

Morrow's Generosity Makes Tracks in West Africa *(from Rev. John Yambasu)*

This is just to say once again thanks a million for all you did for me while I visited Morrow in September of last year.

I returned to Ghana on October 18 and then traveled to Sierra Leone October 23. Together with the Youth Director and the two youth presidents of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference, we purchased a suitable minivan for the Youth Ministries Department of the church. The vehicle was licensed and handed over to the Sierra Leone Annual Conference and then dedicated on Thursday, October 25. [Cost breakdown: Vehicle \$7,300; 2.5% bank charge \$200, Registration and maintenance \$500.]

You would have loved the broad smiles and joy on the faces of the youth leadership and the senior members of the UMC headquarters office during the ceremony. Words are inadequate to express how deeply we appreciate the vehicle, but it is my prayer that God will continue to bless the committee of missions, the United Methodist Women, the children and youth, and the entire family of Morrow church for raising the \$8,000 for the purchase of the vehicle.

On the day of the handing over of the vehicle, the Coordinator of Women's work jokingly accused me of being partial in the sense that I advocate only for children and youth while they the mothers remain without a means of mobility. I know she said it jokingly but in fact she really was serious about it. So another vehicle for the United Methodist Women's Department will go a long way in enhancing ministry with women in the conference. The fact is that with 12 years of civil war in the country, the Church desperately needs vehicles to revive and put in place life transforming ministries in the country. So any further help in this direction will be greatly appreciated. Fortunately, our church is exempted from paying customs duty so that we can clear any items sent in the name of the Church duty free



Left is the Youth President U.B. Saffa, and on the right is the Young Adult president James Foh.

I do hope this partnership will continue to grow over the years and that through it, God will open more doors for more effective ministry in Sierra Leone, in particular and in Africa in general. It is my hope that next year, or as the good Lord may make possible, you will be able to put together a VIM Team for the Sierra Leone reconstruction/repairs of the Leicester Peak Youth Retreat Center.

Hope, peace and grace,

John



Rev. Yambasu giving car keys and documents to conference council director. Observing: Rev. Kamara, Sup. Makeni District; Rev. Etta Nicol, Dir. Christian Educ.; J. P. Koroma, Conf. Treasurer (behind Rev. Nicol); Mr. UB Saffa Youth President and other staff members.

The eyeglasses are already in Sierra Leone [New Eyes for the Needy]. They will be distributed to the pastors during the Annual Conference in February. It is amazing that a request for reading glasses could really get you involved in a completely unforeseen ministry and partnership with the charity by collecting glasses for them. Indeed God moves in mysterious ways.