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Josephine Sankoh – one of our beneficiaries

“To be brothers to all, modelling our dream for a world of justice and love” (Vision Statement, African Province)

“The poor are treasured and loved by God. Ideally, there are no margins; all are included in a world of justice, love, joy and peace. There is no doubt that Jesus was a threat to the religious and political elite because he disturbed their power structure and their control mechanism.” (The way forward...Brothers in Mission)

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EDITORIAL NOTE

Like a flash we come again! No more wanting to bring you excuses of having editors that are always busy. It was news blackout in the district but we've re-emerged once more with issues that might interest our numerous readers. What might be new? Maybe not the Lenten period that some of us will say we've been accustomed to. 'Is it not the usual period of alms giving, prayers and fasting?' Our great parents will simply put it. The challenge is, have we experienced it in a new way this time? The suffering Christ that sits on our door steps waiting for a stretching hand to feel loved once again, opening ears to listen to the silent cries of mother earth and its people, or maybe more efforts in our saving actions.....

Today, we stay fixed and glued to our television screens with keen interest in happenings in North

Africa and particularly Libya as Ghaddafi continues to crush his people. The terrible earth quakes in both New Zealand and recently Japan have swept the lives of many more. As we mourn, the earth opens to suck the blood of our beloved brothers and sisters.....These and many happenings around are messages to reflect upon. Do we identify in them the passion of Christ during this period, or attribute each of these to human longing for power, wealth and prestige? The truth is' we should no longer get stuck on the three traditional elements Lent Season brings us, but to listen and ponder on the events and stories that are unfolding each day. Only then, can we make a meaning in the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ.

It is therefore my wish, that this period of Lent will enkindle in us the fire of love and to cloth us completely with God's grace to fully understand his passion, death and resurrection in our lives, homes, communities, districts and provinces. Special blessings during this period.

Br. Sylvester Laka

CONGRATULATIONS TO BR. PHILIP PJNTO ON HIS 50th JUBILEE AS A CHRISTIAN BROTHER

On behalf of all our brothers in the West African District, I extend very hearty congratulations, prayers and best wishes to our brother Philip on the

occasion of the 50th Anniversary of his entrance into our beloved Congregation. Philip entered our Congregation in India in February 1961. He served as Provincial of the Indian Province for twelve years before being elected to the CLT at the 1996 Chapter in Johannesburg. At the 2002 Chapter in Rome Philip was elected Congregation Leader and was re-elected Congregation Leader again at the 2008 Chapter in Manner, India.

Philip, we have indeed been abundantly blessed over the past ten years or so by your visionary, prophetic and challenging leadership. Your depth of prayerfulness and understanding of our brotherhood as embodying an alternative and much needed spirituality for the Church and in the World today, has stretched us well beyond old and restrictive boundaries, and have moved us to new horizons and possibilities for how we live and serve together as brothers.

The CLT community in Rome recently celebrated Philip's Jubilee on March 20. We join with them and indeed with the whole Congregation in giving praise to God for the gift of Philip in our lives.

Br. Sylvester Lahai

MORE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

This year is our year of 50th anniversaries. On the 1st April 2011, Kanvilli School in Tamale will celebrate its golden jubilee since the school was established.

Kanvilli School is one of the many Catholic Schools in Tamale, Northern Ghana. Over the years, the School was poorly managed and was badly rundown. It was handed over to the brothers by the bishop in a very poor state some four years ago. Since the brothers took over the school, the conditions have greatly improved. Classrooms have been renovated, roofs repaired, sitting accommodation provided, water supply and toilet and other hygiene facilities have been installed. The academic standard of the school has improved by 80%. Congratulations to Br. Conrad Cerejo who was first principal of the school since the brother took it over; and to Br. Andrew Turay who is the current principal. Thanks to Brs. Emmanuel Brima, Bonaventure Adagiyele, Sonny Kanneh, the Novices and all brothers who worked in the school. *(More on this in the next issue)*

Sierra Leone, one of the countries in the geographical operational area and headquarters of the West Africa District celebrates its Golden Independent Jubilee on the 27th April 2011. Congratulations to all Sierra Leonean members of our congregation. Sierra Leone has emerged from a

brutal rebel war which left thousands of its armless civilians killed, thousands maimed, infrastructure destroyed, and many people still scarred and suffer from post trauma. Nevertheless, the country is on a gradual development phase with the aid of international donors especially DFID, World Bank, UNDP etc.



