



EBO TOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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LATEST NEWS: from Ebo, The Gambia West Africa.

We have had an amazing school year 2016/2017. Educating 83 children in two classrooms all FREE OF CHARGE, thanks to our sponsorship programme. We have increased the number of staff working for the school, and the children are becoming more confident, and well disciplined.

The children are learning to speak English really well. All children have recently sat exams, in many subjects and reports back from Tallinding Lower Basic School (Grade 1), expressed surprise that our children are at the level of education they are. Well done to all

Staff, especially Mr Siaka Kalley for all his hard work over the past year.

2016/2017, has seen teams going out to The Gambia, to the school, and we have opened our doors to work in the community. We have been welcomed into homes not only of our children's families but all over this poor and desperate area of The Gambia. Thanks to donations, we have given out large quantities of Rice bags, and mosquito nets, bedding, clothing, and cleaning products. We have repaired broken roofs, bought beds, fixed concrete floors and emptied septic tanks. We



have bought a wheel chair, for a cerebral palsy little girl, Fatou.

We as a charity are moving forwards with a new vision.

We realise we can't help everyone, but we can touch and ease lives.

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Special points of interest:

- Word of thanks to all sponsors.
- Community work
- School build funds
- Rice and Mosquito nets.

GOODBYE TO 20 CHILDREN LEAVING FOR GRADE ONE, AT 7 YRS OF AGE.

School closes on 14th July 2017, for the long Monsoon season, school holidays. This means that we have 20 children moving onto Grade 1, which is a Government run school, and a child's education is FREE, (except for the

purchase of uniforms and equipment. Our 20 children have had an amazing start in their early years. We are sure to see them sporting their new uniforms on our next trip over, as the children love to come and say hello.



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME



Can you help take little ones off the streets and educate them?

Nursery school education in The Gambia is private sector. The costs to parents and guardians is very expensive. Education is the future, and an early start in life is key. Here at Ebo Town Community Nursery School, we offer ALL our children a FREE education, thanks to the sponsorship programme.

From as little as £25.00 A YEAR, you can sponsor a child. You will be allocat-

ed a little boy or girl, whom you can support as much or as little as you like. This fee goes towards the child's two uniforms, all teachers salaries, and all school equipment. Some sponsors like to send additional money for the child's family to buy Rice or mosquito nets. Some sponsors like to send a small gift out at Christmas.

Paula Howells the Found-

er does try to keep ALL Sponsors and contributors up to date on what is happening at the school by sending quarterly news letters, and holding a yearly presentation evening in Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

If you would like to sponsor a child for a year, please get in touch .

THANK YOU FOR CARING.

NEWLY ENROLLED CHILDREN STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2017

“We pray that a new school can be built to enable us to have a 3rd classroom”

In April 2017, 23 new children were enrolled, aged 3/4 years. The enrollment was such a difficult process, as hundreds and hundreds of parents with children come to the school, and sit for hours in the sweltering heat, to try and get a place for their child. The education

department in The Gambia have given us strict rules on child numbers, and unfortunately we can not take more children under our wing. We are hoping and praying that we can have a school built within the next year, which will have a third classroom. Funds are

very urgently required, for this to happen.



COMMUNITY WORK AND REACHING OUT.



Love never fails

1 Corinthians 13:8

When the door of school closes at 12.45pm, the team gears themselves up to walk out into the Community of Ebo Town, for the afternoon shift. The team can walk up to 7 miles in extreme heat and dusty conditions, looking for families who need URGENT help and support.

We find families who have no running water, have no sanitation, their homes are in poor state of repair. Families do not know where their next grain of rice will come from. Ebo Town is very poor. Its hard to take on board that our children attending school live in such bad

conditions. We walk around, laden with clothing, blankets, cleaning materials, bedding, and give out to families that need the most.

We allocate Rice bags and mosquito nets, to be collected from the school, to families in dire need.

RICE AND MOSQUITO NETS AND PROVISIONS.

Can you help us to be the bridge between Europe and Africa.

RICE: Costs

£22.00 per 50kg bag

£12.50 per 25kg bag

A 50kg bag lasts a family one month.

MOSQUITO NETS : £5.00

CLEANING PRODUCTS:

FOR 4 ITEMS COSTS £2.00. (Soap, bleach, washing liquid, washing powder.

POOR FUNDS:

We still have more to do in the community. Any donation to our community funds will be greatly appreciated. Money will be put towards roof repairs,

septic tank emptying, etc etc.



THE BIG BUILD. FUNDING NEEDED TO MOVE FORWARD.

The land has been purchased, and the plans for a 3 classroom school, with living quarters, showers, toilets, kitchen, lounge area, playground, store room have been passed. We are ready to dig the foundations and get the build under way.

WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

We do not have the funds of £25,000 to build the school/community centre.

It only costs £25,000 to get this fully built to a high standard. Paula Howells feels that it's the next step of faith she is being led to do. Over the past two weeks, a heavy rain fall as flooded Ebo

Town, and left families homeless. Its left toilets overflowing. Paula says "Its not just a school we need, but a safe haven for families to come when they loose there homes and have no food. We will open our doors to the community, and reach out further". PLEASE HELP.

"Can we approach all businesses we know and ask for a £100 donation. 250 donations will enable this to happen"

RECENT FLOODING IN EBO TOWN

Two weeks ago, severe, torrential rain hit The Gambia and flooded Ebo Town. Many families, lost their homes, and were paddling in water. To see the photos of such devastation broke many peoples hearts. One of our little girls Fatou Badjie's parents called Siaka Kalley

explaining their roof had fallen in and broke. After an appeal went out, money was raised to put a brand new roof onto their home. The compound we visited in December and April, helping with a new bed and bedding, plus concrete floor flooded.

The great British public, came to the rescue. Within 48 hours of an appeal going out money was raised, sent over, and works completed. Thank you from all Trustee's for your kindness and generosity in times like this. We still have 3 months of monsoon rains to go.



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Dave and Paula went to The Gambia in January 2014, with £200 in their pockets to make a difference and help. Since then, we have been led into opening a school, and running it fully. Doors open, and community work starts. We can sit in a comfy warm home, with a full fridge, nice cars, running water, electric, but only 6.5 hours flight away, there is poverty, suffering, and hardship.

Our journey in The Gambia continues. We feel stronger than ever in our hearts that a school/community centre build, is the next step forward.

If you would like to help or join with us please get in touch.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA JUST GIVING OR BACS: SORT CODE: 77-91-29, ACC 37946868.

Every single penny goes directly to the project.

THANK YOU

As the school year ends, we have so many to thank. Firstly I would like to thank all teachers, teaching assistants, cleaner and security, for there hard work, dedication and commitment this past year.

TEACHER COLLEGE

We would like to thank Yvonne and Roger, plus Maureen (Monday Club), for sponsoring three staff members through teachers training college for 2017/2018 academic year. £100.00 covers each

teachers costs.

BLANKETS/CROCHET

The Shrewsbury League of Friends (Dawn) and team, thank you for knitting all the wonderful squares and making such beautiful blankets. Thank you to, Jan Haper, who is a midwife, for her amazing crochet blankets, which she sat up until 2am to sew and complete. Keep knitting folks, your blankets are loved so much.

MOTHERS UNION

For the kind donation of £85.00 which bought a wheel chair, bed and bedding.

SPONSORS

For your love financially. Without you, the school would not operate at all.

TRUSTEE'S

For giving up there time, and working voluntary, and showing passion, love , care and hope to making all this happen.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTINUALLY KEEP FINANCALLY HELPING.

YOU ARE THE HIDDEN GIVERS, AND MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.