



# THE BRIDGE NEWS

## 2009 YEAR IN REVIEW

In partnership with New Community, Soma Community & New Life Fellowship

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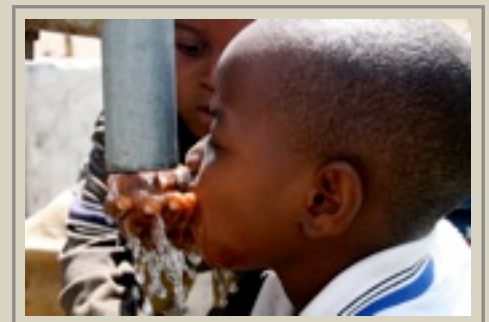
- \* 5 teams went to Sierra Leone in 2009
- \* Distributed hundreds of shoes to children in Makama community
- \* Soccer / Sports
- \* Started community farming project & helped start up pig farm
- \* Showed Jesus Film in communities
- \* Provided Pastor training
- \* Medical team included 2 doctors & 5 nurses
- \* Treated hundreds of patients and provided 50 people w/ needed hospital care
- \* Partnership set up with Magbenteh Hospital
- \* Advanced ultrasound diagnostics classes were given to area hospitals and ultrasound equipment was donated to an area hospital
- \* Met and worked with local nurse who agreed to work for The Bridge when we build our new school & health facility



- \* SL Construction team developed
- \* Constructed 4 deep pit toilets
- \* Rosint land deed completed and church building started
- \* Stucco & paint inside & out of Makama church/school
- \* Began painting all amputee homes in our community



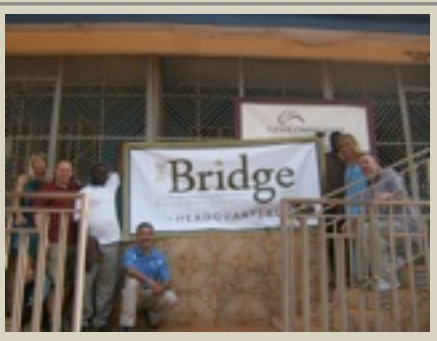
- \* Built a 3 classroom school building (Makumbo)
- \* 50+ desks & benches constructed
- \* Repaired wells
- \* Installed a water purification system on the water tanks at the Bridge/New Community compound
- \* Provided 2 bucket water filtration systems to schools





## 2009 YEAR IN REVIEW cont.

- \* Health & Hygiene education provided to Makama teachers
- \* Makumbo teacher training using Story of God oral storytelling materials
- \* Fed hundreds of children each week
- \* Uniforms purchased for Makumbo school
- \* Provided funding for 6th grader testing fees
- \* Firefighter bunker gear donated to Sierra Leone fire departments
- \* Provided funding for Christmas celebration service with food
- \* Bikes purchased for amputee bakery workers to help distribute bread



- \* Set up Bridge office with furniture and sign
- \* Met with Sierra Leone President Koroma



In the states there were several events to help raise awareness and raise funds for Sierra Leone:

- \* Sr. High Run/Walkathon Fundraiser
- \* Music CD recorded & sold with "The Bridge" song plus concert fundraiser
- \* Presentations to Maple Valley Rotary & Lutheran Brotherhood group
- \* "Bridging Communities" dinner included Fire Chiefs and City Managers and others
- \* Soma Dessert Auction
- \* Soccer team dinner/auction
- \* Christmas tree Sale/Fundraiser
- \* "Feed the Hungry" Cook book produced & sold