

Happy New Year to you all! What an amazing start to the year. We have changed our name from Spark Ministries to **Spark Action** and have been in action developing and refining our ministry so that our vision becomes clearer and move to developing relationships and collaborating with people to join us with our mission.

Christmas @ Spark Action



Thank you to all of those who donated to Spark Action to make Christmas an extra special experience for so many. We kick started Christmas on Christmas Eve with an international church Carol Service. Fun, games, and prizes made it an extra special time for missionaries who are far away from loved ones. Both children and adults commented that it felt Christmassy for the first time since being here, which made our day!

Christmas day Spark Action hosted children from our local churches, where the Christmas message, games, food, and drinks were flowing. 200 plus children took turns to come and join us. This was the first joint Christmas celebration for the children in our local church network.



Boxing Day Beach trip was a roaring success thanks to all who donated and helped to take children from local orphanages to the beach to celebrate Christmas in style. Each year they wait in hope for this annual event where they are let loose to enjoy the waves.



Thanks for your support and catering Martin Bamin [mango-peak](#).

Fatima Cedar Children's Home for Orphans

Spark Action have been working with the Leaders of Fatima Home to strengthen a framework where quality care is improved, and standards are raised. We are working in collaboration with others to make and maintain lasting improvements to the facility. We have an improvement plan for the home and will work with Jo Dalgleish, Rebecca Smithson, and Attleborough Baptist Church in York, in the UK, to collect funds and resources to send out to Fatima home.

Joe and I also hosted Ole Stenbakk, who leads a Norwegian charity called [Build Aid](#), a charity who has previously made vast improvements to the home. Together we visited Fatima where Ole committed to funding paint to cover the whole home, two new water pumps and money to change the positioning of the girl's toilets.



Watch this space for further developments.

Help's



Daniel Kamara suffers a tumour on his face that started to develop 8 years ago. Over the years he has not been successful in seeking medical intervention to treat and remove the lump. When Daniel was brought to us, he had an infection in the mass, that was extremely painful. Spark Action sent him to the hospital where he was seen by a Doctor who referred him to the dentist that prescribed medication to treat the infection, cleanse the blood and alleviate pain.

On examination, Daniel was told that the mass included teeth and that they were unable to carry out the procedure to remove the lump in country. We hope Mercy Ships will be able to support Daniel in August 23 for treatment.

Thanks to our donor support we are able to continue to purchase medications for Daniel until August.

Mohamed Turay is an 8-year-old boy who lives in the village, near to where woodsmen were cutting down trees in large numbers. They had piled sawdust in huge mounds and set fire from underneath the pile.



Mohamed wasn't aware of this and jumped on the pile to play. He suffered severe burns to his fingers, arms, and legs.

The family started to take Mohamed for treatment but run out of money and could no longer afford to take him to the hospital for care.

During this time, Mohamed's Mother sadly passed away during childbirth, his father works and lives away from the family home which Mohamed shares with his Granny.

Mohamed was referred to us by a Pastor who reached out and asked for our help.

Praise God, we have found sponsors for Mohamed, who have covered proposed medical and support costs. We hope to have Mohamed booked in for an operation in March to early April.



Kadiatu Kamara is a local mother of two newly born twins. Kadiatu was found lying helpless, unable to tend to her children, due to testing positive for malaria and also had an infection.

Spark Action supported Kadiatu to get emergency medical help, treatment, and baby milk formula, while the infection is being healed.

She is thankful to those who have donated funds and helped her in a time of crisis.

Matthew 10:42

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Sponsoring a Child to School

Pastor Emmanuel found Alhagie on the streets going through rubbish to eat food. He stopped and asked him, why he wasn't in school. He said that his family do not have money to be able to send him to school. Pastor Emmanuel reported this in passing to Spark Action who asked how much it would cost to send this boy to school?

On further investigation, Pastor went to visit a nearby school and Alhagie at home, he found Alhagie had a brother, who also didn't attend school, but went out to sell cassava cake.

Pastor was given money to equip both boys and send them back to school. They now take their bucket and sell at school and after school to raise money for their home.





Spark Action made a donation to support our partner Elizabeth Brewah [good-deeds-day](#) Sierra Leone to cover medical costs for an emergency hernia operation.

