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A WORD FROM THE KIDS

Editors Note: Some of the older Dove kids wanted to contribute to this month's newsletter. In their Language Arts class they are learning to write newspaper articles and do book reports. Their spelling has been corrected but otherwise their writing is mostly unedited.

My name is **Bintu Samura**. I like to be in the Dove orphanage home. Why I like to be in this home because since I lost my parent during the ward I have no body to care for me. So I start to go up and down to look for someone that will take care of me. I thanks Mr. and Mrs. Nelson that leave their home and come in our country to help me because I was not going to school. Even place to sleep everything is

managing around, and no food and so many other thing. So I real thank the Nelson family. They have done a lot in my life. They have been a blessing in my life. If God has not sent them to help what would have happen to me? I real appreciate your goodness and your work. You people are so helpful, lovely, caring, kindly to me. When ever I saw Mummy Judy around and Daddy Nelson it make me not to remembering

the death of my parent because I was suffering so much that I was praying for God to take my life so that I will go and meet my parent but God sent the Dove to take care of me so thank the Dove for what they have done in my life. Maybe I should die by now if not for them.

My name is **Ruth Salma Conteh**. I was born on the 7th May 1987. I am eighteen years old. I am dark in complexion. I have a short and

black hair, small nose, small eyes, small head and my body is very small. I live at Gloucester Village Orphanage home, Freetown. I came to the Orphanage house at the 18th of February, 2005. I was very happy at that time. After one week I started go to school. I was very excited for that. I am in Grade 5 in English and in Maths I am in Grade 6. I am really tried to work hard in my school work.

In the Orphanage home we are twenty-three in the house. I have three parents. Their names are Mr. and Mrs. Sesay and Mr. Daniel D. Kamara. In the house we have thirteen girls and seven boys. We always live happily like brothers and sisters. I went to church every Sunday. Sometimes I give contributions at the church. My voice is so sweet and I like to sing music for the Lord. I like friendship very much with girls. My best friends are Bintu, Mariama, Aminata and Katimu. I love them and they too love me. I always remember them in my prayer. My land is ten acres is very big and wide. My house is very big and beautiful. Outside the house is painted with green and yellow and inside is painted with white and blue. I have four playing houses in my compound and also a basket ball. The compound is very quiet and the environment is also good to live. My school is inside the compound. I am really tried to work hard in my school work. I have four teachers in my school, three white men and one black man. I have a very large garden where I plant most of the garden fruits. I have a pool where I use to draw water to water my garden, wash myself and do laundering. I will like to marry a God fearing husband. I need three children, two boys and one girl.

In Dove compound we have a lot of activities there to do and also domestic work to do too. In the morning when all of the kids

woke up and the parents, we do our devotion. Then after that we take our bath and eat our breakfast and come to school. Then if there is no school at all, we will find any work to do or working on our assignments. There are lots of work to do in the Dove compound. For examples: to finish our bathroom, our school, our playing field, our church and even our fence around the compound. The most works I like in the house is to cook and to do laundry, our parents cook very well for us and we enjoyed eating the foods that they prepared. All the parents love us and we behave well with them. This Dove compound that I'm talking about is a big compound. Whenever you come here you are welcome and the parents and the kids will treat you nicely.

My name is **Mariama Kargbo**, I am 16 years of age. I was born in November 6, 1989. I'm in grade 5 in Math and grade 3 in English. I like to play with my friends at home. I am fair in complexion with small eyes, black hair and small face and small head with plenty of hair. I am a short girl. I have eleven sisters and six brothers, we all live at the orphanage home Gloucester village, Freetown. I have five parents, guardians. I love to cook best and I like to sing music and I like to joke and laugh with my friends and sisters. I am a Christian and I like to go to church. My best subject in school is English. I am four feet, ten inches tall. I love to take care of children in my home. When I grow up I will like to become a nurse and I

will like to marry to a God fearing husband with three beautiful girls.

