



# David School Messenger

The David School

Education Changes Lives

## THE NEXT STEPS

Following the very successful visit to the David School in March & April 2010, the future development of the school has been reviewed.

As the school is now established, the emphasis will be on maintaining the pupils' progress, increasing the provision of adult education, and developing the community to make it more self-sufficient.

### EDUCATION

**Classroom furniture** is needed for the two new classrooms, so any suggestions for sources would be welcome.

Continuing supplies of the following are needed, and any contributions will be gratefully received:

- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Soap
- Shoes (with closed heels and toes), especially small sizes (Children's sizes 8 – 13)
- School uniform (red and white checked dresses, red polo shirts, grey shorts)
- Stationery & Writing equipment
- White socks

#### Secondary Education

Steps are also be taken to assess the feasibility of providing some secondary education. This is being requested by girls as well as boys, and if it can be provided, it will mean that the girls aren't married off as young as at present. In Sierra Leone, the School Leaving Certificate is the passport to lots of jobs.

### HEALTH

With Mercy Ships visiting Freetown for several months in Spring 2011, we need to identify children and adults who can be referred. As David already has connections with Mercy Ships, those thought to be suitable for surgery, will be taken into Freetown by the team visiting in Spring 2011.

### PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS

It is hoped to raise around £2000 to purchase some photovoltaic panels (to fix to the new building) and batteries, so that sufficient electricity can be produced to light the rooms for classes for adults to be held in the evenings.

### COMMUNITY PROJECTS

#### STRAIGHTFORWARD & SUSTAINABLE so leading to SELF-SUFFICIENT

Work in other African countries suggests that it is important to empower the women, so projects will be chosen which they can organise, some suggestions for which are below. It is hoped a small loan system could be developed.

Project	Requirements
Making Clothes	Non-Electric Sewing machines, needles, threads, skills training
Cutting, sorting & selling firewood	Tools
Rearing goats	Animals (£10 each)
Palm Oil production	More trees (£2 each)
Basket Making	Skills training
Charcoal Production	Skills training & equipment

### WOMEN'S EDUCATION

In addition to skill's training to generate income, evening classes for women will be held covering child care, health education and first aid

**A very big thank you from all the pupils**

If you think you can help in any other way, please contact David on [wallwork26@btinternet.com](mailto:wallwork26@btinternet.com)  
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