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Covid-19 & Sierra Leone

Covid 19 today's figures: 6,122 confirmed cases with 113 recorded deaths and 4,075 recovered

Solomon – Liverpool School headteacher

I first met Solomon in January 2013, when Fayah asked me to visit the school. Since that first meeting, we have built/equipped 12 classrooms, 2 library rooms, a laboratory, 2 toilet blocks and have installed some mains electricity and water harvesting on all the school buildings.

We have become really good friends and I was saddened to hear on Sunday 27th June, that the previous evening, he had been knocked off his motorbike by a hit and run driver and had his bag and mobile phone stolen. Despite the fact that he was wearing a helmet, he was left unconscious and remained so for a few hours. Having been admitted to hospital he was found to have a broken hand and wrist and a double complicated fracture of his left leg.



In 2019 Solomon completed his studies, at his own expense, achieving a Bachelor of Education Degree to further his qualifications. Despite this, his monthly salary is only **£100**. The operation and his hospital stay have so far cost **£360**. I will leave you to consider the relevance of the figures.

As I have explained before, there is no NHS in Sierra Leone so I decided to fast-track adequate funds through so they could operate immediately.

The hospital hope to discharge him in the next few days but will not provide a wheelchair as it is not regarded to be part of their responsibility. I have today transferred adequate funds to cover the cost of a wheelchair, (**£65**) which Fayah will organise. I am currently trying to establish the cost of any ongoing medication costs, but am awaiting details. A lot of us take so much for granted in the UK, but at the risk of sounding like Great Uncle Albert “we just don't know how lucky we are”. This is the harsh reality of life in Sierra Leone and it is one of the reasons that I do what I do, to try and support these people and communities.

This unforeseen expense is a bit of a “bump in the road” as regards my budgeting, but I made the decision that I had to support Solomon and his family as there was no real other option for them.

- and now for some GOOD NEWS!

Momoh – the latest news

Progress at Momoh's home is going really well and they hope to complete the external rendering tomorrow. All the internal rendering is complete, as are all the concrete floors. Painting will take place when the render has dried out and the windows/doors will have glass fitted and the ramp for wheelchair access will hopefully be completed by the end of next week – what a great result.



I am hoping that by the 27th July (my birthday) they will be established in their new home – what a great birthday present that would be for me.

I would like to thank all those who have helped me make “**Momoh's Dream A Reality**”.

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