My name is **Alex Samura**. I live at Dove international Orphanage home, Gloucester Village. I am fair in complexion. I am a beautiful boy and I have nice eyes and teeth. I am an obedient boy and I am also hard working. I am attending the Dove international school Gloucester Village. In the school we have four teachers and twenty students and the school is near the home. We have three parents, the one name is Pastor Daniel who is taking care of the boys and Pastor Francis and his wife Aunti Zianob. Two of them are taking care of all girls in the home. All of the kids we are 18, 6 boys and 12 girls. I like the home because they are taking care of us in the home and every morning before going to school. We use to have our devotion in the morning and I like it because some of us that we are in our house we didn't have the time to have devotion in the morning. I like home also because it is also a Christian home.

In my future I will like to become a pastor and I am 17 years old. May 25 is my birthday. I like the home because they encourage us to learn our book and also to do some work. I love Mummy Judy and Daddy Nelson because they are helping me in my school work and in other different things. I love Mummy Judy and Daddy Nelson so much may God bless them as they are helping me and also the one that is going to lead it. May God bless them all. I like the home and the school because it is nice and we have two playing grounds in the home and we have bushes

around us and we have kitchen in the home. I use to go to church on Sunday. The name of the church is Gloucester Baptist church. I use to list some time we use to play football but we did not have field to play foot ball yet. We are just using the front of the house and the place is not two big and water tank and garden and also water well.

My name is **Samuel Samura**. I am 16 years old. I was born on October 27, 1990. I live at Dove Orphanage Home in Gloucester Village. I am attending the Dove International School. I am in Grade 5. I am fair in complexion. I am 5 feet 5 inches tall. I like to play soccer, baseball, basketball and other games. In my future I will like to become a lawyer and I will like to do my course in Canada. I am really enjoying being in the orphanage home. I have been in the home for one year three months.

We are twenty three in the orphanage home. We have three parents in the orphanage home. They are Mr. and Mrs Sesay and Pastor Daniel Kamara. In the home we have thirteen girls and seven boys. Every morning in the home we have our devotions at 7:00am. The best book I like to read is Robinson Crusoe. The subjects I like best is math and English. My best friend name is Mohamed Bangura. He is 16 years old. He live at Dwarzark. Mr and Mrs Nelson has been taken good

care of us. I always pray that God will bless them.

I like the home and the school. I am really learning at school. In the morning we have our devotion at 7:00 and finish at 8:00. I am really learning about God's word in the orphanage home. In the orphanage home we have a small field. We play soccer, basketball and other games. The orphanage compound is very big. We have two house in the compound, four bathroom and one kitchen.

My name is **Mohamed Kamara** but people call me (C.P.O.) I like people calling me that name. I was born on April 14, 1988. I am 14 years old and I live at Dove orphanage home. Living in Dove give me great joy. At first I don't know who I am but, through the grace of Jesus he made know who I am. Mr. and Miss Nelson has been taking good care of me. I t made me forget about the past. I am attending the Dove International School. After I finish school I will like to work in the military. Now I have good life in Dove orphanage home.

New Full Time Staff Bob and Kathy write:

We have been blessed with the pleasure of being able to be here at Dove in Sierra Leone Africa. The Lord has shown us many things and we feel we have grown closer to Him. We feel honored to be a help for Phil and Judy.

We arrived here with a team from Samaritan's Purse Core Missions in the end of February. When the team left after two weeks, we remained and will remain until the end of June. Bob is helping Phil with maintenance and building projects while I am assisting with the school classes.

Thank you to those supporting us. Your prayers have kept us going through the tough times. God bless! 2Cor. 1:3.

Bob and Kathy Klassen
Morden Manitoba

Note: Klassens need financial support to be able to return to SL in September for a year's commitment. We don't want to lose these hard workers!

