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WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS

THE BAD RAIN...

MISSING IN ACTION!!
SEE 'BAD RAIN' BELOW

► **CAUGHT IN THE TIDE:** Due to family problems, Bill and Karen Scarrott have had to return to Canada indefinitely. They have been with DOVE almost since its inception, when they were newlyweds back in 1999. They have left a big gap in DOVE'S projects.

► **FLOODED WITH KILLER MOSQUITOS:** An old strain of resistant malaria has resurfaced in Sierra Leone and across West Africa, after an absence of 50 or more years. All of Dove staff have had serious cases of it. We have lost a total of over 4 months of work between us. This is a deadly malaria that killed so many pioneer British and early missionaries. As well as being a killer, it is causing huge difficulties for us as far as finding a prophylactic that will effectively minimize the effects of it when a person does contract it. We are in contact with tropical disease centers in both Canada and the US. We also are taking many more preventative measures by screening the house (not overly effective), using insect repellent lavishly after sunset (doesn't smell great), avoiding outdoor restaurants (most of them are) and praying hard. Our location is quite susceptible because we live in 'the bush.' The problem is not quite as prevalent down in the city. We are fortunate to have access to doctors and medicines. Many of the local people are dying because they do not have financial resources.

► **DOWN THE DRAIN:** Our faithful old Isuzu Trooper has long passed retirement age and needs to be put out to pasture. It has served us well and Phil has revived it many times over, against the advice, and to the amazement, of neighborly mechanics. Neighbors complain when Phil drives by and parts fall off the truck into their pathway. Anyone who has been out to Sierra Leone will remember the Trooper with fondness for its stubbornness and refusal to lay down and completely die. A *Trooper Memorial Fund* is being set up at our Canadian Dove office. All donations will go towards an urgently needed replacement 4-wheel drive.

► **MISSING IN ACTION:** You will have noticed that this newsletter is missing one of our most popular features – photographs! Due to all the 'bad rain,' photos were not available for this edition. HOWEVER, the next one will make up for that.

THE GOOD RAIN...

► **BUILDING THE ARK:** Building of DOVE'S Village of Hope for Children is surging forward thanks to many generous donations. One staff house has reached the roofing stage and the second half of the children's home is reaching upwards. Our goal is for our Canadian staff to move in to the staff house in September with the Dove children finally being settled in to their home shortly afterwards. This goal might be a bit generous in view of the heavy rains we are having so far but we are working hard at it. Our next newsletter and website will include pictures of the completed buildings.

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► **ON BOARD:** New Staff includes Touné Luyendyk from Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada. She is a talented lady and a very hard worker. She teaches Nursery School to David and Jonathan Nelson, tutors special needs Dove children and is Office Assistant and Bookkeeper to Judy. She is a pleasure to have around and a real asset to DOVE!

There are also several other new staff going through our process right now and we will introduce them to you in future newsletters. We also have a vibrant, active volunteer program. Each one brings special talents and fresh enthusiasm to our lives.

► **UNDER THE UMBRELLA:** Dove has grown, expanded and changed so much since its birth in 1998. The time has come to turn over our website to a professional. The new website will include many improvements such as more photos, regular updates and our newsletter, which will be posted there each quarter. Please visit us in a few weeks at our new site www.internationaldove.com.

FAIR WEATHER REPORT...

► **TO EAT OR NOT:** One of the most frequently asked questions is – why does it cost so much to live in Sierra Leone???? We don't know all the answers, but we decided to share one of the most obvious things with you. Judy and Touné went shopping. Here is their price list. We would love to hear from some of you with 'comparative' pricing from the areas where you live. We will share some of the results with you in our next newsletter. All prices listed are in Canadian dollars:

Beef (ground, chunks or steak)	\$7 pound	Smart Choice Salsa 730 ml	\$10
<i>Chicken, frozen, utility grade 3lb</i>	\$9	<i>Instant Oatmeal 10 packs</i>	\$9
Pork Chops package of 5	\$25	Butter ½ pound	\$3-6
<i>Canned Veggies average</i>	<i>\$3 tin</i>	<i>Margarine ½ pound</i>	<i>\$1-3 (not suitable for eating, only baking)</i>
Canned Fruit average	\$4 tin		
<i>Fresh Pineapple</i>	<i>\$4-6 each</i>	<i>Corned beef hash 10oz</i>	\$7
Mangoes (fresh off the tree)	\$1 each	Tuna, small tin	\$6-10
<i>Carrots (small)</i>	<i>3/\$2</i>	<i>Dish Soap 7oz</i>	\$6-15
Cucumbers - pickling size	3/\$1	Toilet Paper 1000 sheet	\$3
<i>Cookies (Smart Choice) 12oz</i>	<i>\$6-10</i>	<i>Laundry Soap 16oz</i>	\$20
Sugar 10oz	\$3	Hand Lotion 12 oz	\$25-30
<i>Flour 2 pounds</i>	\$3	<i>Dettol 12 oz</i>	\$16
Powdered Milk 2500 grams	\$30-35	Pop Tarts package	\$11
<i>Oats tin 500gr</i>	\$5	<i>Ice Cream 1 Litre</i>	\$12-25
Cocoa 250 grams	\$6-7	Ice Cream Bar	\$6 each
<i>Tea bags 24</i>	<i>\$12-20</i>	<i>Diesel or Gasoline 1 gallon</i>	\$6.60