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Covid-19 & Sierra Leone

Today's latest figures: 1,642 confirmed cases with 63 recorded deaths and 1,175 recovered.

My teacher salary appeal has now received donations of **£6,090** (including Gift Aid).

Once again I would like to say a sincere **THANK YOU** to **ALL** those who have supported the appeal which has enabled me to pay **ALL 83** staff who receive no government funding.

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

If you are interested please contact me by e-mail.

Mahera Wharf Oxford United Hostel

Last week I received this message from Abu, who is the voluntary team manager for the community football club – there are 15 boys living at the hostel (12 of whom are orphans).

"Mr Alan – we are seriously struggling with the toilet facility presently as the outside one, which is used by many community members, is now full and there is no sewerage service in Lungi so we cannot empty the pit. Currently we are having to use the bush for defecating. We are having very heavy rainfall, as it is the rainy season, and so it is very difficult to go to the bush for nature.



Having an inside toilet at the Hostel would mean that it would be secure and safe. Water is running once or twice a week for a few hours in our area. We know that you have already done lots towards our lives and if it were not for your support and sponsorship some of the lads would have been drop outs in the community. Thanks very much for making a huge difference out here. God bless you, your family and all your supporters".

I arranged for Pastor Mark to visit the Hostel and we obtained a quote to convert one of the smaller rooms to provide 2 toilets, wash hand basins and a shower rose (cold supply only).

The total cost is a mere **£450** and the first tranche of money was sent last Friday and they have already started to make all the concrete blocks for the partition walls. Just imagine how we would feel if we had to endure such a lack of facilities.

This will make a **REAL** difference to the lads.

Liverpool Community School

Dear Mr Alan - to complement your efforts and to maintain the quality of the school, we are doing some general renovations in painting, repairing of furniture and floor maintenance, ahead of the reopening of schools for exams classes this week. We hope that you will be very pleased with this. You may wonder where the funds are coming from? The 16 teachers who receive salaries from the government contributed 20% of their monthly salary to do the work. This is their way to appreciate your continual support for the school. The furniture in all the classrooms has been repaired, floors have been patched with cement and the exterior of the secondary classroom blocks painted. The resources are limited to paint the interior of all the secondary classrooms and the junior classrooms internally and externally. The teachers are the labour force doing this great job.

Even during these very difficult times the staff at the school are still trying to maintain the fabric of the buildings and they are all working free of charge to make this happen. I have sent enough funds and **ALL** the work is now fully completed.

Other news in brief

- Thanks to the generosity of Auntie Jean we have provided funding to Momoh and his carers to enable them to buy essential food supplies again this month.
- The Sunny Girl project is still supporting 350 girls at two of the Secondary Schools courtesy of Auntie Sandra & others.
- Zoom presentations available – interested?

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