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especially the astronomical rise in food prices before the lock down. The food distributed to disciples came at just the right time. It was greatly appreciated. Each family had at least a 25kg bag of rice plus condiments. The disciples currently need food and the church will need to make provisions for the most vulnerable. But, we believe the Lord will help us overcome.

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Guinea

September 22, 2014 - We thank our God who is blessing His people. His protection is effective in our lives here in Guinea. None of the disciples have been infected by the Ebola virus. We are having our regular services on Sunday, midweek on Wednesdays and Bible talks. It is true that there is absenteeism because some disciples cannot afford the cost of transportation. All of the disciples in Conakry received liquid soap and bleach for hand washing, and are following the instructions they have received to avoid contracting Ebola. We continue to talk every week about the epidemic.

In the local community, we are helping people understand that they need to protect themselves. Many Guineans do not believe that Ebola is real. The government sent approximately seven officials to alert a village in the southern part of the country about the epidemic. They were killed when the villagers mistakenly believed they were coming to infect them.

Things are not worse, praise God! Fortunately, the price of fuel, rice, sugar and oil has not risen too sharply.

Thank you,

Vincent for the Conakry Church of Christ

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Sierra Leone

September 22, 2014 - The Ebola epidemic is a very devastating problem for Sierra Leone; it has seriously affected the socio-economic fabric of our country. It has claimed hundreds of lives. We hear about new confirmed cases daily and that the burial teams are overwhelmed. The church respected the government's decision to have a three-day lock down as a measure in the fight against Ebola. The week before the shutdown, the church leadership distributed assorted food items to disciples in all of our churches including a bucket for the hand washing in the provincial churches, since Freetown had previously bought buckets for our sensitization and hand washing process.

The three-day shut down exposed so many sick people hiding in their homes and among them a large number tested positive for Ebola. Within the three days at least 70 were buried and more bodies waited to be laid to rest. There was no usual Sunday service; disciples were asked to organize services in their individual homes, since no one should leave their home.

No disciples have been infected yet in Sierra Leone, but the epidemic is frightening...things are getting worse by the day with new confirmed cases and deaths. The cost of living is worrisome,



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