



David School Messenger

The David School

Education Changes Lives

The David School and the Emergency Situation in Sierra Leone - Update 2

Dear Supporters

I am sure that you will have heard the now daily reports on the awful situation in Sierra Leone. However, at present, we have still not had any reports of cases at Mile 36. All our helpers Alfred, Patrick, Stella, Hassan and the teachers are OK. There are cases in Waterloo 30 minutes' drive away, and NHS volunteers have set up a treatment centre there, and the David School Trust has shipped medical supplies to help and support this.

I have written to both the community's elders and the teachers assuring them of our continued support. The teachers have been told that they will receive payment if they can prove that they are still at the school and are fulfilling the tasks set out in their new contract, including:

- Continue to live at school or in the village with daily attendance as before
- Complete a detailed survey on the current situation by taking registers around and finding out which children from school are still living locally. This will change and need regular updates. Submit this information to us.
- Help individuals and small groups of children with their learning. Set and mark work.
- Organise daily sports activities.
- Check and report on food stocks in school.
- Carry out basic First Aid - washing and dressing wounds.
- Monitor security at the school and report any issues.
- Count and catalogue furniture
- Sort learning resources, books etc., by age group and subject and arrange on the new shelving units in the Resource Centre.
- Keep the school clean by sweeping the rooms and mopping the tiled areas.
- Explain to children and members of the community the importance of hand-washing with soap and water. This message will need regular re-enforcement.
- Communicate to the community the current information and advice given by the Sierra Leone Government re: the Ebola Outbreak.
- Consult with people locally and pass ideas back to us about issues which need to be addressed.



The Resource Centre has been set up as can be seen in the picture, ready for the books to be sorted and stored in the plastic boxes.



Alfred continues to visit the community regularly, and is maintaining the solar panels so that electricity is still available at the school.

The trustees intend to reopen the school as soon as the Sierra Leone government allow it.

SOAP COLLECTION



Careful hygiene helps prevent the spread of Ebola.

To support this, and the teachers' work in promoting hand-washing, we are now collecting bars of soap which we will ship out to the community. All contributions will be very gratefully received.

Please email me at wallwork26@btinternet.com to find the best way of getting your contribution to me, as there may be a volunteer in your area prepared to act as a collector.



WATER PURIFICATION

The Rotary Club of Peterborough has very kindly provided water purification equipment for the outlying villages in The David School's community which do not have access to a well. They have purchased 60 LifeStraws for families.



LifeStraw Family is a point-of-use instant microbiological purifier that allows people to create their own homemade drinking water. It gives them access to safe and clean drinking water, by allowing them to have a stable and reliable source of water for home consumption. This will filter up to 18,000 litres of water enough to supply a family of five with safe drinking water for three years.

These have been purchased through the Rotary Club of Brynmawr, which promotes and coordinates sales of these water purification systems in Great Britain. The units will be delivered straight to Robert Claire and Co Ltd, the Trust's shippers to Sierra Leone.

THE DAVID SCHOOL TRUST EMERGENCY FUND

Our Emergency Fund now stands over £2000, some of which will be used to pay shipping costs. Thank you very much to all those who have contributed. If you haven't already done so, and would like to, then please make your donation to one of the following accounts, including (EF) in the reference.

Barclays Sort Code: 20-43-63

Account Number: 33469395

Account Name: The David School Trust (Reg Charity No 1129314)

Donations from Norway to NORFO account for The David School. 1503.48.37926

The trustees are staying in touch with our key workers and the trust will do everything it can it help them and our community, and I promise to keep you informed of any developments.