Br. Chris TeA

BRIEFING FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

CLT VISIT TO THE DISTRICT

Brs. Jack Mostyn and Peter Dowling are expected in the district on 15th May 2011 as a follow up to last year's visitation. The antennary of their visit has already been sent to all communities. We hope their time with us will be a reflective one for all of us. They will depart for Nairobi on the 7th May 2011. The district whole heartedly welcomes our two brothers in advance. Unfortunately, Jack and Peter will not be able to make it to Liberia and Ghana due to time constraints. Apologies to the brothers in Gbarnga, Liberia and Tamale, Ghana on behalf of Jack and Peter.

BR. JOHN HOLDEN RETURNS

We are happy to bring you news of Br. John Holden's return to the district. John worked with us in the district from March 2000 to October 2004,



Br. John Holden already in action

when he was appointed by the CLT as Novice Director in our novitiate in Green Point, Cape Town and journeyed to South Africa. On completing his term in the novitiate, he resolutely made the decision, after his sabbatical programme, of coming back to work again with us in West Africa. The DLT has re-appointed John as Coordinator of Personal Growth Programme and

Dean of Student Affairs in the district for a period of four years starting 1st March 2011 – 31st March 2014. He is expected to serve in the capacity as liaison person with the Congregation/Province Renewal Team(C/PRT) for inter province/district renewal programmes. John is expected to undertake a thorough review of current personal growth programme, to recommend a way forward after meeting with all the brothers in the District and report findings and recommendation to the DLT for further actions. This review we hope he will complete after workshops he has planned for the Temporary Professed and for the Finally Professed over Easter. (see details below). John also wishes to put together a small team of brothers to work alongside with him. He and his team will also gather regularly throughout the year the temporary professed and finally professed brothers for workshops and plan for the annual retreats for the District. Amongst his other specified roles will include planning and organizing renewal programmes for brothers in the district. John is already moving round the communities and talking to brothers at the moment with the hope that he will try to identify issues that will give him a fair idea on where possibly to start.

The District is delighted to have John in this capacity and wish him well in the different tasks ahead of him.

Upcoming District Workshops

Pastoral Centre, Kenema

Facilitator: Br. John Holden

1. **For Temporary Professed Brothers**
18-20 April, 2011 (Holy Week)
2. **For Finally Professed Brothers**
28-30 April, 2011 (Easter Week)

Theme: Listening to each other - Review of, and Way Forward for the District Personal Growth Programme. The workshops will provide a forum for us to speak up and to honestly listen to each other as we continue our journey together and to get some idea of where we go from here with our personal and spiritual growth as Brothers in the West African District. **Please Note:** Both workshops begin with 6:30 p.m. supper on the 18th and 28th respectively. Plan to arrive at the Centre between

4pm-6pm. Sessions conclude at 12:30 pm with lunch on last day

DISTRICT LEADER VISITS COMMUNITIES.

Our District Leader Br. Chris Teh spent the months of February and March visiting all the communities in Sierra Leone. Members of all the communities were happy to have Chris in their communities. He led very inspiring prayers, symbolically presented part two of our province mission booklet (A Vision for Mission) to each Brother and challenged us to use the material for our personal and community reflections.

The district leader also challenged the brothers to take seriously their personal and community renewal plans, especially in the areas of prayer, accompaniment, spiritual direction and celebration of the Eucharist. He also distributed prayer resources provided by the PRT during their last visit. Chris is currently in Tamale for similar visitation to Choggu Community, and then meets with the Novices and formation team in Tamale. He will join the Choggu community in celebrating the 50ieth anniversary of Kanvilli School. Chris hopes to visit Liberia as soon as he returns from the PLT meeting in May.

LILIANE FOUNDATION MEDIATORS MEET IN BO

Brothers who are mediators working with the Liliane Foundation recently had a three days meeting in Bo. The Liliane Foundation is a charitable organization based in Netherlands and supporting thousand of disable youngsters around the world. The Christian Brothers in the West African District has been one of their main working partners in West Africa. Ten brothers are currently working with the foundation and assisting about 50 disable kids in Sierra Leone. Major support given to these youngsters includes education, health and advocating for their rights.

The purpose of the meeting was to train the brothers and other mediators from other partner



CB's mediators working hard on their reports

organizations on the new reporting system introduced by the foundation. The mediators were very proud when it was announced in the meeting that Sierra Leone won the 2010 World Diamond Award of the foundation for their excellent work and reporting skills. More funds will therefore be made available for the new fiscal year so as to meet to the children's need in better ways. We encourage our brothers to keep up the good work which has been an extra effort to their assigned ministries.

