William and Karen Sivels

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Since 2002, William and Karen Sivels have served as national overseer of Sierra Leone in West Africa, having previously served as Directors of the Phebe Gray Orphanage in Liberia for two years.

In Sierra Leone, we train men, women, youth, and children in various levels of ministry through home cells and the MIP. This training of leaders also includes evangelism, planting churches, constructing facilities, offering health services through a nine-unit clinic, and providing education to students through the City of Light Schools project.

Sierra Leone's civil war lasted eleven years. Because of that, we also offer help to families and individuals who have experienced trauma, victimization, and suffering from the war. Church of God World Missions established a Home for Children. With compassion, we care for and provide safety and shelter to orphaned and abandoned children.

We became missionaries to fulfill God's calling on our lives to obey the Great Commission. One of our most memorable moments was when we both understood Matthew 19:26 where it says, "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, 'With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

The Sivels have six adult children and twelve lively grandchildren.

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