Good Deeds Day have a portfolio of volunteers who will work with us to support us in our operations.

Suliman is now in recovery.



Alfred Kamara was found suffering for a week with malaria and high blood pressure.

Spark Action took Mr Kamara to the hospital and paid for a health check to determine the issue.

Mr Kamara had no money for treatment and was very grateful for medical support provided by our donors. Bless you!

Our Goal

At Spark Action we want to support the church to become the “Go To” place for HELPS. Could you imagine being in a position where you have no money for food, medical or treatment, and no way out? We often see and hear of this happening to people all the time.

We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to be helped: Please give to support us to become *“The Way When There Seems To Be No Way”*.

Trauma Healing Sessions- In the Community



Community based healing groups are being led by our Reverend Thomas Bindi throughout the week, where people come together to be healed of past traumas and pains, by going through the 5-session process and handing their sufferings over to God.

The sessions are working well, people are learning to forgive and are being set free.

One lady stated: “I never knew forgiveness could be experienced until I followed the process of taking pains to the cross, I lost my daughter, and it was very painful, now I feel that I am able to take my pain to the cross. I was surprised to learn others experience similar pains as I did miles away from my country, and their response gave me an example of what to do as well.”

Ministry



Spark Action continue to meet with leaders of our local pastoral network where we discuss our progress and developments. We are planning to collaborate to host a “Ministerial Leadership Summit” in February where pastors are expected to join us at Hope House, where world known speaker Mel Tari and an associate will be arriving from Indonesia to preach.

Spark Action supported Pastor Emmanuel to launch their leadership seminar and a community outreach program where leaders were equipped to organise the church and to take responsibility and people came to know the love of Christ.



Rescue Chaplain Training

Rev. John Conteh is a devoted servant of God, who has been working with us over the years, and was sponsored to go through bible college. He is now being supported to be trained to work in 4 African countries as a Rescue Chaplain.

Over the Christmas holidays Rev. John returned to paint a church he planted in the provinces.

Spark Action also donated a door and some capital to support the development of another church Rev. John is building locally, where he works hard and adds his wage to support the build himself.

If you would like to help to put a roof on John's church, please get in touch. The roof will cost £1000.

Thanks to
[Dacourum Colour Supplies](#) Hemel Hempstead for donating paint to us.

