

déglátó családoknál. A búcsúzás vasárnapján pedig Szilágyi Béla testvér volt az igehirdető. Közös úrvacsoránk volt. Ezután pedig megnéztük a mentő csapat mentési akcióiról készült videofilmeket a kb. 60/70 fős gyülekezetben. Ekkor búcsúzott el a gyülekezetet a csoport tagjaitól akikkel rövid idő alatt nagyon összeforrtunk lélekben. Másnap pedig a repülőtéren vettünk búcsút tőlük néhányan, - akik kivittük őket oda, - további áldást kívánva erre a rendkívüli munkára, amit Istentől nyert küldetéssel végeznek testvéreink.

Szlovák Tibor



Sierra Leone

Let us help to build Zion

In a few weeks there will be no more rain here! Though the dry season is very hot in Makeni members of the Prince of Peace Baptist church are looking with great expectation for the next few months. They would like to continue to build here a Zion for the Lord, a decent place where believers and seekers can worship God. Prince of Peace is my spiritual home in Africa. We meet in a greatly damaged tent, a few weeks ago our hymnbooks and some of our chairs were stolen.



The Pastor with his wife and their children

Recently I enquired Rev. Benteh Francis Kamara, the founder and pastor of the church, (a former BBI student) about the beginning of the congregation.

“Pastor Francis, would you tell me why did you start a congregation exactly in this place?”

“It was in 1994 January when the rebels took over the village where I served and I was forced to leave the place. I came over to the Baptist Headquarter in Lunsar and asked the leaders to allocate me to an other place. They suggested me to start a new church in Makeni.

Within a week somebody died in Makeni and I was asked to officiate the burial. I came by and never went back. In

May we started with Bible Study but in January 1995 we decided to have regular worship services. In the same year we baptized 25 members and that was the beginning of the congregation. In those years we met in a school building.”

“On 24th December 1998 the rebels took over Makeni as well. Where were you that time?”

“I was here with them. It was after ten at night when I heard the first blast. I saw people moving here and there. They said: ‘Pastor, the rebels have entered Makeni.’ I said: ‘Yes, but as for me I am not going from here anywhere.’

On 25th December 1998 we had a worship service at night; over 50 of the rebels came there. They laid down their guns at the door. Some of them were crying as they told me how they were conscripted to join to the rebels. They asked us to pray for peace.



Congregation, one side (with the children)

In June 1999 I had to go to Freetown because I became seriously ill. The hospitals in Makeni didn't function that time. I came back in 2000 and told the members of the congregation to erect a temporary structure, a tent of canvas. Later we decided to build a church here.”

“Was it easy to start the building?”

“No, we had so many challenges. When we went to bring sand from a village a 24 years old boy died there. However we continued the work. Then a big bomb was planted in our land. It did not explode but we were not able to go there until we found an expert who removed the bomb.”

“Pastor, tell me something about your vision, what would you like to happen in the future?”

“By the grace of God I would like to see that this temple of God is built up. Also, we would like to use this church as a base to plant other churches. We already started two new congregation but we would like to start more.”

“From your church five students attend the BBI. Can you see any positive effect of this Bible Course on the congregation?”

“It has a great impact on us. Hopefully already in this dry season we can start a few more congregations and I would like to assign the students to work there.”

Please, pray that the vision of the pastor would be fulfilled soon. The members of the church faithfully put aside their contribution for the building project through the whole year. In a few weeks, when we don't need to fear that the rain would wash away the sand and the cement we would like to continue the work. We will cover with cement the foundation that was made earlier, however, we



The sand just arrived

need help to continue the work. Would you like to donate a few bags of cement or pieces of brick to build Zion? One bag of cement (50 kg/110 pounds) is about ten dollars, one brick is about one dollar here. It is neither for my personal expenses, nor for the program that I run. It is directly for a church that needs urgent help. You can send your contribution to

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Please, write on the memo of your check: Building fund/Prince of Peace.

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you...”

Gabriella Kamilla Furedi

PRAYER

If Jacob's desire had been given him in time to get a good night's sleep, he might never have become the prince of prayers we know today.

If Hannah's prayer for a son had been answered at the time she set for herself, the nation might never have known the mighty man of God it found in Samuel. Hannah wanted only a son, but God wanted more. He wanted a prophet, and a saviour, and a ruler for His people.

Someone said that, “God had to get a woman before He could get a man.” This woman He got in Hannah precisely by delaying the answer to her prayer. Out of the discipline of those weeks and months and years there came a woman with a vision like God's, with tempered soul and gentle spirit and a seasoned will prepared to be the kind of a mother for the kind of a man God knew the nation needed..

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