

Dear Faithful Donors,



I return from Sierra Leone, my heart heavy with both gratitude and a profound sense of responsibility to you, the steadfast supporters of the West Africa Fistula Foundation. Over the years, your unwavering generosity has illuminated countless lives, and I wish to convey the heartfelt appreciation for every donation and pledge of support.

No worthwhile journey is without its challenges. The government's increased involvement in fistula programs has brought both progress and delays, yet your steadfast support has allowed us to expand our work into other areas of need.

In addition to our commitment to addressing fistula cases, we've extended our reach to an orphanage established in 1997 and located in the heart of Freetown, Sierra Leone. This sanctuary, led by the dedicated Pastor Hassan, shelters 125 orphans across two campuses in Waterloo and Wellington with extremely limited resources. These young souls deserve far better than the deplorable conditions they endure, and we've stepped in to give aid with donations you've entrusted to us. Despite operating on a shoestring budget, Pastor Hassan's leadership has been continual and unwavering. With your support, we can transform these facilities and bring hope and dignity to these children who have been forgotten but who can still be restored.

Our exploration into a nearby region of Sierra Leone 20 minutes away has revealed yet another stark reality - nearly 90 children, bearing the heavy burden of both physical and mental disabilities. Their needs are urgent, and we have taken action. We provide 110 pounds of rice monthly to their families, along with tailored medical care, surgeries, crutches, wheelchairs, cancer treatment, and more.

Among these brave children, we've discovered 8 with vision problems, 5 of whom were plunged into total blindness. Through our collective efforts, we've managed to enroll them in a School for the Blind, where they are not only receiving an

education but also experiencing profound personal growth and a new joy for living with the aid you've made possible. We have big plans to do more in the near future.

Your help in this mission is a testament to the love and compassion that Jesus Christ has commanded us to give to those in dire circumstances. In our interactions with these children and their families, we spread the Gospel of Jesus, creating ripples of hope and igniting a spark of faith in their lives.

The Orphanage project is still in its infancy, and we are actively identifying where we can make the most significant impact. Rest assured, we will keep you informed of our progress in the coming days and weeks.

In closing, your support has allowed us to carry out life-transforming work and we remain deeply indebted to your kindness and generosity. Together, we are not only changing lives but also sowing the seeds of unconditional Christ-like love.

With gratitude and determination,

Dr. Darius R. Maggi
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