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Covid-19 & Sierra Leone

Covid 19 today's figures: 2,183 confirmed cases with 72 recorded deaths and 1,665 recovered.

Momoh – the proud owner of a DVD player!!

After my last Newsletter 3 people contacted me offering to fund the DVD player for Momoh. Two are regular supporters who support the family, so we agreed to let Paul, a guy who has supported Momoh previously, take the lead on this. I sent several photos to him and he replied “Brilliant. That smile is worth a million, absolutely my pleasure to help out with this”.



Banbury International Community School

The initial estimate to build the compound “fence” was £7,995. Initially Fayah & I managed to reduce the total to £6,080 but after further discussions we have managed to trim this down to £5,500.

The total wage bill for the project represents just 10% of the total cost, the majority of the cost is materials. As with previous projects ALL concrete blocks will be made on site - it is slightly cheaper than buying blocks, but importantly it creates work for local labourers.

Work has started on the project. They have dug the trenches for the footings, started to mass produce the concrete blocks and they have already started to lay some blocks. We have bulk bought cement etc to obtain reduced prices which was helped reduce costs.

These are the current costs of products:

A breeze block costs £1 (currently £1.20 in the UK)

A bag of cement is £6 (currently £4.20 in the UK)

The cost of building a re-enforced pillar is £17.50

A lorry load of sand costs £40 & of ballast £80.

If anyone is interested in supporting this project please drop me an e-mail for further information.



Try and fit the words of Pink Floyd's **“Another brick in the wall”** - singalong while you donate.

They just want an education
But they need a compound wall
To protect the toilets, well and classrooms
Help us build these kids their wall
Please help us, help us build this wall
All they want is just another block for their wall
All they need is, a load more blocks for their wall

As you can see the work is progressing well, despite them being in the middle of the rainy season, BUT there are still literally hundreds of blocks needed but the young kids are really excited about the wall.



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Oxford United continue their support

A couple of weeks ago I had a phone call from Peter Rhoades-Brown at Oxford United saying that they had a quantity of kit that they would like to donate as they had changed their kit sponsor for the new season. I picked up 3 sets of football shirts which are being shipped to Freetown. MANY sincere thanks to Peter & all at Oxford United for their fantastic continued support.

Shipping to Sierra Leone

I recently went to Lewisham with Anna, from Enable the Children, as she was shipping some personal goods prior to her return to the country later this month. I donated a large amount of school uniform items, Oxford United sports kit and footballs for Anna to distribute to her “team” and to the communities that they work in and the consignment also included 7 gymnastic mats, kindly donated by Oxford Brookes University, which ETC will use for treating patients on. In return for my donations I sent 3 boxes of assorted Oxford United kit and some footballs for some of my communities in the large crates.



A large crate measures 97cms (L) x 62cms (W) x 70cms (H) and costs £140 to ship, including taxes. I can therefore send the equivalent of 7 of my standard boxes at an individual box cost of **£20**. This may seem a lot **BUT** I got all 3 sets of Oxford United shirts & 6 footballs in a standard box, **just £20**, which I think is amazing value. I have a large amount of donated goods (OUFC kit, school uniform items, stationery items, basic medical dressings etc) and will be looking to ship some of this later in the year as funds permit.

Mahera Wharf Oxford United

Aruna12, Mohammed 13, Abu 11 & Mustapha 11 all play football for Mahera Wharf and their school fees & exam costs are paid by AlansAfrica.



The boys have just taken their Basic Education Certificate Examinations (BECE) and are eagerly awaiting the results. They need to pass 8 subjects in order to “graduate” to Secondary School as in Sierra Leone they do not automatically “go up” !! Some of the boys are orphans and have missed out on some of their junior education as they could not afford to pay their termly fees – about £10 !

Covid crisis and fund raising

The Covid situation has meant the postponement of several fundraising talks but wherever possible I am undertaking Powerpoint presentations via ZOOM – distance no object!! If you are interested in me doing a presentation, please get in touch.

Since 1st July I have raised **£8,000** which has enabled me to continue the work at several of the projects but there is always an ongoing need for my regular projects. Although progress with the compound wall is good we still need hundreds of blocks & a set of double gates to complete the project. We continue to support 350 girls with the “Sunny Girl” project, as well as supporting school fees for several children & Momoh and his family. I also hope to be able to ship thousands of pounds worth of items in the not too distant future.

EVERY £ goes directly to the projects

Hot off the press ! – today’s latest photo of the compound wall - Banbury International School

