



# Love Sierra Leone News November 2021

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## Christmas Appeal

We are supporting some of the families who suffered bereavement and loss in the tragic explosion involving a petrol tanker in Freetown. Additionally, Pastor Yatta and David Sandi will again be providing a Christmas meal, presents and games for 100's of children in both Freetown and Kono. You can donate at [www.justgiving.com/campaign/sl2021](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sl2021).

## Petrol Tanker explosion – 6<sup>th</sup> November

The BBC reports graphically of the horrors of the explosion. “..... a bus was completely burnt, while nearby shops and market stalls were caught up in the flames. Brima Bureh Sesay, the head of Sierra Leone's National Disaster Management Agency, said there were many "burnt corpses ... It's a terrible, terrible accident,". [More from the BBC.](#)

However, it is when Pastor Yatta asks for prayers and support for the families of Ibrahim Kamara and Foday Bangaru, that the reality bites for many of us. Ibrahim and Foday worked with some of the amputee football players as part of the sports ministry team. It is poignant that Pastor Yatta wrote of last seeing both men as they collected footballs from him, a little while before the explosion. His WhatsApp message reads *“Very very sad my brother. I felt guilty because they came to visit me to collect footballs. As they were going (returning home) they did not reach their home. They face this fatal accident. Today they are no more.”*

Returning to the BBC report it notes that “the country ranks 182<sup>nd</sup> out of 189 in the UN's Human Development Index, which measures countries' levels of social and economic development”. This bald statistic sets the ministry into context.

## News from Pastor Yatta

Pastor Yatta's recent detailed news is on the [LSL website](#) and written in his own inimitable style. He sends his thanks for all your support, but the one item which struck me was the work with the National Amputees football team who will shortly be playing in a Tournament in Tanzania. He writes about the Amputees with these somewhat profound words *“..... We try to give them hope, everyone one of them has a story”*.

As always, this ministry will continue to need financial support from those who can continue to give in these uncertain times. We especially thank those who send in regular gifts via standing order. If you wish to give regularly, please download a standing order form at [lovesierraleone.org/giving/](http://lovesierraleone.org/giving/). Finally, all giving is greatly appreciated and 100% of the gifts go straight to the work in Sierra Leone.

Richard Bayfield

Chair



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Ibrahim in the green T-shirt with amputees



XMAS 2020 meal for children

