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News from Pastor Yatta

The ministry is led by Pastor Yatta Samura who has been a friend of St Andrews for over 20 years. Pastor Yatta's Christian faith developed as an Adult having been brought up within the Muslim community. He recently wrote to us with his latest news:

1. In the last 2 months we had 5 babies who were baptised. Praise God for safe delivery as Sierra Leone suffers a lot of deaths at birth.
2. In Freetown we recently held a wonderful Women's' Celebration service to mark the growth of the Women's ministry.
3. It is 21 years since the end of the Civil War, and it was a joy to see 6 of our young people graduating from the various universities in the country earlier this year.
4. Our presidential and parliamentary elections are due on the 24th. June 2023. The country needs to come together and there is too much tribal division. Please pray that my contribution in the reconciliation committee shall bear fruit.
5. Initial construction of St. Andrews school in Meama, Kono was funded by St Andrews Oxford and opened in 2004. Over the next decade running costs were jointly funded parents and by the charity Love Sierra Leone (a charity borne of St Andrews). It was in 2016 that the Government took the school over. However, the Government has not done well with the school, Kono is in a very remote area and the scene of much fighting over diamonds. The school management has now been handed back to us. We shall plan a Thanksgiving service and we pray for sources of educational funding.

PRAYERS

1. For the upcoming election for Sierra Leone to come together. For peace and fairness to prevail.
2. For the women's ministry to grow.
3. For God to provide jobs for the children graduating from college.
4. For financial support for St Andrews school.

Faithfully Submitted
Yatta Samura

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