Perspective by Ben Evans, A British Volunteer

Sierra Leone is the world's poorest country, and a year ago, I was only vaguely aware of its existence and almost certain it would remain only a name on a map to me. However, I am currently resident on Leicester Peak, Freetown, and am writing this to share some of the impressions I have had while staying here. In terms of minerals, this country is immensely wealthy, but the distribution of money here is vastly skewed, and the majority live far below the poverty line. This all-too-evident when driving through Freetown. Coming from Surrey, England, all this came as quite a culture shock to me! After a month or so of living here, young children carrying bags of rice twice the size of themselves, and woman hammering rocks to pieces in order to survive still astonish me.

The influx of different peoples through historic slavery has had an interesting effect on the language.

A Creole, called Krio, has developed and sounds like a libertine version of English, and includes some French also. Spoken at speed, it is to me, completely incomprehensible. I am, however, learning it, and am fairly certain that "kushe" means 'hello', "ow di bodi?" 'How are you?', and "Ah no git money" means "leave me alone". It is interesting to note the differences in the language, and when one of the children called, "Racator, Racator!", I was all prepared for a learning experience. Eventually I surmised that "Racator" was 'eraser' and, while 'eraser' to me means little more than a film, I taught them the English, 'rubber'. After some time, they had accepted this new word and calls of, "Give me a rubber, please!" were commonplace. However, while I had got to grips with Krio in this respect, my Canadian was slightly less informed... until a while later when Judy explained to me that the word has a completely different meaning over the Pacific. I was mortified, and we're now back to "eraser", or "racator" again.

One thing that I had accounted for in my packing was the heat. Africa was, to me in my planning stage, unbearably hot, everyday, all day, and all night as well. I bought stringy vests that were dangerously close to being a bra, and a number of cooling sprays. When I stepped off the plane, I was struck with a wall of heat, and was remarkably pleased that I had planned for this. However, at the moment, the climate isn't too oppressive, and while the humidity takes a while to get used to, I have actually woken up at around 5ish in the morning (to

the sound of monkeys outside), woefully cold.

Being used to walking the in woods where the only danger you may meet is an irate squirrel, the wildlife here has been a shock to me, and I have met multi-coloured spiders, and insects as big as swans (I swear! Why else would my screams have been so girly?). I brought my camera out here, hoping to 'snap' a great variety of animals, but the majority are very evasive, for fear of being the "chop-chop" (food) of the indigenous population. There *are* a large amount of interesting animals here, but you have to be looking for them to see them. My reaction to these creatures has, of course, provided endless amusement for the children, who endeavour to bring whatever terrible creature they find to me.

There are about twenty children in the home here, and at least forty-five more 'up-country' in Kabala. They range in age from baby Papa Phil Nelson, named in Phil's honour, through to seventeen. Having known only English schools, the situation is a new one, but what has struck me most is the community here. Everybody looks after every one else and all are warm and friendly. Also, the effort that they put into every aspect of their lives is impressive, and they do so with good reason; the motto of the home is "Today's orphans, Tomorrow's leaders." They sing prayers both morning and afternoons, and are very good; I demonstrated my own version of Jerusalem to peels of laughter, which was disheartening, for I always found the song solemn and sincere!

The experience has been absolutely fascinating, hugely unique, and I am very glad to have had the opportunity; I would without doubt recommend it to anyone else. The friendships that one makes here are strong ones, and I hope to keep in contact when I return to England, and offer as much help I can by talking directly to companies and communities who may be able to assist the good work out here.

WORK TEAM NEEDED
It's rugged, it's wild – get your friends together for this venture - later this year or early 2006, WORKERS ARE NEEDED to continue building compound wall. You must be in good shape physically! Women needed to help care for the team as well. Contact the office for more info.

Financial Support is needed for our nurse, Amy Winger, returning in May 2006 for a long term commitment.

Desperately Needed:
College Student or Grandparent or someone in between to come asap to do photocopying of school materials and read with children. It will take about a month to complete the job. Contact us by email.