The brothers in Gbarnga, Liberia have been identified as possible contacts and mediators by the Foundations. Br. Desmond Samuels who served as a mediator in Blama and Kenema for several years has been named as the first contact person. Unfortunately, due to lack of funds, the Liberia programme has been put on a hold till further notice.

PROVINCE BURSAR IN THE DISTRICT

The African Province bursar, Br. Paul Follas arrived in Freetown on 13th March 2011, and he is currently with us here in Freetown.



Pious, Sylvester and Sam with Paul.

He has been quiet busy introducing the 'Quick books Pro 2010' to Brs. Sam Yakuba our district accountant and Pious Conteh, our Province Mission Officer, in charge of development. The programme provides an effective and better way of accounting and reporting and can be of immense help to brothers dealing and managing our resources. Paul has also used his financial expertise to assist Sam in fixing some of the district accounts that he had trouble balancing.

Paul will be taken round the communities within Sierra Leone where some brothers might have the opportunity of benefiting from some of the programmes Paul will be willing to share with them. We encourage our brothers in the different communities to make use of Paul's time with them especially in the area of setting up a good reporting system. Paul is expected to leave Sierra Leone by early April as he flies back to Zambia.

NEW SPIRITUAL READING LIBRARY KEBBIE TOWN, BO

One of the dire needs recently expressed by brothers at the December District Assembly was for the availability of good, u-dated spiritual reading material in the District. Prompted by this request and also by the recent list of "The Fifty Best Spiritual Reading Books for 2010" circulated by Br. Senan de Souza of the CRT, Br. Chris Teh, district leader, contacted John Holden while he was still in Toronto, and forwarded him Senan's list and provision to purchase \$ 2000.00 worth of spiritual reading books for the District. John was able to purchase thirty of the books on Senan's list and many others he felt would make for good, up-to-date spiritual reading and shipped two boxes of these recent books to Chris. In the meantime John had already shipped three boxes of good spiritual reading books and a few DVD's he had bought himself from a very good second-hand store in Toronto, or collected from our brothers in Newfoundland and Toronto, who were very happy to help us out in this way. All the boxes have arrived in Sierra Leone.

These five boxes of recent books, as well as many of the good books from the former spiritual library in Tengbeh Town (which is presently being moved to Bo), are presently being organized and catalogued by John. A new Lending Library for the District will be established in our new community in Kebbie Town, Bo. Brothers are very welcome to visit at any time and browse through our new library to use the 'sign-out' and 'sign-in' register available to borrow or return books. John will also facilitate matters by bringing around a collection of books for this purpose during his visits to communities.

TEMPORAL APPOINTMENT

The District Leadership Team has temporarily appointed Br. Sylvester Lahai as Acting District Vocation Director (DVD) after Br. Martin Vamboi who acted in that capacity for 3 years before he left for studies in



Br. Sylvester Lahai - Acting DVD

the United States. The DLT considered appointing Sylvester for the period of March – December 2011, and he is expected to work with all brothers in the districts, particularly those who are designated community representatives for vocation promotion. He is at the moment working with Brs. Eamonn and Noel in the Postulancy until June 2011. He is expected to fully complete his studies by July 2011 and the Leadership Team is still in dialogue with him for other possible ministry placement.

We are grateful Sylvester was able to accept this appointment and we ask all brothers to cooperate and support him in carrying out this important task for the district.

NEW DIOCESE, NEW BISHOP

Sierra Leone now has a fourth diocese, a desire many Catholics had long wished for. The former Arch Diocese of Freetown and Bo has now been split into two with Bo now standing as a diocese on its own. Since the time of Archbishop Joseph Ganda (Emeritus), it was clear that the Arch Diocese was becoming too large to be manned by just one bishop. Parishes, especially in the interior were left without priests and the faithful had been pushing hard to get another bishop who will try to meet to their spiritual needs.

Fr. Charles Chambell, a man respected by most was appointed in late January 2011 as the new Bishop of the new Bo Diocese. Born in a small village some 52 kilometers from Bo. He had spent a good time teaching and working in the seminary as a priest over the years. The brothers in Sierra Leone noted him as one of the best in facilitating retreats over the years for its members. His reflections provided have always been thought provoking.

