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"making a real difference" in



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2017 was a very busy year supporting the 4 schools in the Freetown area that I work with and I am looking forward to future development of the school projects. THANK YOU to EVERYONE who has helped me "Make A Real Difference". Two projects were completed at the end of 2017

Banbury International Community School

The installation of the water well - I must extend my sincere thanks to Nicola Wilkinson who co-ordinated the funding of this project and acknowledge the support of Reading Matins Rotary Club and Nicola's family and friends who made this possible. Their fundraising was matched by a Rotary District 1090 Grant under the banner of water & sanitation



Even before the work was completed they had started to use the well – prior to this the locals were having to walk between 200 and 800 metres to fetch clean water for their daily needs.



We want to say A VERY BIG THANK YOU to you, Miss Nicola and all your supporters for the development of the safe drinking water well project for our school and community.

Liverpool Community School

The water harvesting project on the 4 classroom block at the school has also been completed. This project was sponsored by the members of the 100 Club of Woodstock & Kidlington Rotary Club with matched funding from Rotary District 1090. There are 2 x 3,000 litre water tanks harvesting rainwater from the classroom block roof which provides water for cleaning, cooking and washing.



The entire staff and pupils of Liverpool and Banbury Community Schools wish to express their THANKS and appreciation to YOU and the rest of your supporters, for making this great difference in our communities. There is now a better hope for the future of the children. These facilities have provided comfort for both pupils, staff and people within our two communities - we will ever remain grateful to you and your donor partners for all your support. God bless you all.



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At the end of January work started on the new library and laboratory block. It will be about 30% larger than a standard 2 classroom block to ensure it is spacious enough for the two purposes.

To keep costs down the builder is utilising two of the existing compound walls.



As with all my projects we make all the concrete blocks on site. I can buy blocks from a local builders' merchant but it is just as cost effective to buy a lorry load of sand, bags of cement and employ some local guys to do the job. They are all from the local community and "buy in" to the project whilst earning a wage for their family.



A high quality scaffold platform – it may not meet UK Health & Safety standards but it does the job ! As you can see from the next 3 photos the roof timbers were installed, the galvanised sheeting is on & this week they completed the ceilings. They have started to lay the concrete floors and when completed they will start the rendering



Westminster Group PLC & Foundation

Westminster Group PLC have sent another sea freight container to Freetown with equipment for their offices and have donated approximately half the container to me for humanitarian aid. I am a Trustee of the Foundation, which is currently supporting the building of a 2 classroom block at a school near the International airport. I acquired 100+ stacking plastic chairs & 20 school tables which will be donated to the school project. There are also a number of wheelchairs, commodes, walking frames, crutches & privacy screens which will be donated to a local clinic. The container has cleared customs and I am flying to Freetown this Thursday, my 11th trip, to distribute the other aid items to the Westminster Group Foundation project and my other four school communities – more news next time.