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Dear friends!

God is so good and when we live with Him we get to experience so many exciting things in the midst of all of life's problems and challenges! In those storms Jesus is in our boat as our comfort and He will take us to the other shore – because this is always where we're going.

I just returned from Sierra Leone, which is one of the world's poorest countries. I don't think I've ever seen such an under-developed country. I landed in Freetown and more or less crossed the entire country to get to Kenema where the training session was supposed to take place. During the entire trip we didn't see a single village with electricity – and only very few cities had electricity at all. Local commerce is very basic and consisted mostly of fruit and vegetables vendors.

When I got to Kenema, which is Sierra Leone's third biggest city, the electricity went out after a couple of hours and didn't return for four days. There were no showers, instead you had to pour water on yourself from a bucket with heated rain water. Internet? Forget it!

But it was wonderful to meet these fine people! Sierra Leonians are very hospitable, open and offered many interesting thoughts. About 50 people had made it there from all parts of the country, with some having traveled for an entire day on mopeds from the most inaccessible rainforest areas. It was an interesting mix of young and old, women and men – both entrepreneurs and church leaders. Most of them probably didn't know what to expect when they came, but already on the first day the teaching was like an explosion of revelation for their financial and everyday lives!



Many of them told us about how they called home to their families to tell them about everything that they had learnt that day. One man jokingly remarked that he wanted his sons to put Focus Business School teaching materials in the coffin with him when he dies.



Every day was like a new wave of inspiration that came over me as I taught and it was certainly hard to stay within the allocated time slots. I have to say that this was definitely one of the most fun and best trainings I've done in quite some time! In spite of all the hardships – with dogs barking throughout the night, or lacking air conditioning during scorching tropical nights... It's weeks like this one that make me feel like I'm doing the right thing!



On the final day of the training people gathered in groups to plan for new schools – and it now looks like we will be getting 10 new schools in Sierra Leone during 2018/2019. We pray for God's blessing on all the students to start up these new courses!

Prayer requests

- Teacher training in Bogota, Colombia, 8-12 October.
- ICCO conference in Kortebo, Jönköping, 19-20 October
- TV recording of all FBS lessons 24th October – 15th November
- Presenting FBS to the national conference of pentecostal leaders in Kiev, Ukraine, 27th October
- Preparations for our teacher training in Laos at the end of November. That all translations will be ready until then.
- That the Lord will provide the necessary resources to fulfil our assignment, both in terms of people to help us as well as funds. But most of all God's anointing and the pleasure and power of the Spirit over us in all that we do.

Wishing you a great autumn!

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