His installation as a Bishop will take place on the 7th of May 2011 at St. Francis Pro Cathedral in Bo. The District Leader on behalf of his team and brothers already congratulated Fr. Champell on the appointment of his new role and pray for Christ's Humility in the execution of his duties now and always.

IN DIASPORA

Titus Kallon: Not much has been hard from Titus lately. We hope and pray that your studies is going well, and looking forward to completing your Masters Degree soon.

Martin Vamboi: Martin has been on skype, email, SMS to various brothers including the district leader. Martin has settled well in Iona community

and following his courses. Poor Nyandehun boy suffered immensely when he first arrived in USA during the hard hit winter period. He is gradually acclimatising. We wish you well in your studies.

Victor Alpha: News from Nairobi indicates that Victor has completed his course of studies, and working hard on his long essay. Victor's graduation will be on the 28th May 2011. The district leader will be present at this occasion, as the next PLT meeting will be held in Nairobi round about this time. Victor will graduate with a diploma in Spirituality and formation.
CONGRATULATIONS!!

Communities in Brief

SIERRA LEONE

MAKENI COMMUNITY

The community on the 12th March 2011 joined Br. Jeremiah Kargbo to celebrate his convocation at Njala University College in Makonde village. Jeremiah had completed a four year Programme at the University and has been awarded a BSC (Physical and Health Education). Friends and family members all came together to celebrate with him on his success. We particularly want to acknowledge the role of the community as the district joins them in congratulating Jeremiah on this great success and hope he will share the knowledge already gained to many more young people. Already, Jeremiah has fully engaged himself at St. Francis Secondary School where he is teaching Physical and Health Education in the Senior School.

SENAN KERRIGAN FORMATION CENTRE- NEW HOME - BO

Our 12 young men in this year's postulancy are settling in for the programme. There are 11 Sierra Leoneans with only a Liberian and 2 Irish to give it an international flavour. Recently, Br. Sylvester Lahai has joined the team and the programme taken off on a good footing.

A major renovation has been done in the long hall used as a living and dining room. Our news vendor witnessed the completion of the work and felt the room has been giving a good up lift. This was a challenge posed to the community by the district leader during his visitation. The Postulancy team extends their thanks to the DLT for providing the funds for this work.

CALABA TOWN COMMUNITY

Renovations are underway in the community house at Calaba town. The brothers in the community have decided to give the long stretched house a new face lift. We commend the brothers for their effort as well as the DLT that were able to provide most of the funds to make the work possible.

A construction of water well is also underway in our newly opened school at Allen Town were most of our brothers in this community are working. The location of the school as been on a hill top and



Calaba Town Community House – a new coat of Paint

securing water has been a hard nut to crack. The Acting Principal, Br. Paul Luseni with the support of the district had secured funds to sink a well for the school. This we hope will ease the water problems the kids experience in school. We still have fears of discovering water but the workers themselves are very optimistic, and have assured the staff of a stronger possibility. We hope it goes on well.

YENGEMA COMMUNITY

Two of our men, Brs. Eric Angoulo and Leo Kamara were involved in a motor bike accident on their way to attend the Liliane Foundation mediators meeting in Bo. Leo sustained a broken left hand with bruises all over his face, whilst Eric who was riding had a deep cut just below his knee cap. Frantic medication has seen the two men improved so fast. Leo is even back in school conducting exams for his different classes whilst Eric is expected to be back in action with his school ministry in a couple of weeks.

Yengema Secondary School were our brothers teach will be having their sports meet on the 30th & 31st of March 2011. The brothers are now busy preparing their athletes and also ready to host a number of the brothers that might reach them for the occasion. We wish them a wonderful celebration.

GBARNGA COMMUNITY

‘Rome Has Spoken’

‘Rome Has Spoken’ These were the words of Archbishop Luis Zegler at the pronouncement ceremony of a new Bishop of Gbarnga at the Holy Spirit Cathedral. For more than one year the Diocese of Gbarnga has been without a Bishop since the appointment of Bishop Luis Zegler as Archbishop of Monrovia due to the falling health of Archbishop Michael Francis. The administration of the diocese was left in the capable hands of the Apostolic Administrator, Rev Fr. Chris Brenan. The faithful remained in prayers for months for the announcement of the new shepherd to guide the flock.

