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Otterbein College

Report of the Sierra Leone Program, 1971

Fourteen students at the junior or senior level enrolled in Education 39, Special Problems, (Comparative Education in Sierra Leone) in September 1970 and completed the program in June 1971. The list of students and information about their experience is given on an accompanying sheet.

The students were supervised by Dr. Chester Addington through the entire program. They enrolled in a twenty clock hour seminar in the Autumn term for indoctrination and preparation for the overseas portion of the program. During the Autumn term several resource people who were knowledgeable about Sierra Leone met with the group and shared their knowledge. Special appreciation is due to Mrs. Mildred Stauffer who shared her experiences from the program in 1969-70 and several students who had participated in the study that year. Help also came from Dr. Sanford Price, Dr. Lloyd Mignerey, Mr. Earl Hassenpflug and Mr. James Winkates.

Each participating student selected a research topic to study and had a proposal for the study approved during the Autumn term.

The fourteen students and Dr. Addington departed from New York on December 29 for Amsterdam, Netherlands, for an enjoyable short stay. The group was met at Lungi airport Sierra Leone on January 1, 1971 by Mr. Max Bailor, Principal of Albert Academy and Rev. T. S. Bangura of the United Christian Council. These two dedicated men spent much of their time during the next week helping orient us to the life and culture of Sierra Leone with special emphasis on the function of the Christian Churches and Church sponsored schools. Mrs. Ada Bailor was also a great help even though there was serious illness in her family.

Through the cooperation of Rev. Cannon Professor Harry AE. Sawyerr, Principal of Fourah Bay College, board, room and transportation was provided for the group during the week of orientation.

The entire group of students were stirred by the message of Rev. Renner at the King Memorial Church on Sunday January 3.

The bus of Harford School for Girls provided transportation for the group to Njala University College and Moyamba on January 9. Six students and the supervisor were assigned to Njala and eight students were assigned to Moyamba. The lack of availability of an automobile for the supervisor was a handicap at this point, but Njala University College with special help from Mrs. Judith May-Parker and Mr. A. A. Boompong, controller, arranged college transportation for essential travel.

Sincere appreciation is due to Dr. and Mrs. William Fitzjohn, Principal of Harford School for Girls and to their Staff, especially Miss Virginia Pickarts for their help in arranging the housing and getting the students started on their teaching assignments.

All of the students were assigned to work half days Mondays through Thursdays as teacher aides in the elementary (primary) or secondary schools. Two students were assigned to the experimental schools of Njala University College and the remainder were assigned to the following United Methodist Church sponsored schools: Pelewahun Primary School, Taiama Primary School, Harford School for Girls, June Hartranft Primary School and the Moyamba U.M.C. Boys Secondary School. This assignment continued for nine weeks. Both the students in the schools and the Otterbein College students learned much through this experience. The time not assigned to schools was used for travel and data gathering for the research studies.

Numerous interesting trips in Sierra Leone were arranged for the students by the teachers and headmasters of the schools. The friendly help and cooperation of most of the people the Otterbein College group met in Sierra Leone will long be remembered.

Mr. Max Bailor assisted the group through customs at Lungi Airport for the return flight on March 14. A few days were spent in Switzerland with the group arriving back in the United States on March 17.

The Spring term provided a seminar to evaluate the program, consolidate the experiences, and write the research study papers.

The participating students and their supervisor wish to express their gratitude to the many people and organizations who have contributed to the success of the program. Special thanks are extended to the Crusade Scholarships Committee of the United Methodist Church, to the W.S.W.S. of several United Methodist Churches, to Dr. Sanford Price and to the United Christian Council of Sierra Leone for their generous help.

Chester L. Saddington

Data on Participating Students, Sierra Leone Program 1970-71

NAME Home Address	Headmaster	Placement	Cooperating Teacher	Research Topic
Carol Carpenter 92 Valley View Drive Newark, Ohio 43055		Njala University Experimental School	Mr. F.S. Allie	A Study of the Implications of the Educational Qualifying Tests on the Youth of Sierra Leone
Shirley D. Dillion ^{DILLON} 166 Baughman Street Sunbury, Ohio	Dr. Wm. Fitzjohn (Principal)	Harford School for Girls (English)	Miss Marilyn Kopp	The Historical Development of Christian Missions In Sierra Leone
James Francis 101 Lake Edge Drive Euclid, Ohio	Mr. J.S. Laggah (Principal)	Moyamba Boys Secondary School (English)	Mr. Thomas E. Bewley	The Folklore of Sierra Leone
Elizabeth Johnston 9900 Greenhaven Pkwy. Brecksville, Ohio	Mr. J.B. Kondoba	U.M.C. Primary School Pelewahun Via Mano Primary School	Mr. Alieu S. Kafee	Subsistence Agriculture In Sierra Leone
James Leopard 553 Candace Drive Springfield, Ohio	Mr. J.S. Laggah (Principal)	Moyambe Boys Secondary School (History)	Mr. David R. Horsley	A Study of the Court System In Sierra Leone
Jeanne Maxwell 329 E. Main Street Cardington, Ohio		Njala University Experimental School	Mr. Edward A. Davies	The Changing Culture and Family Pattern of the West African as a Result of Education
Dianne L. Miller 312 Parkside Drive Ashland, Ohio	Mr. Sylvester Thomas	U.M.C. Primary School Taiama	Mr. Sam	A Study of the Social Relations of the Sierra Leonians Toward Other Inhabitants of Their Nation
Susan O'Donnell 6 Orchard Way South Potomac, Maryland	Mr. F.S. Young	June Hartranft Primary School, Moyamba	Mrs. Ellen E. Bondu	West African Art Form as a Reflection of the Ideas and Culture of the People of Sierra Leone

NAME Home Address	Headmaster	Placement	Cooperating Teacher	Research Topic
Earl Roosa, Jr. 1196 Joyce Drive Xenia, Ohio 45385	Dr. Wm. Fitzjohn (Principal)	Harford School for Girls, Moyamba (English)	Mrs. Christine Wenger	The Materials, Design and Construction of Simple Rural Houses in the Moyamba District of Sierra Leone
Wendy L. Roush 9655 Worthington-Galena Rd. Westerville, Ohio 43081	Mr. F.S. Young	June Hartranft Primary School, Moyamba	Mrs. Margaret Allie	An Exploratory Study of the Economic Structure of the Sierra Leone Society
Diane C. Savage 16 Huron Road Chillicothe, Ohio	Dr. Wm. Fitzjohn (Principal)	Harford School for Girls, Moyamba (Mathematics)	Mrs. Joan M. Konneh	A Brief Study of the Music of Sierra Leone
Karen Schnabel 5732 Mayview Rd. Lyndhurst, Ohio	Mr. Sylvester Thomas	U.M.C. Primary School Taiama	Miss Rosaline M. Alie	A Study of the Village Domestic Industries of Sierra Leone
Marilyn Swisher 5576 Crawford Dr. Columbus, Ohio	Mr. J.B. Kondoba	U.M.C. Primary School Pelewahun Via Mano	Mrs. Thereasa Josiah	A Study of Educational Aspirations in Sierra Leone
Lana Waters Rural Route 2 Fresno, Ohio	Mr. F.S. Young	June Hartranft Primary School, Moyamba	Miss Eva Tooray	A Study of the Health Problems Facing Sierra Leone Today