

FASE April Newsletter, 2021

Hello Good People:

I hope you are having a refreshing year. A lot has been going on at FASE over the last few months! Our restaurant in Sierra Leone which was opened on Christmas Eve now has seven women serving as full-time volunteers with stipends - we hope that they would receive full-time pay by next year as this will tremendously help them in taking care of their families.

We continue to expand rapidly as resources become available as there is a huge need for formal dining in the Tonkololi district where we have concentrated most of our operations.



Volunteers in the Restaurant



Outdoor Dining Space

The FASE team in Sierra Leone recently added a new drink fridge and a popcorn machine, and are hoping to build a brick oven at the restaurant there in order to expand the offering to pizzas and cakes.



UK TEAM IMPACT -

Our UK Partners have been doing amazing work! They are presently negotiating with Daler Rowney to ship art materials and supplies to be boxed up and sent out to Sierra Leone on a shipment leaving the 8th of May. These resources are excitedly being awaited by the University, the vocational center at our Café.

Another project is being developed in Freetown by a young lady who wishes to set up another space where local children can be encouraged to experiment with art, as this is not a topic taught in primary schools due to lack of funding. Our UK team is currently trying to find a space to pack the materials and then await the shipping on 8th May.

Further, they raised the funds to donate a floor dough mixer for the bakery. This is very necessary as, since the Cafe's opening, it has been struggling to keep up the demand for bread, and this vital piece of equipment will solve the problem. This will be purchased and sent to Sierra Leone very soon!

HIGH SCHOOL IMPACT -

Apple Valley High School Interact had a successful Club Fall Clothing Drive, and boxes are ready to be shipped to Sierra Leone this weekend. These are 10 huge boxes and the students have been able to raise all the money needed to pay for the shipment. Also, they will be running a drive to build the capacity of our school gardens, the restaurant, and the bakery for our proposed school feeding program of 400 children. This additional shipment should be around early June.

I have determined to travel to Sierra Leone in July, 2021. Please continue to keep our work and plans in your prayers, and thank you for the support!

God bless and talk with you soon,
Alfred