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Momoh – the latest news



The painting has been completed, internal electrics are fitted (awaiting connection to the mains supply) and the plumbing will be complete on Wednesday and the bathroom floor tiling on Thursday. Due to a problem transferring funds we couldn't guarantee the furniture would arrive in time for the opening ceremony - to have a new “home” but no furniture didn't seem right, so we've postponed until Sunday 8th. **GREAT** excitement when the furniture did arrive – new beds, lounge suite and a table and chairs



No Health & Safety with these delivery men!! – Welcome to Sierra Leone

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Solomon – Liverpool School headteacher

As you will probably have read in my last Newsletter, Solomon was the victim of a “hit and run” driver. Please see below extracts of three e-mails he has sent over the last few weeks since his accident.

I was involved in the accident on Saturday night on the 26th June. I lost my mobile phone and bag during the accident and the driver ran away. Fayah came to my rescue, I was unconscious at the roadside, and took me to the hospital for treatment and on the Sunday, I was taken to the lab for x-rays to determine the damage to my left foot, leg and left hand. The results were very terrible and I was taken to the operating theatre for the solution BUT the cost was very huge for me to bare. Thank God for the timely intervention of Mr Alan, and his supporters, who provided the money to cover the costs of my operation, which was very successful.

After three weeks in hospital, the doctors recommended my discharge, but I have to visit the hospital every three days for examination, check-up and physiotherapy. I must thank your donor who funded the cost of the wheelchair for me, as without it they would not have permitted my discharge.

It is not easy for me accessing the hospital, and if it hadn't been for Fayah who provides his vehicle to get me to every visit it would be very difficult. The huge task for me is that I have to buy drugs from the pharmacy based on the doctors' prescriptions, as my salary is so small it cannot take care of my situation.

I was helpless, and probably would have died if Fayah, Mr Alan and his supporters had not come to my aid. I want to use this opportunity on behalf of my family to thank you, Mr Alan, and your donors, who paid my hospital bills and provided me with the wheelchair. You have all demonstrated true love for humanity, and I believe that their actions probably saved my life and almost certainly prevented me from being disabled.

I was overwhelmed with joy as your “main man on the ground” brought me the new phone a few days ago. I am currently using it to send this thank you to you. Please pass on my thanks to the donor for his support.

The X-frame on my foot, leg and hand will last for three months before it is removed, but I hope to start walking by September when the bones hopefully are stronger. I visited the hospital on Friday for a check-up, the doctors opened the SSG site and found out that the wounds are healing well. I also did some exercises with the physiotherapist to keep the bones and joints active. I have already hired a doctor who will continue the treatment at home, when the hospital physio discharges me, which will make things easier for me.

Please extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to your supporters who are providing the funds to sustain my life and may God continue to bless all of you who have eased my predicament.

Best regards, Solomon

Sometimes, people ask me “**why I do what I do for people in Sierra Leone**”. I suppose the simple answer is “**because I can**”, although it is only achievable due to the fantastic support I receive from a vast network of supporters of individuals and organisations across the UK, who believe in what I do. I first went to Sierra Leone in 2005 for a “**one off life experience**” - the eleven days I spent there had a profound effect on me. I have now visited the country **12** times (it would have been fifteen if it were not for the e-bola outbreak and the Covid situation). Since January 2007 (my third trip), when I started working directly with my first school I have supported (to varying extents), eight schools, a community football club and several individuals.

Mandela said “**If what we do helps change the lives of just a few people, then the effort is well worth it**”

Both Momoh's new “home” and Solomon's predicament confirm that what **WE** are doing is helping to “**Make A Real Difference**” and **WE** are “**Changing Lives and Making Dreams A Reality**”

To each and everyone of you that support me in any way, huge heartfelt thanks.

Covid-19 & Sierra Leone

Covid 19 today's figures: 6,292 confirmed cases with 120 recorded deaths and 4,281 recovered

In other news

I have several projects on hold at the moment, but hopefully will have funding in place in the next couple of weeks and will then be able to continue with these. This includes the 2nd phase of well construction & the supply of furniture at Calvary Praise Academy and some refurbishment work at 2 other schools.