



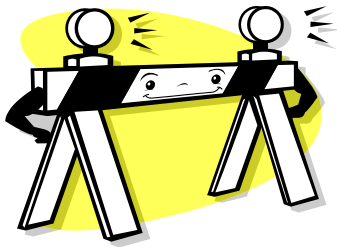
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## Spring 2010 Newsletter **New School Building & New Cyber School!!**



Looking for a  
summer project?

We need to build  
the school  
structure before  
the heavy rains  
begin in July...

"Today's  
Orphans,

Tomorrow's  
Leaders"

### What Are Our Needs?

- \* Prayer Support
- \* Staff & Volunteers
- \* Vehicle & Building  
Maintenance
- \* Child Sponsorships  
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Excitement is growing around the Dove compound as the groundwork has begun for our new school! Not only have we outgrown our existing one-room school, but termites have eaten the entire wood frame of it. Over the past year we have learned not to bang anything too loudly in the classroom as that would cause sections of the ceiling to fall in -resulting in termites down our necks. Rob, one of our board members, took the ceiling down for us, exposing a stable but very leaky tin roof. We are all anxious to get the new school complex built so we can move. We hope to have part of it completed before the rains come heavily this summer.

The first step to building is to break up stone (gravel) to use in the cement work. We have mountains of gravel prepared and now we can begin the actual foundation. Please see pictures of Nolan and Jeff of Nation's Cry (they are building the school for us) with the kids at the dedication of the building site. We also have pictures of the area roped out. One end of the building will include classrooms with glass walls, a computer lab, bathroom, office and the other end of the building will have a 1 bedroom teacher's apartment. The building will be entirely made of cement, including the ceilings to help prevent theft. This is an amazing project and the kids are really excited about changing school systems to a very modern cyber school. It will also mean a lighter load for our teaching staff. We look forward to a new teacher arriving in August but we still need 2 more, so if you are newly graduated, newly retired or anywhere in between- we can use your help! If you have a hobby that you would like to teach the kids, you are most welcome as well. If you enjoy reading - we have a crucial task for you - reading with the kids. Please note that you do not need to be a new graduate to do these jobs. You do need to be in excellent health as our compound is rugged and health care is scarce.

*If any of the above interests you, please email our Volunteer Coordinator at:*

[office@internationaldove.com](mailto:office@internationaldove.com)

*Amy W. will be happy to give you more information on costs and travel processes.*

## Feeling Up To An Adventure? Volunteer On A Short-Term Missions Trip

“Step out of your comfort zone and spend some time on Dove’s mountain.”

I made some interesting observations on my last trip to Canada. One of the most prevalent comments I heard was, “I have a great job but I feel like it is a waste of time. I am not doing anything to impact the world or to help meet all the needs that are out there.”

I find this sad but also humorous when people say to me “I feel sorry for you having to live over there in Africa”. It is humorous because I love living in Sierra Leone and I love my work. I had a very serious car accident back in 1992. I was working overseas as a missionary then but as I lay in the ditch beside the distorted wreck of my father-in-law’s car, I thought to myself “If I die now, what will people remember me for?” I realized that even though I was ‘working for the Lord’ I wasn’t really putting much effort into improving the world around me or impacting the people in my environment in an outstanding way. I determined at that time to make a change so that when I died, people would be able to say that I had helped make life better for them.

It has been a roller coaster ride since then although I shouldn’t use that analogy because I don’t like roller coasters and I do love my life’s work. There are surprises around every corner and daily drama that comes with living in a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country that is recovering from a brutal civil war and also with living with lots of kids, many of them teens and young adults. “Terrible teens” will be multiplied by at least 19 before our original Dove kids will become grown-ups. I have to admit there are times, when the kids are expressing their independence in undesirable ways, that I ask God why He is punishing me, but usually life at Dove is great.

One of the misconceptions about work at a place like ours, is that you have to be highly skilled or extra gifted to be able to help. Everyone that does come IS extra special in our eyes, and anyone with a love for children and lots of patience can be a tremendous help out here.

I would challenge those of you who feel that they would like to contribute more to mankind. Step out of your comfort zone and spend some time on Dove’s mountain. I guarantee you will fall in love with the kids, and I guarantee you will make a lasting impression in their lives.

- Judy Nelson,  
In-Country Director

## Introducing A Board Member....



Dove is growing again! We now have an office in the UK. It is run by one of our Board members, Rob Seabridge. Rob has several years experience working in Sierra Leone with the British Military and has been involved with Dove since 2006. He wears many hats for Dove including liaison with the British Military Christian Union, who are sending out young Christian men to help with the physical side of Dove. This past year he oversaw the logistics of collecting, packing, shipping and receiving a 20 foot container of badly needed supplies for Dove.

If you live in the UK and are interested in helping Dove, please contact Rob at: [office@internationaldove.com](mailto:office@internationaldove.com) He is still accepting donations to help cover the cost of this last shipping container.

Dear Friends,

My name is Samuel Kamara. I was born in June 1990 in Kabala, in the north of Sierra Leone. I am hereby telling you how it looks here at Dove, who I am and what I am presently doing at International Dove.

Dove has been helping me since I was the age of 10 with medical care, clothing, food, shelter, social work, education and so on. I love education very much and this program has been equipping me very well to reach my goals. I chose to be a well-educated person because of the way our country is and I believe that the only way Sierra Leone can be developed is through education. I never went to school in my first 10 years but now I am proud to tell you that education is the key to my success and Dove is always ready to help people with these great visions. So far, I am presently working at a Community College in the field of Information and Communication Technology. Next year, in 2011 I am hoping to be a university student in the field of ICT (Information and Communication Technology). I take delight in it so well because my two exams that I just did were tremendous. I got 97% in Microsoft Server and 100% in Windows XP. In my observations, Technology has been too poor in Africa but with my vision, I hope to make great differences in the field of ICT. It's my desire also to multiply the memorable helps Dove has been doing and it's my job to impact on those that want this kind of unforgettable helps!

Again, keep praying for sponsors that can help Dove and Mummy Judy to accomplish these dreams. Besides, I am very grateful to God and the Board of this organization. I pray that as the Dove motto

says "Today's Orphans - Tomorrow's Leaders" will continue to grow for ever and ever...and also other kids that need this kind of help will benefit from it. Again thanks for reading my article. I appreciate your efforts very much! Thank you.

With much love, Samuel Kamara



# Shipping Container 2010

Getting a container from the docks all the way to Dove's Village of Hope is never an easy task! However, the end results are well worth the effort.

Thanks to many generous UK donors, we now have

new beds for all the children as well as many new

quilts, blankets, and other essential supplies!



## Share a Piece of Your Heart & Theirs

### - Sponsor A Child

Sponsorships are available for many of the children. A full sponsorship is \$105/month, or 3 - \$35/month sponsors.. This covers food, clothing, medical care and schooling costs.

Contact Amy J. for more details at:

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## Growing and Growing....

Thanks to the RAFF Charitable Trust foundation in the UK, we are also building more staff/volunteer housing!



### A New Way To Give!

If you shop on-line, please check out this Canadian link:



The stores registered with this service will donate a percentage of your on-line purchases to us!