

The EVANGEL Voice

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Answering the Call

It's difficult to believe but we've been home from Sierra Leone for over 6 weeks. In the few pages of the EVANGEL Voice there just isn't enough space to describe what an incredible time it was. To be honest, it was the best teaching experience I've ever had. Students were so attentive and asked many thought provoking questions. Every morning class would begin at 9:00 but by 8:30 most of the students had gathered for worship and prayer. They prayed for the class, David and I, our families, and for everyone who financially supported the trip. Each day in class the Holy Spirit would do something significant in the lives of the students and they would share openly with each other about their personal struggles and dreams for the future. Hopefully, these pictures and testimonies will give you a glimpse into what took place.



The First Class



David leads devotions



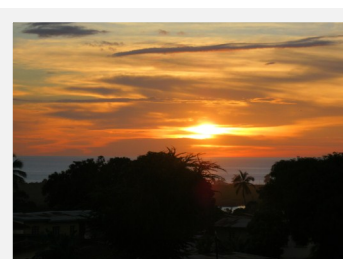
Students work on group project



Students receive their concordance



Students receive Halley's Bible Handbook



Our view of the Atlantic Ocean



Glory be to God great things He has done and greater things He will do. Going through the Evangel School of Practical Ministry to me is like giving life to a dead man. I believe anyone who wants to be effective in ministry should be part of the Evangel School of Practical Ministry.

Pastor Prince M.N. Mustapha
God's Endtime Recovery Army

I want to confess that I was operating in some level of darkness in ministry, but God sent the Evangel School of Practical Ministry to give light unto me and my ministry. Flowers die, stories end, songs fade, memories are forgotten, but precious people like Evangel are always remembered.

Pastor Wilfred Y. Braima
All Nations Living Miracle



The Evangel School of Practical Ministry can be described as an eye opener for both Church leaders and workers. Its rich teachings of the word of God will help to enhance the growth of matured Christianity in my country, Sierra Leone.

Rev. Augustine S. Kamara
National Overseer, Church of Pentecost

I want to thank the Evangel School of Practical Ministry for making this course available to us in Sierra Leone, West Africa. We have been blessed by the wonderful topics taught by Bob. To be specific, I am so blessed because I have been able to confirm my God given gifts. I believe that will help me a lot in how to be more effective in ministry.

Rev. Fatmata R. Kamara
Prayer Tabernacle



School of Practical Ministry

We are so excited to announce that we will be starting a new group of the School of Practical Ministry here in Harrisonburg. Class will start on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. This is the same program we taught in Sierra Leone. The SOPM is designed to help students answer 7 critical questions.



- ◆ What do I believe?
- ◆ What does the Bible say to me?
- ◆ What is my spiritual heritage?
- ◆ How do I effectively communicate the Gospel?
- ◆ What are my spiritual gifts?
- ◆ What role does the Holy Spirit play in my life and ministry?
- ◆ What strategies will help me be a better leader/minister?

In addition to answering these questions, this 24 week program challenges students to passionately seek after God, discover new things about themselves, and become better equipped for service. This is the only opportunity to participate in this program in 2012 so don't delay. To receive more information or to register please contact the EVANGEL office at 433-7760 or toll-free (888) 711-0066 or drop us an email. The address is info@ets.edu

O-531 The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Beginning on Monday, January 9, 2012 we will be offering the course O-531 The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. This course provides an in-depth study of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and places emphasis on His anointing and work in and through the leaders of that time.

The course will run for 7 consecutive Monday evenings and class runs from 7:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. It will be taught by Dr. Robert H. Reichard.

For further information or to register just contact the EVANGEL office.

A Few Thoughts

Christmas is now just a few short weeks away. Children are running on excitement. They can't wait to see all of the decorations, enjoy those Christmas cookies, and of course the gifts under the tree. It's my favorite time of the year. We celebrate God's mercy, grace, and love manifested in the baby Jesus lying in the manger. We remember that Immanuel, God with us, has come. Like the shepherds, we rejoice in the birth of the Savior. We worship like the angels who proclaimed, "Glory to God in the highest." We marvel at the persistence of the Magi to see firsthand the newborn King. Like the countless throng that has preceded us, we know that our lives have been transformed from darkness to light and that now we have a passionate relationship with Almighty God, our heavenly Father.

All of those things represent how we feel about what God has done at Evangel during 2011. We've experienced firsthand God with us. We rejoice at all He's done and worship Him for His goodness. We're also humbled that God has given us the opportunity to partner with so many around the world. I would stand in front of the class in Sierra Leone and look out over those men and women and be so blessed by their zeal to learn. I'm so amazed that God has caused these kinds of relationships to develop.

Already 2012 is shaping up as more exciting than 2011. In August, we will be partnering with Hope Outreach Ministries and going to Cameroon to teach the School of Practical Ministry to 80 students. At the conclusion of that school, Evangel will have awarded 126 Practical Ministry Certificates to international graduates. Before leaving Sierra Leone, David and I met with a committee of students and leaders to talk about the future. They shared with us their desire and need for solid Biblical training and implored us to come back and teach upper level material. Right now, we are working to develop a newly structured Biblical Studies Diploma program that can be started in Sierra Leone in late fall. With these efforts, we are taking the first steps towards establishing an EVANGEL branch in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Already we've been able to identify several key people who are qualified to teach and provide administrative oversight. In addition to all of this, we are exploring several other international opportunities. God is clearly leading us beyond Virginia and the United States. We're also sensing that this is just the beginning.

That's where you come in. We are going to need so many more people to partner with us to help us fulfill what God is calling us to do. I have a special request for you, our readers. Would you consider sending in a special end of year gift to help us launch 2012. If everyone who reads the Voice would send in a minimum gift of just \$15 we would be able to start the New Year on such a great note. Please pray about it and ask God what part He would have you play in helping us to train pastors and leaders around the world. You can use the enclosed envelope and don't forget that your contributions are tax deductible. Thank you.

I also want to take this time to thank each of our friends and partners who have sacrificially supported the work of EVANGEL with financial gifts and prayers in 2011. You are such an integral part of what goes on here. I also want to thank everyone who gave to help us go to Sierra Leone. We could sense your prayers as we went. Each student was so appreciative of your efforts that allowed them to take the class and receive the gift books. Even though you weren't there physically, you were there in the Spirit.

On behalf of the staff of EVANGEL I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year. May you experience the presence of God in a greater, more profound way in 2012.

Grace & peace,

Bob Reichard, III