The book of Ecclesiasticus tells us that there is time for everything under the sun – a time to lose a bishop and a time to get a new one. 21st March 2011 will remain a historical date in the minds of the parishioners in the Gbarnga diocese. Priests, Religious and the Lay Faithful converged on the Holy Spirit Cathedral to hear the announcement of their new bishop. From the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI made a formal announcement concerning the Diocese of Gbarnga, which was simultaneously made by representative of the Apostolic Enunciator in Liberia. The Holy Father’s message was read by the secretary to Papal Nuncio.

At exactly 11:00 am, **Rev. Fr. Anthony Boa** was pronounced the Bishop of the Diocese of Gbarnga. The atmosphere in the Church was filled with jubilation as people clapped, danced and sang songs of praise to God. The Bishop-elect was carried on the shoulders of jubilant men and women around the altar. “The people have got what they wanted” said a native son of the soil.



Jubilant crowd carrying the Bishop-elect around the altar

The 45 year old Priest originated from Lofa County and has worked in many part of the Liberia. Up to his appointment, he was the administrator at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Archdiocese of Monrovia

and also director for Radio Veritas – a catholic radio station in Monrovia.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Apostolic Administrator of Gbarnga diocese, Very Rev. Fr. Chris Brennan congratulated and welcomed the Bishop-elect to the diocese on behalf of the people of the diocese. Rev. Fr. Chris also presented the keys to the cathedral church and house, keys to the car, new phone containing numbers of the various diocesan offices. In his remarks, the Archbishop of Monrovia, Bishop Luis Zegler urged the lay faithful to support and collaborate with the Bishop-elect adding that he is the son of the soil. 'Today marks the end of our anxiety because 'Rome Has spoken' and no one will change it'. He concluded.

The Episcopal ordination has been scheduled to take place on the 11th June 2011 at the Holy Spirit Cathedral in Gbarnga. The ceremony was attended by priests, religious and lay faithful from Bong, Lofa and Nimba counties of Gbarnga dioceses. Other dignitaries at the ceremony included Bishop-elect of Cape Palmas – very Rev. Fr. Andrew Kanley, Rev. Fr. Sylvester Wuyah, (Sierra Leone) a Priest from Nigeria and a cross section of Bong County Administration. Live radio coverage included Radio Gbarnga, Supper Bongies and Radio Veritas of Monrovia. The question many people asked today is 'who will he choose as the Vicar General?'

Please remember our Bishop-elect in your prayers.



L-R Archbishop Lusi Zegler, The Bishop-elect and Fr. Chris Brennan

It could be recalled that a couple of months ago **Very Rev. Fr. Andrew Kanley** former administrator at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Monrovia was pronounced Bishop of Cape Palmas Diocese. His ordination has been slated to take place May this year.

Visitors

The community was happy to receive a host of visitors this month. Brs. Albert Gomez and Pious Conteh made a visit on a special mission from the

Project Review Committee. As one of the issues that came up in the December assembly, the committee had long sessions with the community to over view the current mission of Christian Brothers in Liberia, particularly St. Martins High School.

In another development, Brs. Ben Kamara and Alex Bangura form the West African District Leadership made an official visit to the community. It was a time when the community members had an opportunity to have one-to-one talks with members of the leadership team. A session on community building was organized since a new member (Br. Prince Tarawalie) has joined the community. The community is grateful to Brs. Ben and Alex for their visit. We hope they had a safe trip back to Sierra Leone.

Br. Prince Tarawalie to Gbarnga

Br. Prince Tarawallie joined the community after the departure of Br. Patrick Nuanah who is on sick leave to his home county. Br. Prince has settled well in the community and has been a great support to the young brothers. The community is looking at the possibility of him doing some credit hours at Cuttington University.

Br. Patrick to Ghana

Br. Patrick travelled back home (Ghana) on sick leave at the start of this year. His absence has created a big gap in the school. However, news from Ghana indicates that he is responding to treatment.

The community is in constant touch with him by email and phone. We are grateful to his family and friends who are with him at this time. We wish him a speedy recovery. Please remember him in your prayers. Our District Leader is on visitation to Tamale, and will visit Patrick at home.

Meanwhile, March 6th was Ghana's Independence Day. The community remembered Ghana in prayers and wished Patrick a happy independence day.

Br. Desmond Samuels Liberia



Annual Retreats 2011 West African District Pastoral Centre, Kenema

Two full six-day Directed Retreats have been arranged as follows within the District for 2011. The retreats are also open to other Religious in the country who may wish to join us. The five directors are as follows: Br. Joe Mosely cfc, Sr. Bridgit Mathew pbvm, Br. Michael Godfrey cfc, Br. John Holden cfc, and Sr. Anthonia Ezeibekwe mshr.

