



Covid-19 Sierra Leone latest figures

3,900 confirmed cases, with **79** recorded deaths and **2,652** recovered.

Liverpool Community School

Having contacted the school to express my concern regarding the sustainability of the two temporary classrooms I received an e-mail, with this photo attached, saying that the carpenter who constructed the hut has been asked to demolish the it, as the affected children now observe a temporal shift and they had agreed that the children will come in the afternoon shift. I was a little surprised as I knew this meant that relatively soon they would be asking for funds so they can start the foundations and making the concrete blocks. Fortunately since my last Newsletter I have received **£1,935** in donations and pledges and an additional **£200+** to reclaim for Gift Aid. This will help with cash flow but please remember **“It’s Never Too Late To Donate”**



On Sunday 21st February the work began to form the foundation trenches & on Thursday 25th I sent the first tranche of money so they can buy materials for the foundations and start making the first blocks. On Saturday 27th all the materials arrived on site and block making began immediately. By Tuesday March 2nd the foundations were completed. Hopefully it will mean that we can complete the first phase of the project (completing all the walls and get the roof on) before the rainy season and we may be able to complete the entire project, provided I can keep the funds rolling in.



I am also funding the Kundma well project so there is a bit of “cash-flow juggling” taking place!!

Oxford United Academy & Banbury Irish FC kit donation is heading Sierra Leone

The kit donation from the Academy is all packed up & will be Freetown bound on 13th March & will be collected about 10th April. There are 3 complete team strips, 40 pairs of boots/trainers & a large quantity of individual assorted items of kit. There are also 4 Banbury Irish team strips and assorted kit items. The shipment also contains mobile phones, knitted blankets, blazers, footballs, mini footballs, 2 pairs of crutches & a walking stick.



Many thanks to Ynes & the staff at Manor River Freight in Lewisham for all their help packing the consignment and the special rate they offered me.

AlansAfrica is supported by:



Kunduma School

This is the school that “my man on the ground” Fayah attended as a child. I have been supporting them since March 2019. During this period we have installed concrete floors into the three classrooms, externally rendered and painted the building, supplied desk and bench sets for the classrooms and built a 3 cubicle toilet block with water harvesting and handwashing facilities. I have just sent the first instalment so that work can begin on the sinking of a well for the school and village community. I have already received 2 “ring fenced” grants, totalling £3,000, towards this project and have some other general funds which could be used for this project. I am hoping that with the combination of these funds and other donations we will complete the project before the start of the rainy season in May.



Fayah says “The project at Kunduma, to dig a water well has started. The chief turned the first shovel as is traditional to their custom. Many thanks to Alan and all his supporters for making a real difference in this remote community. God bless you all”

The standard well is 15 metres deep but the digging on the first day has already gone four metres deep. It is quite amazing how quickly these guys progress given that EVERYTHING is done manually with the spoil being removed by a bucket & rope system. Also just look at the neatness of the sides of the well – it is truly superb. This project will benefit the entire community in this very rural area.

Today I received this e-mail entitled **Can we save this life?** from Pastor Mark who I’ve known since my first trip to Freetown in November 2005.

“My heart is broken this morning. A single lady called on me this morning to pray for this child who has been sick for over a year now. He is 8 years old and is called Ishmael. He was eighteen months old when the mother died so a sister from my church took the boy to help the father. She has tried different treatments in Lungi but seen no improvement. She now wants to go see a child specialist doctor in Freetown but has little money. She will need to have at least 2.5 million Leones which will pay specialty consultation and all the required tests and scans”.

I have spoken to Mark via e-mail and asked if Mercy Ships, who run a children’s clinic, may be able to help, he will follow this up. He concludes “He has been treated for pneumonia; his case is sorrowful. Please if you know anyone who may help save the life of this innocent child please do represent this urgent need to them on our behalf”.
BLESSINGS, Mark



I will wait to hear back again from Pastor Mark & see if there is a way to help this very sad case. To put it in perspective 2.5 M Leones, at today’s exchange rate, is £180 – a small price to pay.