

PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Wivelsfield's link with St Matthew's Aberdeen, Sierra Leone **BETTER TOGETHER**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

ADDENDUM TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER.

Under the heading "Medical Supplies" in the November Newsletter we mentioned that two suitcases had been taken out to Aberdeen containing a variety of medical and educational supplies.

In fact there were three. In addition to the ones filled at the church and the village school, there was a third that Rosa (who was one of our visiting party) had put out at Bede's where she is a sixth form student. It contained educational materials and 12 deflated footballs (and a pump!) contributed by her friends in Bloomsbury House and their parents. It also had a few medical items courtesy of the school nurse who had a clear out of things that were no longer viable.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.



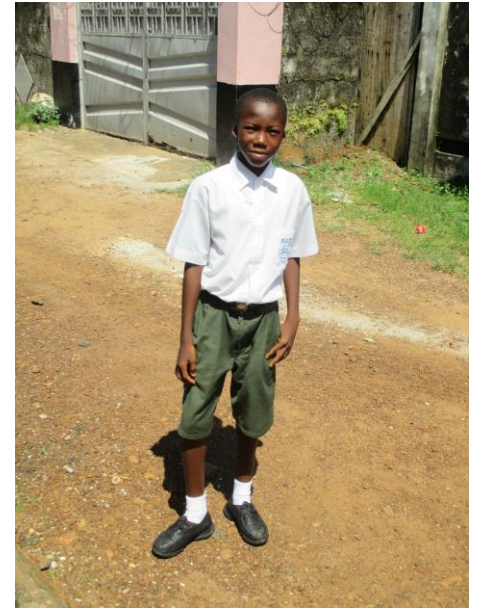
The village school gives great support to our link. Their latest contribution is £565 which are the proceeds from various Christmas activities. This, of course, in addition to the items deposited in the suitcase which was left in their foyer.

On November 21st a group of us gave a morning assembly to the older pupils where we showed them some pictures of the children who we support in Aberdeen. Some of the children in the hall will be going on to secondary school later this year and we were able to make the point that very few children of the same age in Sierra Leone would be able to afford to do so.

OUR MOST RECENT SPONSORED CHILDREN.

We have three new children to add to those we already sponsor and this brings our total to thirteen. They started school last September. Two of them are from Christian families, Emanuel Nicholson (left hand photo below) and Gentle Kelvin Conteh and the third, Abdul Razak, (right hand photo below) is from a Muslim family.

The fourth photograph includes these three and most of the rest of the total number who we support. They are pictured with the Rev. Harold Johnson who was, until recently, the vicar of St. Matthew's (and who visited us last summer) but who has now moved on. Details of his replacement will be in our next Newsletter.



SCHOOL FURNITURE.

Last time we included a picture of the new chairs and desk for the school in Aberdeen. Here is a photograph of what they replaced.



PARTY PIECES.

Make a note of Saturday, March 2nd when we will be having another “Olde Tyme Music Hall” type entertainment in the village hall. If you’ve been before you will know that it involves local talent of all types, ages, shapes and sizes.

If you have a hidden talent of any kind that you would be prepared to share don’t hesitate to let me know – but do so quickly because the programme is filling up.

All proceeds go into our Sierra Leone Travel Fund which is there to help towards the travel costs of anyone from the parish who visits our link parish, should they feel they need it.