

NARRATIVE REPORT

Project # 95034

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Project Name: ECUL Equipping Leaders for Service

Report for the period June – August 2017

Vision of the project

To enable ECOL through her mission department, train local church leaders and indigenous missionaries to serve as pastors, church planters and evangelists.

Project background

ECOL rural church leaders are hungry for biblical training that will help them lead the flocks and protect them against the myriad of cults and heresies that have swept into Liberia. Seminary for these servants of God is not an option. Most of them will not qualify, cannot afford the tuition and seminary training will take them away from their churches for four or more years.

Progress

The Equipping Servants for Service project team conducted five pastoral training events during the period under review. The team hosted a mission training conference on June 17 which brought together pastors and ECOL's six local missionaries. The event was held at the SIM Congo Town property with 21 persons in attendance. Facilitators included David and Nancy Writebol, and Moses Paye.

The next training event was conducted in BahrTown, Todee District and brought together 27 pastors and church leaders on June 24. Jeremiah Kollie and Augustine Binda facilitated the training.

There was also a training conducted at Kollieman Town Evangelical Church in Kollieman Town, Todee district on July 1 which brought together 50 pastors, Sunday school teachers and other church leaders. Jeremiah Kollie facilitated the training.

We also did a two-day pastoral training at Cotton Tree Evangelical Church, Cotton Tree, Margibi on July 20-21 with 13 pastors in attendance. Moses Gwole and Jeremiah Kollie served as facilitators.

On August 18-19, the team conducted another training for 9 pastors in Tubmanburg, Bomi County.

Momo Senah and Jeremiah Kollie were the facilitators at the training. We received positive feedbacks from those who attended the training events.

Story time

Pastor Jallah Smith, pastor of the United Evangelical /Christian Fellowship in Tubmanburg and ECOL district chairman for the western region district, made the following remarks at the close of the training in Tubmanburg: "I am so grateful to ECOL for organizing this training time and again for us. I have learned a lot today about my life and work as God's minister, and how to study and deliver God's word. I am truly blessed and I hope and pray that this program will continue for a long time so that pastors will be equipped to work effectively."

Another participant, Pasto John Dixon, gave the following remarks at the training event in Kollieman Town: "What I have been learning from these ECOL pastors training has really helped to improve my

ministry to my congregation. The skills that I have learned at these training have changed the way I live and relate to my family and people around me. It has also changed the way I interpret the Bible, and I think my congregation is benefiting a lot. These are skills I never had before, and probably would never have since I don't have the funding for a seminary education. I think this training is helping rural pastors a lot."

Prayer requests

1. Continued donor funding.
2. Godly wisdom, direction and safety as training team travel to rural areas for training.
3. That God will reap a harvest of equipped, committed and dedicated pastors who will effectively pass on what they have been taught.

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Photos



Photos showing June 17, 2017 mission training held at the SIM Congo Town property.