

SIERRA LEONE INITIATIVE URGENT UPDATE

Like all missions in 2020 and into 2021, the Sierra Leone Initiative finds the need for more support to help the full time pastors of Sierra Leone. In 2020 and 2021 we reach a critical point in our mission. Last year ten churches' covenants ended and so far we know of five who have recommitted. IN 2021 fifteen churches' covenants expire. This situation represents 36% of our covenants. We pray for continued support for the pastors and churches of Sierra Leone.

In addition to our covenant holding churches, part of our support comes from donations from churches that occasionally donate to the Initiative. These donations have slacked off in the current difficult times.

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons draw closer, please consider helping support the Sierra Leone pastors. The mission of the church to make disciples of Jesus never ends. How unique a way of fulfilling this mission by keeping pastors in ministry in a country with limited economic development, health care, and educational opportunities. As The Message states in Matthew 5:3 "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you, there is more of God and his rule." This summarizes what I keep experiencing in Sierra Leone, people on fire for God because He is their all in all.

At the 2019 Partner Conference in Freetown, Bishop Yambasu ended his presentation with this comment, "Remember to add this Beatitude to the list when working with Sierra Leone, 'Blessed are the flexible.'" Our work sometimes seems to not bear fruit, but that is not ours to judge. God says give cheerfully as we decide in our heart. II Corinthians 9:7 **Is your church's heart leaning toward the full time pastors of Sierra Leone?**