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Dear John,

Greeting to you and yours, hope all is well.

I'm reaching out to you from lovely from Sierra Leone, West Africa. Things are moving along but not without encountering constraints and limitations with time, finances and desired level of commitment. However this mission will be accomplished no matter what is encountered. I have met with the Rotary club here and received a very warm welcome. As I mentioned they have a change in leadership. The new president is Hugh Kweku Fraser. He is the director of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sierra Leone. I have a meeting with him in a few days. His direct number is 001 232 7636 7842 and email is kweks_fraser@yahoo.com. Well, John I made a risky decision to take on such a large and difficult task. I have gone too far to consider anything less than success and I don't regret it. I'm just trying hard to garner support or any assistance. Do you know the status of our request and or the process yet? In the event it's a go and you are not required to send funds via Rotary Freetown here is our account information: Bank of America account under the Family Enrichment Services of Sierra Leone, Acct number 3250 0516 4370 or you may also send via Western Union to me David Asfall in Freetown Sierra Leone, then email me the code and the test question. Thank you in advance.

Please see the informational update below:

Today is 25 July 2015. Yesterday was a bit sensitive. As I was on my way to a meeting this morning we passed a group of people congregating alongside the dirt road. My driver stopped to inquire what was going on, one man responded my son is dead and he believes the cause was Ebola. I got out the vehicle to offer my condolences to the family and also offer the customary financial token. I gave 40.000ls the equivalent of \$8.00. Prior to returning to my vehicle two Ebola treatment vehicles approached and immediately began the sanitation of the area and removal of the deceased. I requested to take some photos of the process but my request was denied and besides that this was the one day I forgot my camera but fortunately I did have my cell phone. The Ebola team leader told me later to take photos only once the body was being removed, so I did. Below are the results of my amateur work with my cell phone.



The deceased being removed from of his home. His name was Shaku Sassy; he was one year four months old. R.I.P. Shaku. The person in the white t-shirt is his father. His mother was on the hill being consoled by the other women. The intensity of emotions and crying I heard from the women is difficult to describe. This location is in Hill Station within Freetown the capital of Sierra Leone. The area is considered to be an affluent area. As you can see the home is unfinished. It is typical for people to live in unfinished structures due to the lack of finances and bank loans they build as they get money to do so. The open door to the right is where the boy was taken from.



The young boys body being placed in the vehicle. The other person in the photo is one of the Ebola team members. I witnessed him sanitizing the area dressed as showed without protective gear.



The body being placed in the vehicle



Onlookers. The child's fathers to the right.



Ebola team in protective equipment



Ebola workers preparing the vehicle for the body



Onlookers



The member of Ebola prevention team who sanitized the home, he is still holding the sanitation dispenser.



Member of Ebola prevention team removing PPE



Male onlookers supportive of the father



Onlookers



I was informed the family may be required to vacate the home and all contents of the home may be burned. The government and or NGO's may later replace all belongs and possibly relocate the family and also provide other supportive services.

As to the clinic in the village; things are moving forward but as not as desired. We are doing the best we can with the constraints and limitations of time, the intensifying rain and limited finances. We have addressed the electricity/lights issue by installing a solar system that provides power to critical areas such as the refrigerator, overhead lights and the water well pump. Also the purchase of a generator as a backup ensures consistent access to energy. We have also addressed the issue of clean water thought it is not directly running into the clinic it comes within 10 feet and for now that will be sufficient. We were able to activate a pump in another well that is located approximately 400 yards away. Water is pumped to a water tank and then to a faucet within the health clinic compound. We are using water purification tablets donated by Proctor & Gamble. We anticipate the supply will last for two or more years.



solar control panel inside the health clinic



extension cord that leads to outlets



working lights in examination room



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Additional solar wiring inside

My apologies I neglected to take a photos of the solar panel on the roof.



backup generator



Pump and energy wiring



water tank that feeds directly to facet next to the clinic



Facet running water powered by solar and backup



Inoperable mechanical water well located next to the health clinic. This water well was bypassed. It works intermittently. All indicators points to this well simply not dug deep enough. We will fix this problem next year after rainy season providing we have the resources to complete do the job.

I was fully aware of the unsatisfactory nearby toilets, but I was taken by surprise when I viewed the toilets at the clinic. The photos below are the only toilets provided for the clinic patients to use. Improving the toilets is now an additional task.



Full view of the toilet building to the rear of the clinic



Mary opening the toilet door for me to view



The so called clinic toilet



Another so called clinic toilet



This is the current condition of about 30% of the ceiling. We will repair within the next few days, weather permitted. The roof will be repaired first in order to stop the excessive leaking

It was to my surprise that on the day we went to the health clinic I met a young lady who had just gave birth the night before. Another young lady was getting a follow-up after giving birth a week earlier. Also present was a friend of the new mother and a grandmother with her grandchild. Surprisingly all the children were reported to be in good health.



Meet the newest mother & baby to Gbiima Chiefdom. The baby was born a day before this photo was taken.



This child was born one week prior to this photo. Mother was in the clinic for a follow-up.



Teenage mother with child visiting her friend



Grandmother with her new grandchild

This weekend, the first of August we plan to head back to the village to continue and complete the work. We will remove the mold, repair the ceiling, the roof, paint, organize and clean the health clinic. This should conclude this phase of the project for now. We will replace cabinets and other items once they arrive with the shipment from California. I have purchased, tools, paint and cleaning supplies but we are still approximately \$2,700 short to purchase the zinc for the roof, wood and paneling for the ceiling, nails etc. I am working diligently to make up the shortage. I will remain confident that we will complete this project in a satisfactory manner.

My phone number in SL is 232 7959 1268. I am on What'sApp and Viber.

John, I realize nothing is guaranteed but I want you to know no matter the outcome you and your efforts are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

David

Additional Photos



Ebola check points on the east end of Freetown



Police escort as I visited Ebola and other restricted areas

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In front of the clinic from (l-r) Me David, Mary the head nurse, Hassan FES-SL staff, Chief Tutu Sallia son of Chief Tutu, clinic manager, Chief Cormacoah the speaker



Enjoying the village

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