



MISSIONS

April, 2024 **Today**

Grace from God and peace to you in the name of the Lord Jesus.
How are you – health, family, work and walk with God?
We thank God for you always each time we remember you and your role in the mission of taking the gospel to the nations.

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The GCM National Office did a compilation of major events that took place in 2023 in a 48-page report. We will extract some of the reports and share with you so you will get insight to what other mission activities is ongoing through other strategies and where they are happening.



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The TRIANGLE Mission report – Guinea.

These excerpts from the National report captures the vision of the TRIANGLE which is coming to the end of its first phase. (in 2024)

Somewhere in the heart of West Africa lies the Kissi nation, a tribe wedged between Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea. These political boundaries have fragmented the Kissi, plunging them into political instability, traditional separation, economic downturns, and sporadic conflicts that have hindered peace and development for decades. In response to these challenges, the TRIANGLE Mission—also known as Operation TRIANGLE or Operation Three Countries—was established, aiming to mend the wounds of a people battered by hardships and guide them toward a prosperous future.

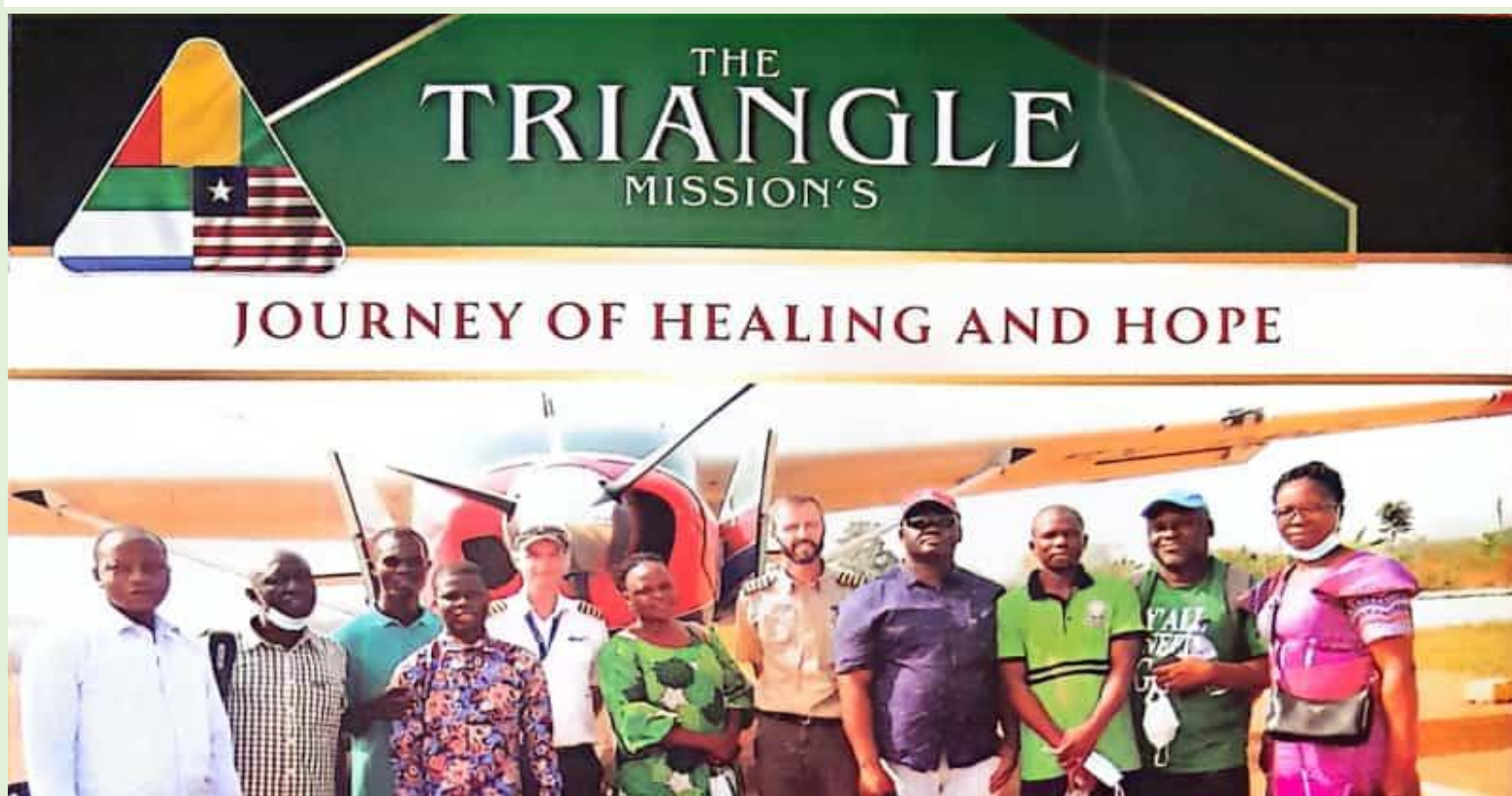
The vision of the TRIANGLE Mission isn't just a distant dream; It calls for salvation, restoration, and empowerment. These countries have faced devastating wars and the damaging impact of the Ebola epidemic.

