

## For Sierra Leone...

# THE STRATEGY

The Chapel has been and continues to be active in the country of Sierra Leone, directly influencing the redemption of every man, woman, and child through demonstrating and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is and will be accomplished by supporting a collaborative four component strategy with key partners. These four strategic components are church planting/partnering, Christian education, medical/health services and sustainable clean water systems. As these components are realized, the physical needs of the people are met along with the spiritual giving a more holistic, comprehensive and redemptive result.

An Alliance of entities located in WNY each having strengths, giftings and resources relating to the four strategic components previously mentioned is being formed to focus, share and prioritize resources in Sierra Leone. Global Outreach Mission, EduNations, Jericho Road Ministries, Houghton College and The Chapel are currently in discussion about this emerging Alliance. The Chapel has already directly assisted in the realization of an in-country well drilling company with equipment from WNY (Hope's Rising). The first well associated with this endeavor should be completed in the beginning months of 2010.

### Facts about Sierra Leone:

- Two million people were displaced (33% of the total population) as well as tens of thousands of deaths occurred during the 11 year civil war ending in 2002. UN Peacekeepers were in-country until the end of 2005. A new president was elected in 2007 and the country has been stable since the end of the civil war in 2002. [CIA World Factbook]
- Nearly 78% of the country does not have access to clean sustainable water and less than 15% have proper sanitation [Govt. of Sierra Leone-2005]
- Infant mortality rate is 2nd in the world and it ranks 4th in overall death rate [CIA World Factbook]
- Overall life expectancy is just 37 years [Govt. of Sierra Leone-2005]
- Only 31% of the entire country is functionally literate (female segment significantly less) [Govt. of Sierra Leone-2005]
- 60% of the country is Muslim not including the 30% who adhere to tribal beliefs [CIA World Factbook]

