

A Report: Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Training Workshop Held September 24, 2015.

To: All Sabbath Schools Superintendents, Elders, and District Pastors. Please copy and submit to Church Boards and Sabbath School Committees

Present: 21 attendees representing 12 Worship places including 9 Sabbath Superintendents, 3 Sabbath School Secretaries, 2 Personal Ministries Leaders, 1 Sabbath School Teacher 2 Church Elders, 1 church clerk, 1 District Pastor/SLM Officer, the ABC/HHES Coordinator and 1 Deacon.

Present

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| * Waterloo
AHS Hospital
Abundant Life | * East End
* Three Angels Messages
Visions for Life |
| * Maranatha | * Tene
Aberdeen |
| * Centenary Jui
Calaba Town | * Christ the King |
| * Organised | |

Absent

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| Salem-Mabureh
Victory in Christ
Tombo | Victory in Christ
Present Truth
New Haven |
| * Newton
Mamamah Village | * Wellington
Mahera (Lungi)
Masoila (Lungi) |
| * Kissi town
Masiaka
Peninsula SS | Tintafor
* Good News |
| * Samuel Town | * Greater Love |

Recommendations

1. Sabbath Schools should refocus on the 4 Objectives of Sabbath School
2. Sabbath Schools should train teachers to be Lesson Unit Leaders to build the 4 Objectives in the Units. Sabbath school units should be maintained in order to achieve the 4 objectives. Combining units should be discouraged.
3. Sabbath School teachers should study the lessons to help members to understand scriptures "line upon line and precept upon precept."
4. Sabbath Schools should practice the use of more spiritual music by learning new hymns and modifying and creating choruses to reflect more scriptural understanding
5. Mission Stories should be prepared and not READ to the congregation. The Support of World Mission through systematic offering should be explained and promoted to members.
6. Sabbath School Expense offerings raised by members in units should be planned and approved by the Sabbath School Council. All funds raised should be submitted to treasurer each Sabbath and a receipt for funds should be issued by the Treasurer to the Sabbath School Secretary. Receipts should be kept in a Master Record Book.
7. Special Days should be well planned and orderly coordinated with emphasis on worship over the aggressive extracting of funds from members and guests.
8. Special Days Fundraising should be well strategized and the purpose clear so members and guest come with envelopes and offering prepared in advance. All envelop offerings should be receipted.
9. Special Programs by Departments of the Church should not require the absenting of those departments from the worship services in their local churches. Sabbath School Special Days should focus on inviting community guests. Programs requiring the fellowship with other Adventist Churches should be scheduled Sabbath Afternoons after Divine Service.
10. Music should communicate the Gospel message without the domination of popular and worldly beats that distract from the spiritual focus.

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11. Officers and Teachers accepting to serve in Sabbath School should be committed to serving Sabbath School over secular pursuits on the Sabbath that denies the 3 Angels' Messages that we profess.
12. We should resume 1st Sabbath in the Quarter Prayer and Fasting promotion with breaking fast being simple and not requiring food preparation that may counter the spiritual focus.
13. There needs to be training for Children Sabbath School Teachers who are willing to sacrifice time in planning lessons and programs for the spiritual development of our children (our first mission field).
14. Personal Ministries Leaders should:
 - a. Coordinate Bible Studies inside and outside of churches and monitors Literature Distribution.
 - b. Coordinate ALL EVANGELISM of all departments of the church.
 - c. Make sure all visitors are FOLLOWED-UP with a call or visit and a "thank you for visiting".

Reports

Discovery Bible Guides –no reports

Number of Events reported as **being observed in 10 OF 12 worship places** represented that reported:

Ten Days of Prayer-10,	Stewardship Evangelism-0	Evangelism-2	Pathfinder Day-10
Religious Liberty-2	Community Outreach-5	Women's Ministry-9	Health Emphasis-0
Christian Home and & Marriage-1	Health and Temperance-3	Vacation Bible School-0	Spirit of Prophecy-0
Women's Day of Prayer-9	Sharing Book Distribution-7	Abuse Prevention-7	Children's Sabbath-2
Youth Week of Prayer-8	Education-1	Family Togetherness-2	

Education Day upcoming

Week of Prayer upcoming

Community Guest Day upcoming

Harvest Thanksgiving upcoming

Assignments

1. Personal Ministries Leaders should collaborate with Departments responsible for Event Days for Literature and Gift Distribution and follow-up on visitors. On Event Day Personal Ministries Leaders should make sure the Department present Personal Ministries Spotlight.
2. 13 boxes, 16 bags of books and magazines for sharing and/or church libraries were distributed after the meeting. Bags of books and materials were also shared to Pastors and Evangelists.
3. Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Manuals are available for purchase on CD's or can be downloaded from SLM website <http://sdachurchsierraleone.org>.
4. As no Discover Bible Studies were reported as complete and ready for awards, **The Discover Bible Guides** should be completed by October Ending. Certificates and Bibles will be issues with evidence that studies have been completed.
5. Personal Ministries Leaders should begin recruiting interested students for **Unsealing Daniel Bible Studies** by church members in the churches on Sabbath afternoons. Classes will begin when the members have enrolled. Materials will be issued at the Headquarters.
6. Sabbath School Secretaries should complete
 - a. Weekly record forms
 - b. Monthly record form
 - c. Quarterly reports. Next quarterly report is due the first **Tuesday in October** 2015.

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7. Sabbath School Secretaries should have a Master Record Book of all information on membership, activities of the Sabbath School and Sabbath School Committee Minutes.
8. Photos of events in the Sabbath school should be submitted with Quarterly reports by email to Pritypearlie@gmail.com. Send email to me for an invitation to join Sierra Leone Sabbath School Facebook Group if you have a Facebook account.

Agenda Item Omitted

The Publishing Department would like to have a Literature Evangelist/Publishing Representative in every organised Church/Company. Training will be scheduled in November and only those recommended by their respective Church Board will be considered. Members of Branch Sabbath Schools and Students are also welcome to apply if recommended by their respective Church Boards.

Thanks

1. For cooperation in paying for Sabbath School Quarterlies in a timely manner for this quarter. All are paid for.
2. For cooperation in purchase and distribution of Health and Wellness books. All are paid for.
3. For 22 of 29 worship turning in 1st quarter reports though very late. And 9 worship places of 29 turning 2nd quarter reports though very late. Our goal is get this 3rd quarter reports in by October 7th with your cooperation.

Yours in His Service,

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