



# David School Messenger

The David School

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## The David School and the Emergency Situation in Sierra Leone - Update 5

### THE DAVID SCHOOL MAKES HEADLINES IN A SIERRA LEONE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER

The generous donations made by our supporters in England and Norway have allowed us to buy food for our pupils. This has recently been extremely important as about 10% of them live in Mamamah, which has been quarantined due to suspected Ebola cases. Enough food was delivered to the families of our pupils to a three week period. Two of these families are pictured below.



Alfred Conteh, who has been doing amazing work coordinating the school's efforts in Sierra Leone during this very difficult time, delivered the food, with help from some of our teachers. (See picture below)



This event was covered by a local reporter, who then published a one page article in the paper on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, under the headline: **DAVID'S SCHOOL DONATES TO MAMAMAH COMMUNITY.** Here is an extract from the article:

*The non-profit organisation on Monday gave a helping hand to young people going to school by donating food relief items consisting of rice, sugar, oil, onions, Maggi sauce, tomatoes, bread and drinking water worth 10 million Leones to quarantined houses.*

*During the handing over ceremony Ibrahim Bundu, the local community Head Man, expressed great delight to the donors abroad...and thanked them for their humanitarian gesture. "The David School does not only care for education in our country but also cares for the welfare of our children and their parents in Mamamah and Mile 36" commented an elated Head Man.*

Providing this food and transporting it to Mamamah has cost approximately £1500, which has come from the David School Trust Emergency Fund. **Thank you for all your contributions.**

## Using the Wind-Up Radios

The 35 Roberts Wind-up radios kindly donated by the **Girdlers' Company Charitable Trust** are being put to good use.

Lessons are broadcast every school day with Primary sessions from 10 -11am,

Lower Secondary ones from 2-3pm and those for Upper Secondary pupils from 4-5pm. Different subjects are covered each day.

At Mile 36, the teachers work with pupils with small groups at these times close to where the children's homes. Some of the parents are involved with helping, so they are learning as well.



## Gifts for the children

Pupils from the Ashbeach School in Ramsey St Mary's, Cambridgeshire have filled boxes with gifts for children at the David School, and these have now been shipped out to Freetown, ready to be distributed.

The picture shows some of these boxes, which contained items like pencils and other writing materials, balls, small cuddly animals and toys, as well as a letter from the child who filled the box

## More Good News!

At the time of writing, there are still no cases of Ebola in the Mile 36 community. According to the Sierra Leone radio, the number of new cases in the country is down to single figures each day. As a result the travel restrictions are being lifted, which will make it easier to get supplies to Mile 36.

Restrictions on large group gatherings are also being eased, and schools will be allowed to open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.

## The Present Needs

Soap is still needed at the David School community, so further contributions will always be welcome, to top up the supplies that have already been used.

Please email David at [wallwork26@btinternet.com](mailto:wallwork26@btinternet.com) to find the best way of getting your contribution to him, as there may be a volunteer in your area prepared to act as a collector.



Money is also needed. It is cheaper to buy the food required in Sierra Leone than it is to collect it here and ship it out. Therefore, financial contributions to the Emergency Fund would be highly appreciated. If you feel able to help, please make any contributions to:

Barclays Sort Code 20-43-63;  
Account name: The David School Trust  
Account No 33469395

**Thank you from everyone**