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Discussions recently took place between the Headteachers at Liverpool Community School, the Banbury International Community School (BICS) and my "man on the ground" Fayah. It was agreed we should postpone the purchase of the laboratory equipment for Liverpool School and **"borrow"** the funds to enable us to start building 2 additional classrooms at BICS so that completion happens prior to the rainy season. We will pay back the laboratory equipment fund in order to purchase all the required equipment as other funding becomes available for the BICS classroom project.

Banbury International Community School



On 3rd February the work began. The number of primary age children has increased, again, & they have started Junior Secondary classes at the school. As with all my projects, everything is done manually, providing work for several guys from the local community so they earn money for their families & also feel ownership of the project.



1 month later: roofing & rendering complete, windows & ceilings all fitted – amazing progress

The floors still need to be concreted, everything needs to be painted & the furniture made.

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I have had some donations but we still need:

55 desk & bench set for 3 kids is **£10**

A blackboard for a classroom costs **£15**

Cherwell Nordic Walking Group

Sue, a near neighbour, is a member of the group, mostly but not exclusively ladies. They meet every Monday and do a walk (usually a circular walk of 5/6 miles) starting at a pub and going back for coffee and perhaps some lunch afterwards. Recently Sue spoke to them about the "Sunny Girl" project and as a result I received a "whip round" donation of £27. This will **"Make A Real Difference"** to 54 girls as they will all receive sanitary pads enabling them to attend lessons during their March menstrual cycle. **Thanks ladies.**

Liverpool Community School

This week the cupboards, for the storage of all the laboratory equipment, have been fitted after being made by a local carpenter. Again we have used a local guy to do the work as it helps him support his family and it's more cost effective than buying purpose built units as they are very expensive.

Kunduma Community School, Kailahun District

Situated 175 due east of Freetown, this is the school that Fayah, my "man on the ground" in Freetown, attended as a child. Before the civil war there were 6 classrooms, but now only 3 are left standing and there are no toilets. The school has just under 200 primary aged children and operates a two shift system in order to accommodate everyone. There are some benches, but no desks, & the classrooms are just dirt floors not concrete. I have the estimates to hardcore & concrete the floors and supply furniture to the classrooms. Transporting materials will be a bit of a logistics issue and costly but we will manage this carefully. Once the current projects at Liverpool & Banbury Community schools are complete I am going to focus my fundraising work on the Kunduma School Community and hopefully WE can soon start to **"Make A Real Difference"** for the school.

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