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Covid-19 Sierra Leone latest figures

3,980 confirmed cases, with **79** recorded deaths and **2,825** recovered.

Ishmael

Pastor Mark recently visited Ishmael and Alice (his guardian) in the Cottage Hospital and I am pleased to report that news is better - I have attached Pastor Mark's message:

Praise God, there is great improvement and Ishmael is getting happier. Alice says - "I am very happy & so grateful to Mr Alan & ALL those who have supported Ishmael at a very critical and needy time. Ishmael would probably have died if not for your timely and swift humanitarian intervention. Thanks so much for saving Ishmael's life, I am really so very grateful to you all."

Mark says "Alice was in tears when doing the statement in Creole which I translated for you. I believe that not only have you changed his life, but have saved it too". BLESSINGS, Mark
I have to tell you all that when I read Alice's message, I too was in tears, of joy.

After the donation from Misbourne Matins Rotary Club, which funded the initial consultancy costs, the Doris Field Charitable Trust covered the costs for the second phase of Ishmaels treatment. We anticipate that he, and Alice, may be in hospital for at least another two weeks. He is still on a special nutritional programme and receiving ongoing medication. There is no NHS in Sierra Leone so there are ongoing costs for being an in-patient, food, medication and the nutritional programme. Further funds, from two donors, will cover the latest round of treatment and I will continue to monitor the ongoing situation & costs.

Liverpool Community School

The work to build the 2 new Junior classrooms is going really well. Over the weekend they completed the roofing, which is amazing progress in just over **FIVE** weeks with everything done manually. The next phase is to lay the concrete floors and to render the building internally and externally before decorating throughout.



Sainsburys Banbury donate Comic Relief goodies

Last week I received a donation of about 200 Comic Relief T-shirts and today I have collected another donation of items including water bottles, mugs, red noses and some cake sale and adventure kits. Some of these items are not suitable for Sierra Leone but I will be donating any that fall into that category to a local children's charity that can utilise them. The T-shirts, water bottles, mugs and red noses will be shipped out to Freetown as soon as funds permit.

A massive thank you to Sarah and the team at Sainsburys for their wonderful continued support.

Container arrives in Freetown

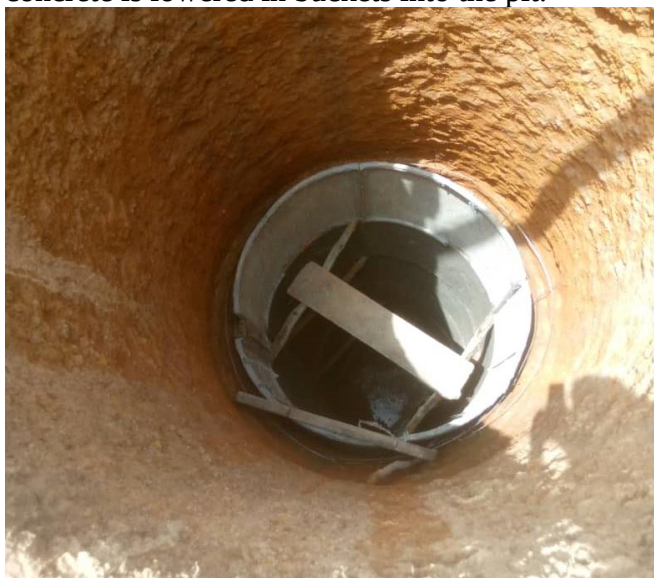
Just in time for Easter the goods I sent via sea freight, arrived in Freetown. Fayah has collected these and the distribution will take place in the very near future. I would like to acknowledge the support of The Oxford United Academy for the donation of lots of football kit & boots, Banbury Irish Football Club for the donation of 4 team strips, my "**Ladies What Knit**" for the blankets and all the individual donors for other items, all of which will "Make A Real Difference" to the recipients in the communities that we support.

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Kunduma School Community well

Just six weeks ago they started to work on this project and once again the progress is amazing. Having reached the water table, they're now lining the pit with concrete. They use metal plates, slightly smaller in diameter than the walls of the well and then infill with concrete. Sounds easy but once again everything is done manually and all the concrete is lowered in buckets into the pit.



In the photo below you can see in the background, on the left, the metal plates have been removed. The next phase will be the installation of the hand pump and forming the base above ground and I am hoping that all the work will be completed by the end of April.



This will **"Make A Real Difference"** to about 500 people who live in a very rural, impoverished community. I know from talking to Fayah that there is GREAT excitement for this new facility.

Juggling of funds continues

I have sent adequate funds, which will ensure the completion of both the Kunduma well and the two Junior classrooms at the Liverpool Community School prior to the start of the rainy season, which was the priority we set at the start of both projects. I am anticipating completion of ALL the building work by the end of April and all that will then remain is to furnish both the classrooms.

Sponsor a child/Sponsor a classroom

I'm happy to report that Oxford Isis Rotary Club gave a substantial donation and I am deeply indebted to the Club and several individual members for their donations and wonderful support. The total donated to date for the programme is **£1,353.40**

Funds are still required to complete the classroom furnishing, because we built both rooms slightly bigger than planned, which means they will be able to accommodate more children. A wooden desk and bench set for 3 children costs just £15.

Mahera Wharf Oxford United

As part of my ongoing support during the Covid crisis we have recently purchased a batch of face masks for all the players & volunteer coaching staff at the Club. They feature the Oxford United logo and "sponsored by Alans Africa".



The boys, from two age groups, took part in a football tournament over the Easter weekend. In total we have over 60 boys who play for the Club



Many thanks to Peter Rhoades-Brown and everyone at Oxford United for all their continued support, which I greatly appreciate, as do all the lads & coaching staff.