



# David School Messenger

The David School

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## The David School and the Emergency Situation in Sierra Leone - Update 3

Dear Supporters

Happily, it is still good news from the community at Mile 36, as there are still no cases of Ebola in the community. The teachers are continuing to fulfil their new contracts, including maintaining the school so that it can open again as soon as the government allows it, teaching individuals, providing first aid and promoting basic hygiene.

Alusine Jalloh, the Primary School Head, has taken a course in Ebola Awareness, so he is now able to advise the community.

### EMERGENCY FUND DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has very kindly and generously given to our Emergency Fund. So far this has been used to ship:

- Wind-up radios (see below)
- Medical supplies, including face masks, gloves, aprons and other protective clothing, medicated wipes(see below)
- Bin sacks, tissues and toilet paper(see below)
- Soap for hand-washing
- LifeStraw Family water purification units for the members of the community who do not live near the well

Money has also been sent out for food to be purchased when needed, although things have eased slightly regarding the cost and availability of food since the port re-opened.

The next shipment will leave Tilbury on 22 December, due to arrive Freetown on 12 January.

### SOAP COLLECTION

Our soap collection has started very well, and the first 800 bars have been shipped out to Sierra Leone, due to arrive on 16<sup>th</sup> December. This will support the teachers' work in promoting hand-washing, as careful hygiene helps prevent the spread of Ebola.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this venture and special thanks go to the pupils and staff at Ramsey Spinning Infant School, Ashbeach Primary School, and Ramsey Junior School for their collections.

Soap is an ongoing need out at the David School community, so further contributions will always be welcome. Please email me at [wallwork26@btinternet.com](mailto: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.



## WIND-UP RADIOS



Thanks to the generosity of the **Girdlers' Company Charitable Trust**, we have been able to ship 35 Roberts Wind-up radios out to the community to allow the children to access the radio lessons that the government are providing until schools are given permission to open again. For more information about the Girdlers' Company, visit their website at [www.girdlers.co.uk](http://www.girdlers.co.uk)



## MAD MUD RUNNERS RAISE MONEY FOR THE DAVID SCHOOL



In June 2014, a group of friends from Stamford took part in the **Rat Race Dirty Weekend** at Burghley House, Stamford.

Ian Burrows, Richard Luff, Richard Nixon, Emma & Simon Gough, Kate & David Armes, Bruce Kemp, Mark Gordon and Mark Baillie completed 13 miles of mud, foul water, stabbing cramp and 150 obstacles. Some of them even completed the full 20 miles and 200 obstacles!

Their amazing efforts raised **£2050** for the David School.

In addition, David Armes was able to source the medical supplies listed earlier, which we have been able to ship out to the hospital in Waterloo. These are currently being distributed and used.

A very big thank you to The Mad Mud Runners and all their backers for supporting the work of the Trust.

If you would like to find out more about the school, please visit our website [www.thedavidschool.co.uk](http://www.thedavidschool.co.uk). Donations are always welcome, and if you feel able to help at all, please make payments to:  
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**A very big thank you from all the children and staff at the David School**

*David*