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Banbury International Community School

The two new classrooms at the school have been completed, the furniture has all been made locally & the children are settled in their new environment



Emmah, 9 year old fire orphan



As you can see from the photo, Emmah's scalp was badly burnt in the shanty fire that sadly killed her mother. She and her two sisters are being cared for by her 78 year old grandmother.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the couple who have agreed a sponsorship package to pay school fees, uniform costs and other general support for the family and all three girls have just returned to school for the start of the new term.



Mariama has started her university course



Another couple have agreed to sponsor the first year of Mariama's university fees and hostel costs. Thank you both for your most generous support.

New Year – new plan

After a lot of consideration the new classroom at Liverpool school is on hold as another community, with a more pressing need, have approached me to provide them with a small community school including toilet facilities – more to follow soon.

It's a boy !!!!



Despite some issues during the delivery, resulting in Howa needing another blood transfusion, she recently gave birth to a baby boy, named Alan!! Don't blame me, blame the nurses, it was their idea, in recognition of all the financial support I gave during the last couple of months of her pregnancy.

Momoh's solar panel electricity system

During my recent visit I discovered that the mains electricity supply to the area was experiencing problems. Pastor Mark told me about a solar system that was available. With the wonderful support of a regular donor a system has recently been installed.



The system comprises a control panel, 6 small LED strip lights and a television! As you can see, Momoh is REALLY happy with his new gift and he insisted in sitting in front of the TV to show off the system. I would like to thank the sponsor for giving Momoh such a great Christmas present.

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Broughton & North Newington Church

The church have been supporting my work in Sierra Leone since Christmas 2009 and once again this Christmas they made a most generous donation to support my projects – sincere thanks to everyone.

Kono Town Community Crossing proposed secondary school

In this area there are several Junior Schools, but when children “graduate” to Secondary school they have to walk between 3 and 5 miles to the nearest available school (no “**school run**” in Sierra Leone) There are 10 plots available to buy and the initial plan is to buy 4 plots, (with an option for 2 more), which would give us plenty of room to build **four** - classrooms, a staffroom, office and storeroom and also build a toilet block. The community have agreed that “as the school is being developed in their community, they are willing to donate a further four plots of land”. If we buy the four plots & are gifted another four this will allow for more classrooms and a playground. Each plot is 23 x 15 metres and each plot costs **£600**.

Local children, from 3 different secondary schools, at the proposed site. They are currently walking upwards of **three miles each way** to attend classes. Let's “**Make A Real Difference**” for these kids!!

