

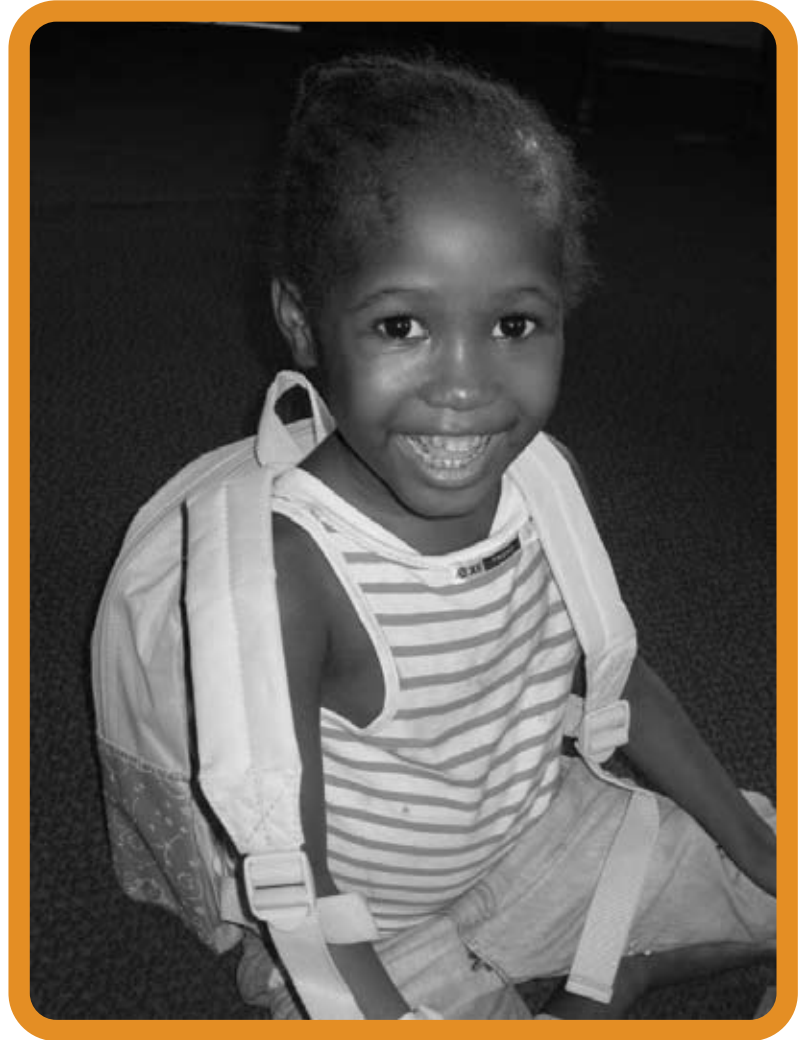
DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace, AAO Executive Director

Things in Sierra Leone are calming down after the elections, and the atmosphere is much more peaceful. We're encouraged that the violence has decreased and the government appears to be making changes in ways that have not destabilized the situation further.

We are still looking for the right house to rent for the next year. There are a couple of options we're pursuing, but we don't have definite confirmation on where we're moving yet. Once I have more information, I will share it with you. **In the meantime, we still need to raise about \$30,000 for one year's rent and the moving costs – and we have to be out of our current place by December 17th! *If it is possible for you to you donate toward this urgent need, we would really appreciate it!***

Along with our search for a rental property, we have some **good news** to share about buying land for our future home! We have found four acres of land for sale in Grafton, Sierra Leone, which is just outside the east end of Freetown. Last month's large gift from an anonymous donor has been matched by the employer of the donor – and now we are very close to having the total \$107,000 needed to buy the 4 acres. **Our shortfall is \$12,500 that we need to raise to be able to "close" the deal and own the 4 acres! *This land purchase will eventually ensure that we cannot be evicted again – and we'll finally start to fulfill the dream of building our new Children's Village with an expanded children's home, school and clinic/hospital!***



A special thank you to Nichole Durler & Julianne Norris' girls community youth group, as well as John & Betsy Lee for their generous contributions this month. *These are both challenging and exciting times for All As One. As always, we so appreciate your prayers and your support. With your help, we are truly making a difference for the terrific kids in Sierra Leone!*