Delayed by Ebola, interrupted by Covid 19, we moved on!

The heart of the TRIANGLE Mission beats through its five-fold approach. Pastors are groomed as leaders, spreading messages of love and redemption. Small businesses emerge, offering economic independence in impoverished communities. Local chiefs gain strength through leadership development, becoming mentors in deprived societies. Education becomes fundamental, promoting academic excellence and nurturing young minds. The youth, often the most brutally hit, are encouraged to see beyond their circumstances and envision a future full of opportunities.

Initially planned for five years (2018-2022), the TRIANGLE Mission continues into 2024, proof of its dedication to winning souls despite the disruptions caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The genesis of this mission dates back to successful training in Sierra Leone between 2009 and 2014, leading to the growth of churches in the country. A call from Liberia and the warm reception in Guinea further fueled the desire to work across three countries.





The goals aren't just numbers; they are stories waiting to unfold. Churches planted represent reborn communities, trained leaders provide hope for their communities, and empowered

While the TRIANGLE Mission has seen success, challenges persist. Migration from rural communities to cities for a better life has disrupted village dynamics, and

As the TRIANGLE Mission moves forward, it seeks prayers for guidance, open doors, funding and safety. It's a plea for a fertile ground where change can thrive.

The triangle mission is on its way to being developed as a model mission prototype. For this reason, we plan to extend our work to **Phase 2** beyond the first five years due to the new potentials and gains we are recording.

Saviour.

Among the strategies adopted to cause change is the Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA), which trains and promotes self-reliance through savings and lending groups. Small business training aligns with local skills, ensuring sustainability. Education is also pivotal, with inter-country quiz competitions boosting motivation.

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On ground in the TRIANGLE, one of our first activities is meeting with our key volunteers and local Church leaders. Agenda is 2 broad points:

First, what transpired within the year from the training and resourcing from our previous trip and, the plan and schedule of our activities for our one week stay (in their country).



Meeting Church Pastors.

Secondly, we outline the plans, schedules, processes of our operations for the week.

In Guinea, the new head of education invited all heads of the department (Teacher training, HR, Planning, Sports, Inspection, information etc) to meet and interface with us.



The TRIANGLE team members with the officials from the Education Ministry.

They were excited about deepening their students' knowledge and productivity.

Unlike the other countries, the ministry of education coordinated the 7 secondary schools to take a short exam that produced the best students to represent Guinea at the international quiz competition in Sierra Leone.

RESOURCE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. (CHURCH LEADERS)

