



Love Sierra Leone Annual Report 2025

Charity #1157847

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Trustees: *Richard Bayfield, Rev David Bendor-Samuel, Ian Gill, Norm Robins*



We are grateful for the continued prayer, encouragement and financial support of our partners and supporters throughout 2025. Your commitment has enabled Love Sierra Leone to continue its work alongside churches, schools and communities at a time of ongoing national hardship. We are particularly thankful for the dedication of Pastor Yatta Samura who leads the C3M mission and David Sandi who leads Ahkom School, and their local leaders, teachers, pastors and volunteers, whose perseverance makes this work possible.

2025 Overview

Sierra Leone continued to face significant challenges in 2025. Economic pressures intensified following reductions in international aid, while inflation and unemployment placed increasing strain on families. Political uncertainty remained following the 2023 elections, and a growing drug crisis among young people continued to affect communities across the country. Public health concerns, including outbreaks of Mpox, added further pressure to already stretched services.

Against this backdrop, the charity's work in church ministry, education and youth engagement remained both necessary and impactful.

Church Ministry and Pastoral Support

Church ministry continued across eight churches in Freetown (2) and Kono (6) under the leadership of Pastor Yatta Samura. Monthly stipends were provided to pastors and Sports Life Ministry coaches, ensuring continuity of pastoral care, teaching and youth engagement.

The churches remain central to community life, offering spiritual support, guidance for young people, and practical encouragement to families facing hardship. A short visit by Pastor Yatta to the UK in February helped strengthen the relationship with UK supporters.





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Sports Life turns 25



Sports Life Ministry celebrated its 25th anniversary this year, with celebrations, sports events including a sports camp for girls and a Jog for Jesus run with hundreds of participants. The Sports Life Ministry continued to play a crucial role in engaging young people, particularly in the context of widespread drug use and unemployment. Coaches supported through stipends provided mentoring, discipline and positive role models, using sport as a means of outreach and relationship-building. The annual Easter “Jog for Jesus” event on the streets of Freetown provides strong visibility of this work.



XMAS meals for children



The C3M ministry provided a Christmas meal and get-together for children in the Kono region.

Pastor Yatta wrote *“It was indeed a blessing to put a smile on the faces of the children. The parents are grateful. About 465 children are fed with the funds you provided. 4 communities benefited”*.



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Education and Young People – Ahkom School



We continued to support Ahkom School, which under the leadership of David Sandi, serves about 800 pupils from nursery through to senior secondary level.

Despite financial pressures and reduced government support, the school achieved excellent examination results: - NPSE: 100% pass rate - BECE: 100% pass rate - WASSCE: 97% pass rate. These outcomes reflect the commitment of staff and the resilience of students in difficult circumstances.

The school continued to develop its Technical and Vocational Education programmes, including catering, baking and event décor. Discussions progressed with the Ministry of Education, with the aim of expanding entrepreneurship and skills training for young people, potentially reaching hundreds of students in the future.



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Agricultural projects advanced at Senehun, including experimental potato cultivation and the planting of cocoa, cashew and plantain. These initiatives support practical learning, food security and long-term sustainability.

The school continued to face challenges, including delayed teacher payments, reduced subsidies and the need for building maintenance and equipment. Nevertheless, progress throughout the year demonstrated what can be achieved with consistent support.



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Medical and Practical Support

Where possible, non-critical medical supplies such as bandages and gloves were provided during the year. These contributions, though modest, made a meaningful difference to individuals and families with limited access to healthcare.



Financial summary

Income for the year was £19,998, down from over £26,000 in 2024. Expenditure for the year was £20,856, summarized below:

- Christian Community Church £15,900
 - Allowances £14,150, XMAS meal £1,600, bank fees etc. £150
- Ahkom School £4,475
 - Sponsored children £1,560, Allowances £2,765, bank fees etc. £150
- LSL general fund £481
 - Bank fees £301, admin fees £180

Looking Ahead

Our aims for 2026 include expanding vocational training opportunities, developing agricultural projects further, and exploring the purchase of land in Freetown for future ministry use. Above all, the work will continue to rely on prayer, partnership and the faithful support of those committed to the people of Sierra Leone.

Giving

If you would like to support our activities you can donate online (one off or standing order) at www.lovesierraleone.org or by cheque, payable to "Love Sierra Leone". For further information please contact Richard Bayfield, 25 Davenant Road, Oxford, OX2 8BU, (01865 311800), email info@lovesierraleone.org.

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Income & expenditure account for the year ended 31st December, 2025

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Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 2025

	2025	2024
<u>Income</u>		
Donations	16,022.85	22,075.57
Gift aid refunds	3,971.75	4,675.33
Interest received	3.85	4.52
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<u>Total Income</u>	19,998.45	26,755.42
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<u>Expenditure</u>		
Donations to overseas projects	20,075.00	26,725.00
Other finance charges	601.00	601.00
Other costs	180.00	168.00
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<u>Total Expenditure</u>	20,856.00	27,494.00
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<u>Net income</u>	-857.55	-738.58
Balance as at 1st January 2025	1,192.47	1,931.05
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<u>Total funds at 31st December, 2025</u>	334.92	1,192.47
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<u>Represented by:</u>		
CAF accounts	334.92	1,192.47
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**Love Sierra Leone
Independent examiners report**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Love Sierra Leone

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145) of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 

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Date: 2nd March 2026