

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

**Deanna Wallace, AAO Executive Director**

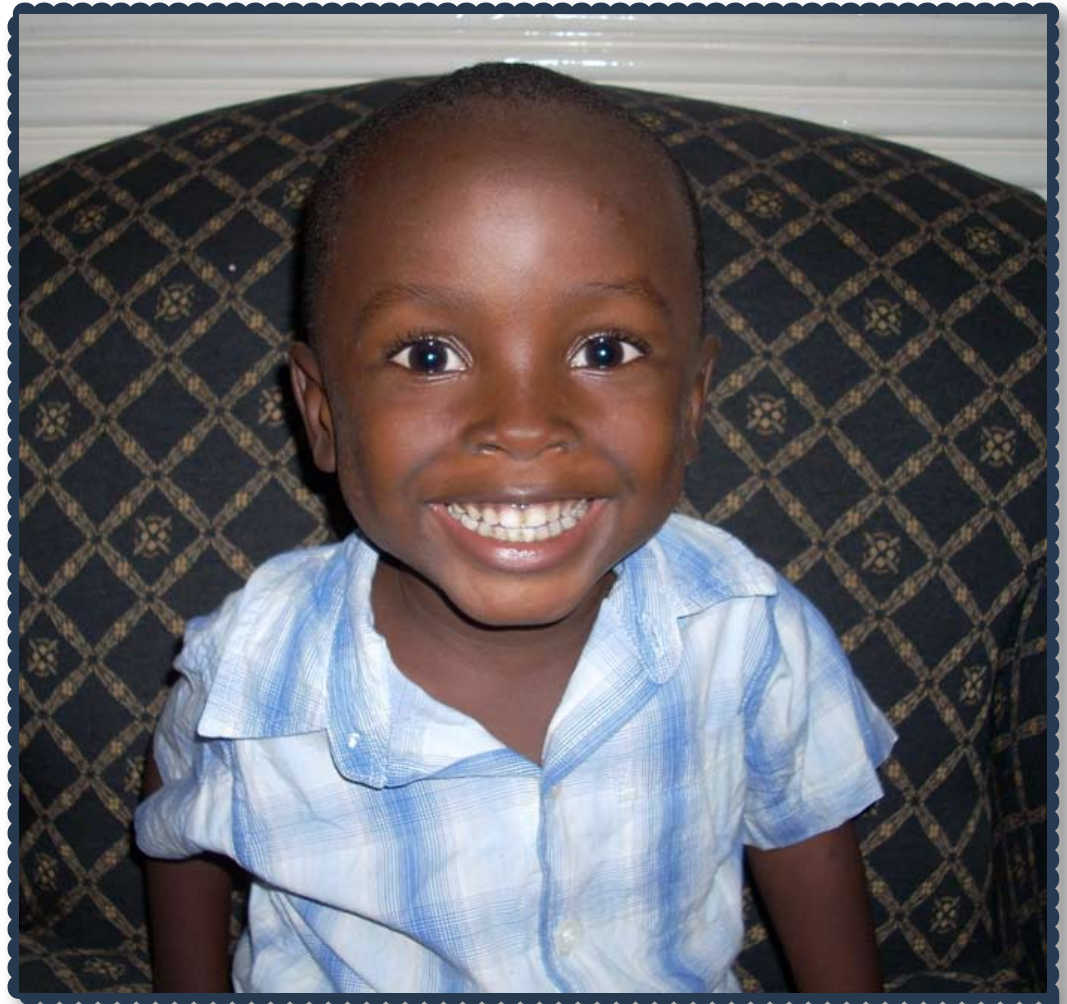
The Children's Center is abuzz with excitement and anticipation of the holidays. Special menus are being planned, the staff are shopping for just the right ingredients, and the children are practicing their holiday music and drama performance. You can just imagine how much laughter and joy there is when the kids put on their own Nativity play! It's an All As One annual (and classic) event, complete with shepherds dressed in old sheets, King Herod with a paper crown, and Mary saying, "the pain, the pain," over and over again, just before delivering baby Jesus! I guess you can safely say it is not your average Christmas play!

We're so excited, because the children will be celebrating with two parties this year -- one on Christmas and one on New Year's Day. *Because of your lovely generosity and gifts, they will also be receiving new clothing, shoes and toys on Christmas.* In addition, the kids will

celebrate with lots of happy music, singing and dancing! We can't wait to share some of the holiday photos with you in our next newsletter!

We also want to let you know that baby Joya, who was featured in our October newsletter, is doing better now. After being in the hospital for awhile, and having many tests run, she is now back at the Children's Center and doing well at this time. Your faithful support this year that has made it possible for us to continue to save so many children's lives (like Joya's) – and also put us on the brink of a major expansion of our work in Sierra Leone, with the purchase of our own land in Grafton!

The children and staff in Sierra Leone want me to pass along their warmest greetings and happiest wishes for the best of the holiday season! God bless you and yours, and may all the joy and help you've given to us be returned to you many times over, and just when you need it most!



**Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!**



## Holiday Gift Idea to Benefit the Children in Sierra Leone

Brighten the holidays for the kids in Sierra Leone by giving a gift of sponsorship to the special people on your list!

*We continue to need your support and really appreciate you telling your friends about us!* When you give the gift of an annual sponsorship, the recipient will receive a personalized card, announcing your gift. Soon after, they will receive a photo and information about the child to whom they've been assigned.

This is a gift that continues to give throughout the year, and one that promises to be remembered. To purchase your gift, visit our web site, and click on the "donate" button. From that page, you can click on the "Special Occasion Giving" link to write your gift message.

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