

Augustana Outreach: Model Evangelical Primary School Roknola Village, Sierra Leone

In 2001, Augustana sponsored the Sesay family to come to Buffalo from Sierra Leone, in West Africa. At the time, the nation was experiencing a civil war.

Through the Sesays, we have been involved with the Sierra Leone Cultural Alliance of WNY (SLCA of WNY) and the Evangelical Model Primary School in Sierra Leone. Alan Sesay gives us updates on the school and the impact of our contributions.

Sierra Leone is a very poor nation, and most children go to school hungry. To help alleviate the children's hunger, the SLCA of WNY started providing food to the school, and the people of Augustana starting donating to this feeding program.



Pastor Joshua Mansaray from Buffalo visits the school several times a year (pictured in the striped shirt). Many children walk long distances from other villages to attend this school because of the food it provides.

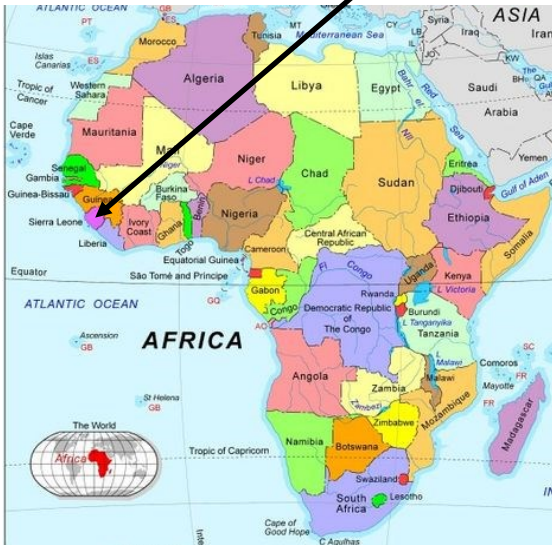
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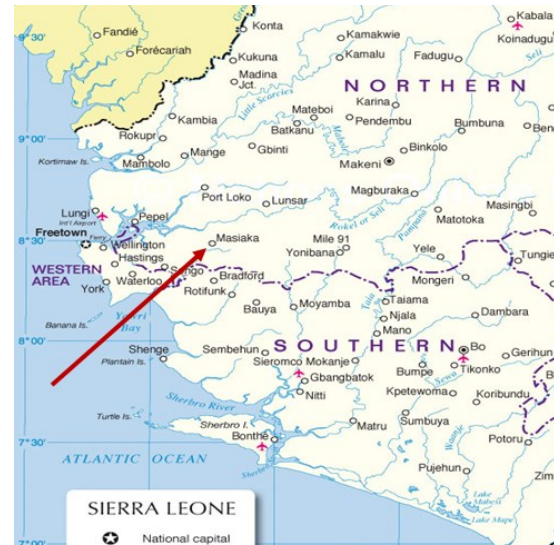
Funds from Augustana also go toward helping build a new school. In an email in March 2021, Alan wrote to Augustana and said that the next phase of the school building project is planned to begin in April, and includes putting a roof on the school, paving the floors and working on the walls. This is a photo Alan sent Augustana in September 2020, during an earlier phase of the building project.



The Evangelical Model Primary School is in Roknola Village, Sierra Leone.



Roknola Village is close to Masaika Town, also known as Mile 47.



When Alan gives us an update on the school and the feeding program, we will include it in an upcoming newsletter.

If you would to make a donation to this school, you can write a check to Augustana and mark 'Sierra Leone School' in the memo portion, or give online through Tithe.ly, and look for 'Sierra Leone School.'

More information and photos are on the Sierra Leone Cultural Association's website.

<http://www.slcawny.org>