

Hi everyone,

We have not had any FASE US Newsletter for a while. This is because I have not had the time to put it together. I do not have any active volunteer at the moment to help either. Thanks to my wife and children who have been extremely supportive of other tasks.



A lot has been going on, though, from FASE US to our Sierra Leone projects. In December, we made the delivery of school supplies and clothes donated by the Apple Valley High School.

We are on a campaign to purchase 10 ceiling fans and two TV's for our clinic in Sierra Leone. We already had four ceiling fans and one air conditioner installed some time ago.

Over the next few weeks, we will be launching a postharvest technology pilot project. Our first investment will be on equipment for the processing of palm oil. This is a pilot with investment coming from individuals in the diaspora. The project would be managed by FASE Sierra Leone as a test case for our model on the Diaspore Home Community investment initiative. There is information gathering and planning for the project going on currently. The funds are already available and it is just a matter of completing the project execution plan in Sierra Leone. We are planning on running a mobile clinic again this year.

I am currently working with Daan at GHI in preparation to introduce RACHEL-Pi in a number of institutions in Sierra Leone. By God's grace, I will be heading to Sierra Leone soon to introduce the technology. Daan and I will be developing the FASE Facebook page over the next several days.



FASE UK has been very active and has kept up with producing quarterly newsletters, thanks to Mrs. Patricia Eastwood, who is coordinating our efforts in the UK. Through her efforts, the UK branch has done a lot over the past couple of years. The bakery is up and running, and there was a good harvest of rice and groundnuts in the two communities. Below, I am sharing with you the FASE UK Newsletter, which she has just forwarded to me today.

God bless.  
Thank you.  
Alfred

**Your support will provide fans for the clinic, GHI Pi computers  
for school children, and funding for Alfred's trip to Sierra Leone!**

**To donate to the US mission, find us online at:**  
[www.globalhz.org/fase/donate](http://www.globalhz.org/fase/donate)

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# FASE-UK Newsletter

## March 2020

Dear Donors, Supporters and Friends

I write on a beautiful spring morning. It's glorious to see the daffodils and snowdrops bobbing in their pots outside my window. I have some inspiring news to pass on to you today which hopefully will gladden your hearts as much as this wonderful day.

### BAKERY



Our bakery is now up and running well. Our motorbike is doing its daily rounds with a built on box attachment making deliveries.

Importantly, though, we are now supplying lunches for our school children and here you can see them happily displaying their lunch packs! Our aim now is to assist the women of the community to start



their own market garden where, besides the crops of rice

and cassava that have been planted on school land, the desire is to grow further goods such as aubergines, peppers, and other tasty veg to add to the diet of the children and to enhance their school meals.

### ART MATERIALS



You may remember the consignment of school materials that went out to Sierra Leone a while back. Part of the donations to the schools was a large amount of art materials very generously given by Daler Rowney. If you are a teacher you will know this company well as they supply paints, brushes and other quality resources to schools as well as to highly regarded artists. They are most certainly "top of the range"! We distributed a large number of pencils, papers and colouring materials to the primary schools and one high school also received a good supply of materials for their art department.

However, we were concerned that some of the materials were very valuable as regards specific tools and paints

etc, and unless they went to the right place they may well have found their way onto the "black market". We therefore held on to them until we had the right contacts.

We have now made connections with the Art Department of the Ernest Bai Koroma University in



Port Loko, Sierra Leone and the remains of our consignment has been delivered to them. It has been a heartwarming experience to see and understand the gratitude expressed by the head of department on the receipt of these goods. It was stated that the students are overwhelmed with the extent and quality of the goods, many of which have previously been totally out of reach to them and they have only ever seen the like in catalogues!

After the delivery the head of the department stated that he would be sleeping in the art room until a metal door could be erected to protect these valuable items! I am pleased to say that this is now in situ and he can return home to sleep comfortably in his bed!



Having related this story to our contacts at Daler Rowney they are now generously preparing a further large consignment of goods to be shipped out to Sierra Leone. We will need to pay the carriage fee but I think we have this in our kitty at the moment and hopefully this will extend to payment for this shipment.

I think we can all be highly satisfied with our achievements in this situation and I hope you feel the warmth of the gratitude of the staff and students as they will have access to materials they could only, before, ever dream of using.



her face as she looks at the consignment of goods delivered to her school.

At the age of 12 Mary walked nearly 150 miles in an attempt to distance herself from the rebels who were engaged in the war in Sierra Leone. Her words follow:

"On January 6 the shooting in Freetown woke me up only to find myself and 7 other girls in the hands of another group of rebels. The commander chose 20 strong combatants to rape us all to their satisfaction and they did." She further states with tears: "I could only recognize the first 2 combatants - the rest were beating a dead horse."



The commander also ordered that each of the girls should have their right hands cut off after the process and this is what happened to Mary. She woke up some days later at the hospital in Freetown. The nurses taught her how to read, and also how to eat and write with her left hand.

Mary is now a final year student at the Ernest Bai Koroma University and says: "I want to live a normal life like any other woman but how can I fully take care of a husband and kids with one hand?"

This is such a sad tale, but how inspiring that she has risen above such dreadful circumstances to become a potential university graduate. If you would like to do something specifically for Mary please let me know.

Here is some of the work produced by the Art Department:



For your information, funds donated to our charity and sent on to Sierra Leone for all our projects so far have amounted to £8,728.23. We currently hold £625.87 in our account which we hope to use towards the Market Garden project and for shipment of further Daler Rowney supplies to Port Loko University.

If you would like to respond in any way to our newsletter, or know of any others who may wish to join us in our outreach, contact details are as follows:

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**We do now have regular donors who are making automatic monthly payments through a standing order. All amounts each month really help to boost our income for these projects.**

Thank you so much for **your** past contributions, and we look forward to working together in the future.

**Patricia Eastwood / FASE-UK**

**PS** Please feel free to print off and distribute this newsletter as far and wide as possible! Many thanks!



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