangelize their friends and family and to serve the people there in the name of Jesus.

This was not a decision made lightly or easily. They enjoyed their family here, their church family and the many modern conveniences we take for granted. Mohamed felt a great deal of conflict about how he would be received if he witnessed to older Muslims with the truth of Jesus with-

out offending their historical religion. They had started a Bible study /church group in Freetown when they were there two years before. That group continues to grow and to support the church in Luawa-Yiehun. The marvelous part of this story is in how God opened doors of support and hearts of people who have become involved in the building and supporting a library which is better equipped than any other in the country and a church which may be out grown before it is completed.

People here have been praying for this ministry while people there were praying for someone to bring revival to their lifeless churches. It has been amazing to hear the stories of the response to the simple love of Jesus.

Safiatu and Mohamed are back in the United States because they need to raise enough money to build a school so that

the children do not have to walk as much as 10-15 miles to school. They already have as many as 100 children attending

Sunday school. The people are so glad to have this rapidly growing ministry that the village has contributed the land for all of the buildings including a parsonage, when they get around to thinking of themselves for once.

There is so much more to tell about this ministry. Please invite them to come and speak to your church or mission organization. A more complete report can be mailed if you will send me a SASE. (Helen Gullede, 3945 Langhorne Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205).

The Braimas will be speaking at Fairview Moravian Church in Winston Salem on September 23. For more info, contact the Little Church on the Lane.

Wisconsin Mission Workshop

Do you have good ideas for mission outreach? Then you have a gift to share. Are you looking for some good ideas? You can find some. On September 7th-9th, 2007, the Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Mission (SWMM) and the Bay Area Mission Society (BAMS) are sponsoring a workshop at the Mount Morris Moravian Camp and Conference Center of Wautoma, WI. for building mission programs. All congregations and provinces are welcome to attend.

Special guest, Loren Jendro, will be participating. All pastors and lay persons interested in energizing their existing missions program, developing their own personal ministry, looking for new ideas, hearing challenges, and gathering information should attend. Contact Dave Schrader at 920-854-5218 david.schrader@marquette.edu

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Moravian Church, South is the project sponsor. It will handle project funds and it will partner with Ray Griggs, who will manage this project as a well-drilling small business venture.

A strong emphasis will be placed on the continued functioning of the wells drilled. Every effort will be made to promote feelings of ownership among the recipients of a new well. Individuals need to request to have a well drilled and must pay for its installation. If an individual can afford to pay the full cost of the well and pump, he or she will be expected to do so. In addition, groups of families or an entire village in need may request to have a group well drilled. When such a well is drilled, if the families are unable to pay the full cost of the well, up to 50% of the cost of a group well may be funded by this project. Individuals who receive a well, or select individuals in the case of a group well, must learn about well and pump maintenance. Such an investment of money

and time should lead to stronger feelings of ownership and to a greater likelihood that the recipient will successfully maintain the well over time.

Rationale for Clean Water Project

For those of us with an abundant source of clean water, it is easy to take such a precious commodity for granted. However, as Christians we are encouraged to reach outside our comfort zone and to minister to individuals in need by sharing our resources. We read Jesus words in Matthew 25:35, I was "thirsty and you gave me a drink." And in Matthew 25:40 Jesus says, "Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me." Funding a Clean Water Project provides a concrete, practical way to share our resources to help our brothers and our sisters in La Mosquitia while sharing God's love. By partner

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