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Support starts for SIXTH school

When I was in Freetown in April I visited Esther's school in Waterloo. There are about 100 children at the school which is constructed of mud blocks, which are in a poor state of repair, and there is not enough classroom furniture for all the children. BUT the thing that really got to me was that there were NO toilets !! They had already dug a soakaway pit but had no money to go any further and the pit was beginning to be used as a rubbish tip. I asked them to get a price for building the tank and said I would see what I could do to help them, but didn't promise anything. After receiving the quote I gave them a pledge to build a 3 cubicle toilet block with a handwash station fed by harvesting rainwater from the roof. The pit has been cleared of rubbish and they are in the process of making some concrete blocks to build the tank.



The pit is 12 foot x 6 foot and FOURTEEN feet deep! It was dug by hand, well pick axe and shovel, and all the spoil was removed using a bucket and rope system. They removed approximately 28 cubic metres of soil (4+ builders skips) weighing about 35 tons.

Rotary District 1090 Grant

On 12th August I received a £1,400 grant from Rotary District 1090 under the "water & sanitation" area of focus. This money, matched by funds that I already had in Banbury Rotary Club's account, will be used to complete the toilet project above at Esthers School and also fund the submersible pump, water tank and all the associated pipework to complete the installation of a gravity fed water storage system for the Calvary School and church community. I immediately sent funds so that they can continue the work at both sites and hopefully complete their individual projects before the start of the new school term in mid September.

Both of these projects will **"Make A Real Difference"** to the two communities.

Esthers School toilets – the latest



These guys do not hang about, especially when you remember that everything is done manually !



Calvary well – the tank has arrived



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I would like to express my sincere thanks to the management team at Encase in Banbury who have just donated a quantity of boxes to me so that I can pack all the latest donations for Sierra Leone. This donation will mean that I have a “uniform” size box which makes things a lot easier when shipping items out. It is a significant cost saving for me and means that I can concentrate my funding on building projects for the communities.



I would also like to thank Helen, the Branch Manager at Magenta, Banbury for giving me some additional storage space, free of charge, to allow me space to be able to sort out the massive amount of donations that I am in the process of boxing up. Again this is a cost saving for me and means that **every £** I raise goes directly to the projects.

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My micro credit scheme is working well and Mary & Hawa have both recently repaid their second instalment. As well as earning money from the scheme they are also managing to replenish their stock. For both of them the fact that my scheme is interest free is **“Making A Real Difference”**.

Westminster Group PLC & Oxford United

Westminster recently air freighted 5 boxes of assorted kit out to Freetown for me. The lads at Mahera Wharf are really pleased with their kit and would like to thank both the Westminster Group & Oxford United for all their continued support.



Flying the Oxford United flag in Sierra Leone



Global Outreach Mission, Lungi

I was introduced to this community in April and donated 2 sets of football shirts to them which had been donated by Ducklington FC near Witney (one set for the juniors & the other for the youths). In the recent consignment sent by Westminster I managed to send them 2 complete sets of Oxford United football shorts to complete the kit. The guys were really pleased with the kit donations. Thanks to both Ducklington FC & Oxford United



Banbury Irish FC - kit donation

I've recently received a donation of several sets of team strips (boys & youth) from the Club and hope to get this out to Freetown in the near future. Thanks to Mick O'Driscoll & the Club for their generous support which is greatly appreciated.