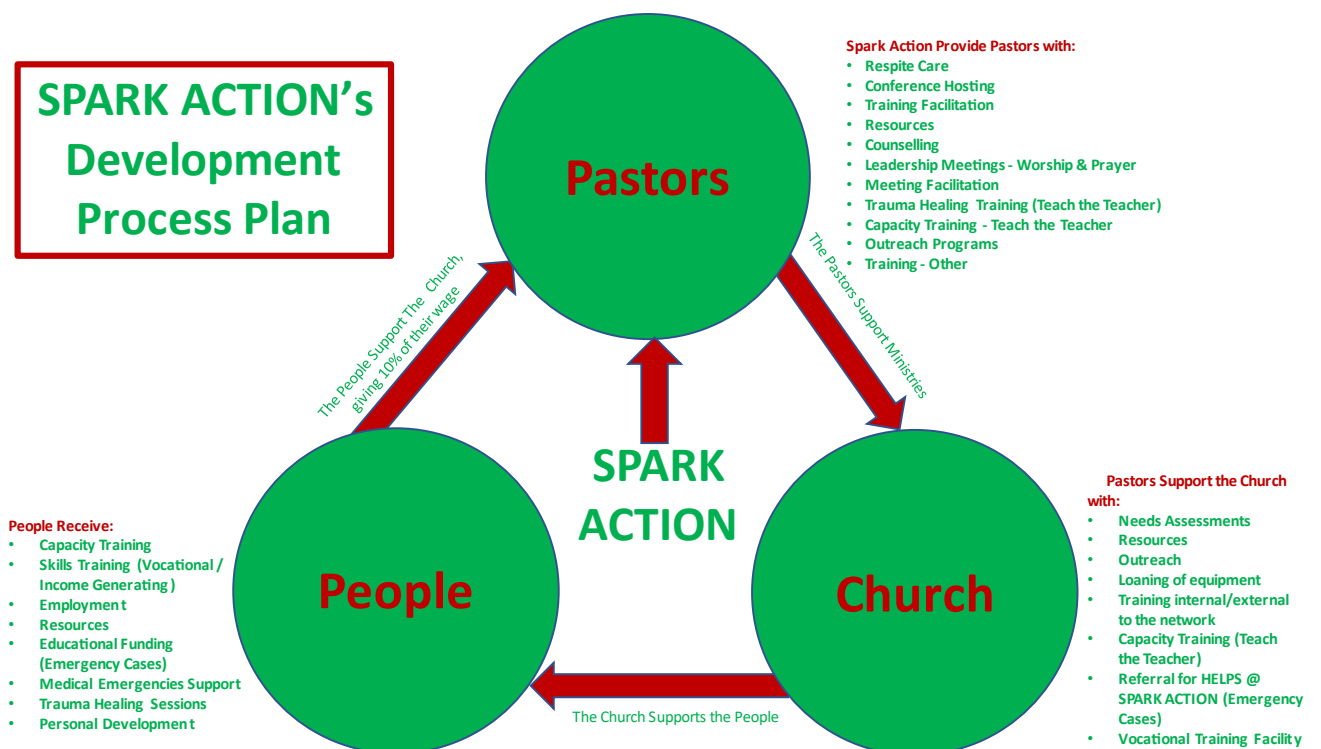


Spark Action- Working In Partnership With Church Networks

Sierra Leone is ranked the 9th poorest country in the world, for decades it has struggled to get funding straight to the people and establish development that has the power to impact the nation and provide a secure, honest structure, where people are able to flourish and break free from extreme poverty.

We are looking to the church and individuals to come and be part of the solution. Our aim is to collaborate together to provide care and support for the pastors and resources for the churches, so they become the providers for the people.

Pastor Emmanuel Themoindor quoted “The Church needs to provide a holistic developmental platform for its people, this is not just spiritual, but physical, social, and economical. The situation of the church is so critical that without help the church will not be able to perform as it should, due to poverty”.



Fundraising

We cannot describe how thankful we are to those who have donated to us this past month and have made our work possible. Your generosity has helped to change and impact the lives of people we serve. Bless you!

Starting up a ministry like this requires capital to operate, so we are in the process of developing our fundraising team, who will support us to raise money for certain projects we hope to run and maintain into the future. More to come next month.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you and to see people being healed and cared for the way they deserve.

If you would like to make a donation, we will put it to a specific use in one of the following areas:

- **Helps-** Medical Emergencies and Support for those who cannot afford treatment. (£10 Plus- depending on conditions and price of treatment required)
- **Education-** We will get a child into school, providing them with- School fees, uniforms, school bag, school dinners, stationary. (*£50 will get a child into school for a year*)
- **Trauma Healing-** Meeting in a group of 5-8 in the community to go through the trauma healing process and be set free of hurt and pains. (*A trauma healing group of 5 sessions will cost £30 and will include a drink and snack, certificate, 1 meal at the end of the program*).

Trauma healing ([Bible Society of SL](#)). (The cost of a 5-session group of 15-20 recipients works out at £450 including all costs.)

- **Orphanage-** The Fatima Cedar Children's Home Developments, Including food and medical programs. (*There is nothing too big or too small- All proceeds will go directly to the home.*)
- **Ministry-** Outreach Support, Evangelism, Conferencing, Training, Retreats, Church Planting & Developments. (*There is nothing too big or too small- All proceeds will go directly to support the pastors and the church*).
- **Personal Support-** Lastly, please consider supporting us personally on a monthly basis to sustain us. See the last link below.

Our Church & Charities Account (SPARK Ministries)

Our church and charities account SPARK Ministries is setup with Stewardship under the umbrella of [Home Leone](#). You will be able to see a breakdown of our core projects when you go onto our page.

Our Church and Charities Giving Details are as follows:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20431831/oneoff>

Giving Into Our Partner Account (Personal Giving)

Our partner account can be used to manage living costs and personal ministry expenses only.

Our Partner Account Giving Details are as follows:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20431831/oneoff>

