



# GTFBM

## Gather The Fragments Bible Mission

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### FIELD REPORT

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*Dear Praying Family and Friends*

As promised in our June Field Report, we've assembled five pages of photos to conclude our coverage of the Dry Season Evangelism Circuit. By far this has been our most exciting, full, and productive dry season. Stephen has been receiving regular feedback from the pastors and churches and they are excited to see that, as one of them said in a text message, "*Evangelism really do work!*" Many have committed to an on going church evangelism effort and are seeing the effect not only in church growth but also in the spiritual growth of members involved in regular public the ministry. We've trained some good teams who are now conducting follow up visits to the neighborhoods and villages visited during our training sessions. We've equipped them and they're not letting these munitions sit in the armory — it's getting out there and the churches are getting fired up!

Because we had not yet visited the five churches in the Lunsar district when our last report went out, four of the photo pages exclusively feature that area. The remaining page highlights some fun at one of the several schools our teams visited in their travels around the country.

Last week Stephen made a trip to Lunsar to deliver more text books and materials. Pastor Bgory was thrilled with this and excitedly reported that they now have ten people in his new believer's baptism class! They are also seeing a steady trickling in of visitors, many of whom are staying. Additionally, the church which Stephen, Michael, and Moses worked with about two miles out from Lunsar is on fire for evangelism. These two churches have declared the village of Foradugu as their new target area; they are pooling their efforts and evangelizing together on Saturdays! In Stephen's words, "This is too good!"

This last report is from an email received just today (July 18): "On our way home from Freetown we stopped in Mile 91 to see Pastor Swarray; he wasn't home but it was good to see the crew. One guy was just returning from a follow-up evangelism visit. They are desperate for more material but I told them all I've got left is New Testaments; I'll bring some on another trip. But they are still committed to Saturday evangelism and they've got a solid crew including some very faithful young ladies. Very cool!"

Thank you for your continued faithfulness which allows us to get materials to these churches.

Because He is Worthy  
*Stephen & Laura Holt*

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# Bearing Precious Seed



Despite the wear and tear our truck is still going strong delivering precious seed to equip churches around Sierra Leone and mobilizing evangelism teams to then take that seed out for personal work and public ministry. You'd be amazed at how many people we can pack in the back!



Thank You!  
For your faithful  
Prayers and giving





# Public Ministry



Top L: Pastor Bgory of Ebenezer Baptist Church calling in the crowd after the illustrations are set up.

Top R: Moses preaching to assembled listeners.

Center L: Many children always gather to hear and see the gospel.

Center R: A bird's eye view of public preaching in Foradugu, the area that the churches have declared to be their evangelism target area.

Bottom: Working the crowd after the preaching is always a vital part of the work.



# Personal Work



From Top Left: The man in white is a devout Muslim and became quite belligerent toward to woman church worker (foreground) who offered him a tract. The pastor quickly stepped in with the wordless evangelism book. The illustrations so captivated him that he politely listened and didn't notice the group gathering around to hear the Old Story. When all was finished he was smiling, friendly, and promised to read the John/ Romans booklet along with the tract. This is one of the areas where follow up visits are being made and prayerfully the church workers will engage this man again.

Mine eye affecteth mine heart (Lam 3:51)



Above: A thrill for any Bible teacher is to see students become confident in their public use of the scriptures.

Left: Again, the wordless evangelism book at work on hearts. These children are likely Muslim who attend a Muslim school during the day and Islamic training classes in the evening. Seeing as well as hearing the word of God will leave a long-lasting impression in their young hearts.



# Village Evangelism



A church worker using the **One Way** book from inside a dry-goods kiosk; at right is the same scene from behind the kiosk. This book really gets around!



Above L: Michael taking time with two little girls encouraging them to give the tracts to someone who can read to them.

Above: Two ladies resting from their morning laundry chores hear the gospel.

Left: It's always a blessing to have women church workers learn to give the gospel. The wordless book is good for those on the evangelism teams who may be illiterate or aren't confident in their reading. Note to young lady to the right who is reading the tract. Literacy among women is increasing.



# Government Secondary Girls' School in Magburaka



And just who would be up to the task of presenting the Gospel to this group of less than interested girls? Michael was the man of the hour!



Utilizing large-scale drawings Michael presented Jesus Christ as our Advocate with the Father



To accommodate the number of students we also had smaller break-out groups who used the booklet of the same theme



Patiently answering questions



And patiently being mauled while handing out The Gospel of John booklets.

No harm done, the were books distributed and Michael came out of the brawl laughing.

