



David School Messenger

The David School

Education Changes Lives

Fantastic Breaking News! The David School Trust Can Now Finish the Secondary School Thanks to Our Norwegian Supporters!

David Wallwork has just returned from a trip to Norway, where he met with some Norwegians who have been very generously raising money to support the David School in Sierra Leone. His trip from 29th April to 1st May (which was immediately after his last trip to the school) was partly to update everyone involved with the progress at the school, but also to receive a cheque for 150.000 Krone, around £18,000.



Rotary Club Involvement



This fantastic donation is partly the result of the efforts made by the following Rotary clubs in **District 2305** in Norway: **Volda, Ørsta, Herøy, Ulstein, Hareid, Sykkylven, Giske, Stryn and Volda Inner Wheel**. Representatives of these clubs can be seen in the picture on the right. Many thanks to all the Rotarians involved, and their friends and families!



The cheque was presented to David at a conference in on Tuesday 30th April, in the Tourist Hotel in Volda, where he gave a presentation with current news and pictures of the school. On the left is a picture of Harald Indresøvdde opening the conference.



Other Sponsors

Many thanks are also due to the two banks and the private individuals who contributed to the fantastic total raised. A major sponsor is **Sparebanken Søre Sunmøre**, which is a local savings bank in the Volda area. As a token of the Trust's appreciation for the bank's support, David presented Hallvard



Bjorneset with a carving of a lion's head which he brought back from Sierra Leone. Hallvard is the president of Volda Rotary Club, but also represented Sparebanken Søre Sunmøre, where he works. (See picture on the right.) Thanks also go to the Nordea Bank.

The Norwegians' generosity now means that plans can be made to build the final bit of the secondary school in early 2014, and it may be possible to include some teacher accommodation.

Future Plans

The Norwegians are very keen to continue to be involved with the David School. Whilst staying in Volda, David had meetings with some local Rotarians who want to be involved, including **Harald Indresøvdde, Kjell Høydal, Per Helge Jøsok and John Stennes**, who have been very influential in raising the money. The Rotary Club in Stranda is considering collecting items like bicycles, school furniture and equipment for the new classrooms, and hand tools for the farm and community, and arranging to ship it out to Freetown. Installing a toilet that can recycle waste, which can be used on the farm, has also been suggested. It is likely that Rotarians will also design the roof for the new building, and go out to Sierra Leone and build it on site.

The Fridge Is Put To Good Use!

When Harald Indresøvdde, Kjell Høydal, Per Helge Jøsok and John Stennes visited the school in November 2012, they installed some solar panels which allowed a fridge to be run. When David visited in April this year, the fridge was full of polio vaccines, and the communities children were instructed to stay at home on 27th & 28th April so that Government officials could vaccinate them against this awful disease.

Whilst in Norway, David was very kindly hosted by Harald Indresøvdde and his wife, and he was taken on a visit to the Ulstein shipyard where they build oil rig support vessels. Thanks to them for their hospitality.

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