1st Retreat: 25th July to August 1, 2011

2nd Retreat: 4 August to 11 August, 2011

Brothers, so we can organize properly, please plan now to attend either of those retreats. Both retreats start with 6:30 p.m. Dinner on opening day. The retreat proper will begin at the opening session at 8:00 p.m. Each director will meet briefly with his/her group of directees following this opening session and arrange the times for individual sessions for each day of the retreat.

Each community needs to decide **now** which brothers will attend which retreat, so that the community house is not left vacant etc. Communities have been supplied with a Registration Form for this purpose. Please have this arrangement decided upon and submit the community Registration Form at the Temporary Professed Workshop in on April 18th, as we will need to give the Pastoral Centre advance notice of how many will be present at each retreat. We need to be as accurate as possible now with respect to numbers as the Pastoral Centre requires the final payment in advance of retreats.

Br. John T. Holden

COMING EVENTS

Kanvallie School Golden Jubilee: 28th March – 1st April 2011

Temporal Professed Cluster meeting: 18th – 20 April 2011 (Holy Week)

Finally Professed Cluster meeting: 28th – 30th 2011 (Easter Week)

Edmund Rice Feast Day – May 5

***Sierra Leone 50th Independent
Anniversary – 27th April***

BIRTHDAYS

We wish Br. Ambrose Lebbie a HAPPY BIRTHDAY who celebrates his birthday on the 4th April

PRAYER REQUESTS.

We continue to pray for the speedy recovery of Br. Patrick Nuanah. Patrick has had serious skin problems since his novitiate days. He has been back and forth from one specialist to another. Be December last year, the problem grew worse and Patrick could not attend our annual assembly. He was granted absence from community by the Province Leader undergoing medication. His full medication and other support is covered by the District and his community.

Let us continue to remember Mr. James Kargbo in prayer (brother of Br. Michael Boima) who suddenly died on the 2nd of March 2011. Age – 50 years. May his soul rest in Peace, Amen

Condolence to Mr. Malayka who lost his wife sometime in February. Mr. Malayka is our contact person in Port Loko for vocation promotion. He is an active parishioner, and a good friend of the brothers.

Thanksgiving prayer for the recovery of Mr. Phebian Fellie, elder sister of Br. Chris Teh who was diagnosed with partial stroke in January this year. She was admitted at the St. John of God Brothers hospital in Lunsar, Northern Sierra Leone. She is back home and has regained her speech fully, and able to move again on her own. Also, Mr. Logan Teh, Chris's elder brother is admitted in the same hospital and a minor hernia surgery done.

Also pray for the madam Nimatu Turay, elder sister of Br. Andrew Turay who was very ill and hospitalised in Makeni. Many thanks to Br. Pascal

Gibba who visited and provided money for the medication. She is slowly recovering.

Just before publishing this news letter, we received word from Br. Frank Borboh who announced that his mothers is hospitalised for high blood pressure and is in a semi-coma. Please pray for her recovery.

Is this a joke?

*Dear readers,
I need to ask you something that has kept me sleepless. I want you to be totally honest with me. It might be awkward between us after this but I have to know how you feel. I have kept this in mind for a while now but I think it is finally time I be straight up and just confront you. I hope this does not ruin the relationship we already have. I don't see any other way I could get over this. It will not be fair on me if I don't get an answer. I want you to tell me truthfully, no matter how harsh it is. I just want your honest opinion..... How much is a plate of fried rice in your area? Cheers!*

Br. Desmond Samuels
Liberia

A man was brought to court and charged for burglary. His young lawyer stood up to defend him and said "my client only passed his hand through the window and stole a few items, how can you charge his whole body be charged for a crime committed by his limb?" The judged looked over his glasses, and said to the young lawyer, I find your argument very interesting. I therefore find your client's arm guilty and sentenced to one year imprisonment. He can go with or without it. The client and the young lawyer looked at each other and smiled. The client took off his false arm, laid it on the table, and walked out.

Br. Chris Tek
Freetown

"... of more recent times, we have also seen that this fraternal relationship extends also to all of creation. We are in true partnership with our environment. Brothers and sisters exploit nothing and no one..." (The way forward...Brothers in Mission)



THANK YOU!!!!

To all those who supplied us with updates from their locations.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We continue to encourage our numerous readers to send in contributions to Br. Sylvester Lahai.

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