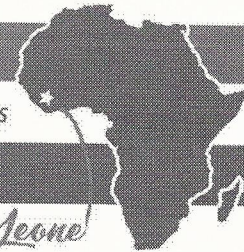


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Reaching Bonthe Island, Sierra Leone with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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“He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.” Psalm 40:2

August 2022

Special project prayer request. Last Sunday we officially restarted furlough after Jon’s near-fatal battle with Covid. He was tired but very excited to preach all three services sharing our burden to reach Sierra Leone for Christ. Thankfully our schedule is beginning to fill up because we really need to reach full support prior to our return to the field as we are currently at 74%. In addition, now that we are firmly setting our eyes on returning to Sierra Leone, the need for donations for some very important projects is again at the forefront of our prayers. With this in mind we want to share our first major need so that you all will know how best to pray.

We are in great need of a safe and reliable vehicle for use in Sierra Leone. Currently we are having to rent a vehicle out of Freetown at a cost of \$700 round trip just to buy groceries. This places extreme limits on our family and ministry. Along with the high cost, we have had no less than 18 breakdowns with these rented vehicles, several of which were very dangerous. Due to the remoteness of Bonthe, if an emergency was to arise it would currently take almost 24 hours to get to help, however, once we have our own vehicle this would drop to less than 8 hours. After the health issues Jon has endured over the last year we feel that this is a critical need for the safe continuance of the ministry.

Vehicles available in Sierra Leone are in very poor condition and often unreliable so we will need to purchase one here in the US and have it shipped over. Do to the export regulations this means that we are unable to get a vehicle loan and will need to purchase it outright. After much prayer and

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These vehicles are very dependable and replacement parts are readily available in Sierra Leone. Thankfully, we have received donations totaling \$6200 to help jumpstart the fundraising leaving \$19,800 remaining to be raised. We understand that this is a very challenging time for many of you but ask that you please consider praying about helping us to meet this need? Due to upcoming travel needs here in the US that would require expensive car rentals and then shipping times we are hoping to have the vehicle purchased by September 8th.

We know that we serve a great God and we are trusting in His word. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think,"
Ephesians 3:20a

Thank you all for the faithful prayers and support. We thank God for each of you!

Praising Jesus!

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