

Update on New Life Institute Sierra Leone

The goal of the New Life Institute in Sierra Leone is to help economically disadvantaged women achieve their academic and social dreams. Over the years, we have seen hopes renewed and self-esteem built up, as they pursue their academic goal. This vision has helped them to integrate into their various communities and make a difference.

The Institute operates a three-year program and has reached out to and trained over 300 ladies since the year 1999. We have established over 80 ladies in job and personal businesses. The Project supported 10 of these ladies in getting married. The Institute has been working with Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) for the past three years, training their ladies in courses such as Culinary. We have organized several exhibitions, selling items made by ladies during practical sessions. These exhibitions have served as a source of revenue for both our ladies and the Institute.

With the acquisition of our official license from the Ministry of Education, we have been able to formally organize graduation ceremonies and the certificates obtained have helped boost the employment rate of our ladies in different related establishments. The results of their internships in different establishments have been outstanding. Three-fourth of employers prolongs their contracts and we are pleased

with the outcome of our academic investments into their lives.

Our staff in Sierra Leone has been diligent, committed and very devoted to this vision of building up women of virtue. They have been a source of inspiration to our ladies. We would like to commend them for a job well done over the past years.

The building has been one of our greatest challenges here at New Life Institute. We have been using an old structure which needs to be renovated or rebuilt as soon as possible. The classrooms leak during the raining season and this has affected our school furniture such as desks, chairs, and tables. We are desperately in need of more desks and chairs to replaced the damaged one and accommodate more students. A building plan is in progress and we hope to come out with an estimate as soon as possible. We are in need a total of 40 desks and chairs to replace old ones. A gift of \$15 will provide a desk and chair for one student. We are equally looking out for sponsors for our students.

We are however grateful to all our friends and sponsors who have supported us in one way or the other. We welcome ideas and suggestions that will help to develop our Institute and take it to the next level.

All donations are tax deductible.