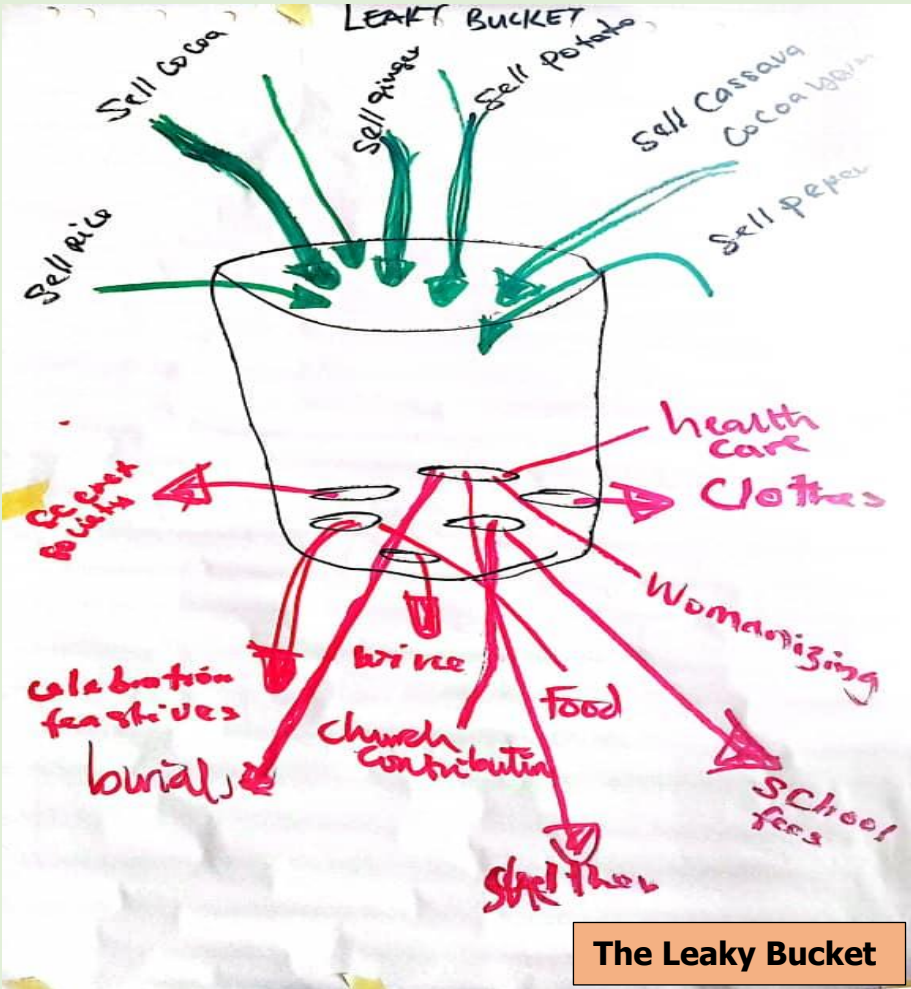
In the 2023 Mission, we provided financial education



Practical session sessions drawing the Seasonal Calendar and Leaky Bucket.

training to the group leaders with an action plan to share the knowledge gained to all their group members over the course of 15 weeks. In the 2024 Mission, we reviewed performance of the groups and provided support on group management, record keeping and share-out conduction in the VSLA as well as Community Economic Analysis. We also made time to visit with individual groups and further built capacity in all documentation.

Two tools in this strategy, the **Seasonal Calendar** and the **Leaky Bucket** was used to analyse their economic situation and understand why they remain poor; concluding with outlined measures to streamline spending and improve incomes.



The Leaky Bucket

Can you plan to plot a leaky bucket based on your finances? (income-input is green, expenditure is red) This activity reveals the true nature of our cash flow, bringing us to the awareness of our expenditure that needs attention.

2024 Triangle Mission Statistics Report for Guinea					
Activity	Participants	Number of bodies	Number days/ visits	Attendance	Souls Won
School Visits	School rally	2 schools	2	133	75
VSLA	Pastors and Leaders in Gueckedou	7 churches	2	11	0
Strategic Planning with Leaders	Department of Education	1	1	13	0
Local quiz competition	High school	7 schools	1	14	0
TOTALS				171	75

The College rally took place, though limited by the few Volunteers Missionaries on this trip, Evangelist Philip Akande (Right) made it to some schools where he shared the gospel to the students. 133 heard the gospel of which 75 youths gave their lives to Jesus.



The Year of Jubilee.

This year 2024, to the glory of God, marks the silver jubilee [25 years] of both marriage and ministry of Paul and Lola.

It was like yesterday, when in September 1999, 9 Months after our National Youths Service Scheme [NYSC], we got married and the following month began our Missionary service.

25th wedding anniversary - September 4th, and
25th year in Missions service – October 6th!

Thank you Lord for your grace and mercies thus far!
Hallelujah to Jesus.

Thank you Lord for our mission Partners!
High commendation to our partners for reaching this milestone together.

A Mission House for the Alabis.

One of the many commitments we signed as we came on board as Missionaries was that we can be moved to serve anywhere, depending on the need and approval of the Directors.

This policy does not encourage our settling down, an idea to keep us on the move – heaven is our home?!?!

As we clock 22 years in Lagos, it is obvious we have arrived our bus stop, as regards transfers. Towards this, with the approval of our Directors, we have initiated the plan to build or get a house in the Lagos area.

We will share more details in subsequent correspondences.

PLEASE PRAY FOR US.

1. Thanking God for His election and call upon our lives as His Missionaries.
2. Thank God for the TRIANGLE Mission – outreaches, salvation, training, encouragement of the local.
3. Thank God for provisions to cover the deficit incurred in the TRIANGLE.
4. Thank God for the 25 years of service for Paulola – from Jos to Cape Coast, Ile-Ife and to Lagos, working in Campus, Prayer, Administrator, Church and Missions.
5. Thank God for a house for Paul and Lola and Children in Lagos.
6. Thank God for our team of dedicated Partners. More on them in future reports.

