



Covid-19 & Sierra Leone

As of today there are no reported cases in Sierra Leone, but it is a real threat as both Liberia & Guinea, which border Sierra Leone, have both declared cases so it is, I fear, only a matter of time I am in daily touch with my communities and I am hearing and reading that they have already put control measures and restrictions in place to try and minimise the risk. I feel that they have learnt some lessons from their E-bola crisis, but they have no NHS and very limited medical resources. I am in the process of offering some support to my communities/schools, who receive no government funding, to purchase essential items such as soap/sanitiser buckets/bowls for hand hygiene. I am also trying to organise funding for the Mahera Wharf Football Community & Momoh & his carers family to buy them essential food supplies to help them get through what promises to be a very difficult time for them.

On a brighter note:

Banbury International Community School

The toilet block is rendered & the roof has been completed – all of this in just under 6 weeks !!



My sincere thanks to Brethertons solicitors and Banbury Heating Supplies who are jointly sponsoring the project, **Making A Real Difference**.

Rotary District 1090 Conference, Newbury

Last weekend I had a 15 minute speaker slot at the Conference, held at Newbury racecourse, to give delegates an update regarding my projects. I also had a display stand with photos to spread the word regarding my work. I would like to thank **Banbury Print & Design** for printing all my A4 photos and all my handouts as part of their ongoing sponsorship.

Witney Rotary Club & Rotary District 1090

I have just received a cheque for £2,000 from the Rotary Club of Witney, which included a “matched funding” grant from our Rotary District. This has been allocated for the installation of a water harvesting system on the two Junior Secondary classrooms at Banbury International School and the purchase of £600 worth of science equipment for the laboratory at Liverpool Community School. This grant fits into two of Rotary’s key areas of focus – Water & Sanitation and supporting Education. A BIG thank you to the Rotary Club of Witney for their continued support

Doris Field Charitable Trust

I have also received a grant of £1,500 from the Doris Field Charitable Trust towards the funding of a well at Kunduma Community School. The total cost for the project is £5,415 and the project will start later this year when the remainder of the funds are in place. The Community are aware of that situation but are already looking forward to the prospect of having a well which will serve both the School and the local community. This will impact on the lives of over 500 people. MANY thanks to the Trustees for their continued support which will **“Make A Real Difference”**.

Calvary Primary School

I first met Pastor Mark on my first trip in 2005 and in 2010 I funded the building of a 5 classroom small school for his community. Due to an increasing number on the roll we are extending the nursery facilities at the School and work is progressing well. There is still some work to do but they held Sunday School there last weekend - the children are REALLY excited about the additional space that will soon be completed.



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