



## Taninihun Madina, Sierra Leone

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### The Power of a Moment: A Life Transformed by the Gospel

When Janet Vanna moved to the rural farming community of Taninihun Madina, her life was in shambles. Her marriage had recently fallen apart, forcing her to relocate and leaving her feeling ashamed, heartbroken, and alone. To cope with the pain, she turned to cigarettes for comfort.

“At first it was just one cigarette,” Janet explained. “But soon I was smoking every day because it helped me forget my worries.”

Over time, her health got worse, leading to a persistent cough and constant fatigue. No matter how much she tried to take control of this daily habit, she kept finding herself reaching for just one more cigarette. When all seemed hopeless, Living Water Sierra Leone arrived in her community, sharing the gospel through the *JESUS* film. Among the films shown was one titled “The Dangers of Smoking.”

“For the first time, I felt like the message was speaking directly to me,” Janet said. “I saw myself in the film, and I realized the damage I was doing to my own body.”

After the screening, Janet approached the Living Water CCM team and told them how much the message had touched her heart. She asked for prayer and expressed to them how much she desired to stop smoking. The next morning, Janet gathered all the cigarette packs and threw them away. Although she experienced withdrawals at first, she kept thinking about the films that the Living Water team had shared and began to turn to prayer instead. Weeks gradually turned into months without cigarettes.

“I am grateful to Living Water International for organizing that film show,” Janet said. “That single message changed my life.”



Janet and other residents of the Taninihun Madina community rejoice over having easy access to safe water!



Janet's health has significantly improved. She feels more energetic, has greater confidence in herself, and openly shares her story with others.