

Sierra Leone Travel Team January 14, 2018 Update

Herb has been providing excellent reports. Most of this email is from his report. Pictures are from Ahmed Fullah and Herb)

The Sierra Leone time zone is 5 hours ahead of Allentown. They do not have daylight savings time because the daylight is very consistent throughout the year sac they are 7 degrees north of the equator. They get 12 hours of daylight each day.

The team landed in Freetown Friday night and got an early start Saturday. Joan, Sully, and the Blechschmidt left for Mattru first thing and made it there by 2:30 PM. Joan and Chris checked out the hole for the cesspit right away. Herb, Jose, and Tom had a very full day. Herb: "Jose was able to get all the plumbing and electrical materials in the morning while Tom and Herb had a very productive meeting with leaders from Caritas-Freetown, Catholic Relief Services, and the the Healey Foundation. Many new ideas were discussed related to the upcoming visioning exercise."

On Sunday, Herb, Jose, Tom and Joe Abu left for Mattru arriving after a scenic 8 hour drive. Meanwhile in Mattru..." Construction on schedule. Percolation tests shows high flow. Resolved elevation issues with the toilet facility concrete slab. Chris, Allison and Emilia went to the UBC church and were introduced to the community. Started videos at the hospital and school."

Inspecting the Cesspit





Meeting with Caritas, Healey, and CRS in Freetown



Jose, Joan and Tom at the construction site

