



JANUARY 2023

Elmer and Joann Reifel
..equipping for service the servants of God
and ministering His love to all

SURELY GOD IS MY SALVATION;

I WILL TRUST AND NOT BE AFRAID.

THE LORD, THE LORD, IS MY STRENGTH AND

MY SONG; HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION;

WITH JOY YOU WILL DRAW WATER FROM THE WELLS OF SALVATION.

ISAIAH 12:2-3

Dear Friends and Family,

Hello Again! The 'official' holidays are over now including a Memorial Day in Sierra Leone on January 6th. Marie did most of our Christmas baking this year as I worked on some other things both ministry and personal. I helped with a couple pies but we didn't make as much as we have in previous years - However we had enough to share with some friends and for one guest over Christmas (a Peace Corp volunteer) and our missionary friend/"daughter" Heather who stayed through the New Year for a few days.

Since **Elmer has been quite busy** for the last several weeks, either discussing or implementing plans with Tommy or the contractors, for the Segbwema School; or discussing a private contract for a water tank tower outside Bo and some well repairs in Mattru Jung he hasn't felt like THEY have had much of a holiday this year. We will be glad to see the school reach the 'ready to be used' stage so our well team can do some wells!

We were able to move to the next stage on the Segbwema School Project, which means the roof trusses have been started.



Tommy has been Elmer's much needed eyes and ears on the ground since Elmer can't be up there the whole time.

Pray for Tommy as it has been difficult for him to be a 'middle manager' on this project.

We had planned to camp there to oversee the work now but we were just warned that it

would not be safe due to the local men's Society being quite active right now, particularly at night. We ran into this same issues last year while working in certain areas on wells.

Elmer met with the carpenter and welding contractors between Christmas and New Years to discuss the issues since his last day trip to see the welding work himself.



GREAT NEWS! Christians in Action USA has set up a link for those who would like to donate to help rebuild the church in Bo. The plan is for a two story church patterned after the Central Church in Freetown, but it is planned to have a living quarters in it for any future pastor who may need lodging in this rapidly growing community. **If you are compelled to help, please follow up with the link below:**

<https://cinami.org/praise-in-the-midst-of-disaster/>



The photo to the left was taken the Sunday after fire burned down the Emmanuel Christians in Action church in Bo on November 12th, 2022.

The photo collage below was taken January 2nd, after showing the Krio Jesus Film for children.

PHOTO COLLAGE:
Emmanuel CinA Church &
Ken Weibe School Property

Church Meeting Place



REMINDER: We are still taking donations for the Daru well, which has become one of the most consistent water producing wells in town.

We are told that some times there are 300 or more buckets or pans waiting to be filled!

We plan to upgrade it by putting a solar pump, tanks and taps on it so that the manual pump will be replaced with something made for the demand.



High demand for the Daru well in March 2022

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTNER WITH US? HERE IS HOW!

CHRISTIANS IN ACTION MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL



PO Box 25093
Fresno, CA
93729 USA

Online: www.cinami.org

Click the missionary link & look for our names

Ministry support: Acct. M387
Well / Development Projects: Acct. 743

CHRISTIANS IN ACTION CANADA



PO Box 344
Chilliwack, BC. V2P 6J4

Acct 387 Canadian donations go solely to ministry expenses not including vehicles (but we can buy tires!)

PREMIER! Our ministry team will be VERY excited to hear that we were able to finally use the video equipment in a public setting! God bless the owners of *Gene's Camera Store* for supplying the projector and helping us resolve some of our issues, as well as other friends who supplied the DVD's and the solar batteries to make this possible!



Showing the Krio version of 'The Story of Jesus for Children'

We were notified that the church was given funds to throw a New Year's party for the children but they lacked a film so we went through a few that we had to make the right choice.

Heather helped Elmer solve the sound / volume issue and be assured everything would work off our solar power pack batteries. She took Joann and Tamba to the church to play the Krio "Story of Jesus for Children" (up to the Passover scene) since Elmer had a two hour scheduled ministry call. The kids then celebrated with food and some games outside.

Given the extra constraints on people now for food and supplies in general, we were greatly blessed by the support that came in December. God bless and we THANK YOU SO MUCH for trusting us to be your feet on the ground here in Sierra Leone.

Serving West Africa together for Jesus,

Joann & Elmer

