

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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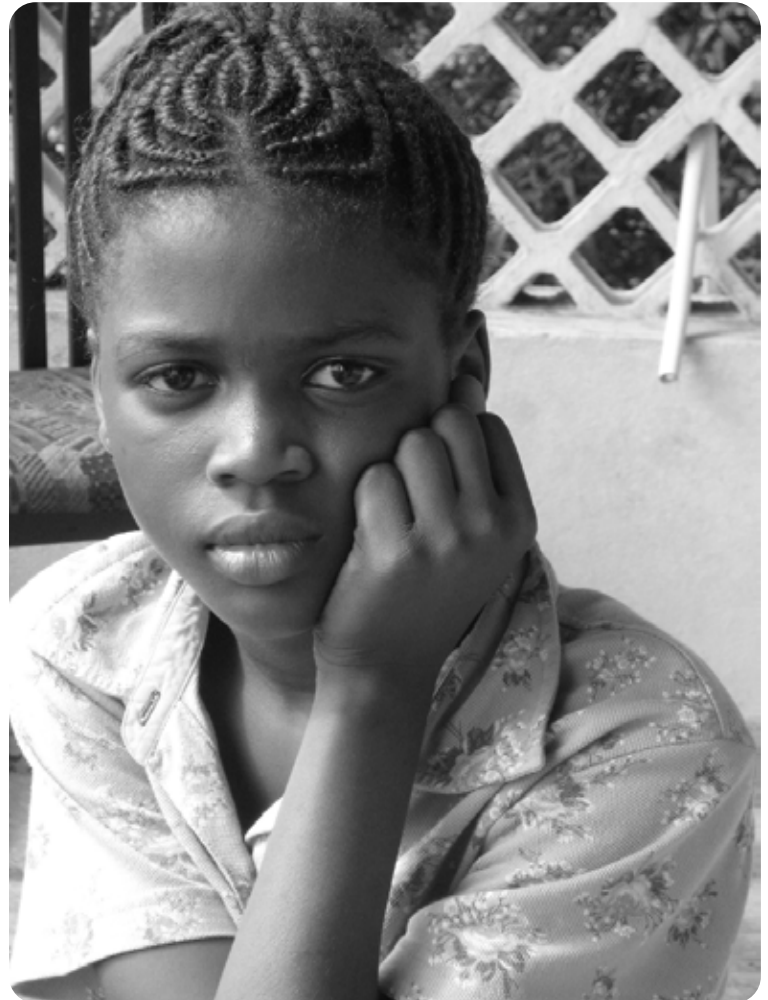
The election in Sierra Leone is over and the APC party's candidate, Ernest Bai Koroma, has been sworn-in as the new president of Sierra Leone. How this change in government will affect our work, remains to be seen. We have already begun the process of building new relationships with the government officials most pertinent to our work, and we're hopeful that the transition will be smooth for everyone involved.

Things in Freetown continue to be tense, and there are scattered incidents of violence. We're hopeful that things will begin to calm down soon, and we are once again looking diligently for a new place in which to relocate the Children's Center. We have a couple of options we're considering, and once we know for sure, I'll let you know, too.

Since we only have a short time until we must vacate our current premises (by December 17, 2007), *we are hoping to rent a new home for the next year, while continuing to work on our capital building fund campaign.* We are encouraged and excited to report that thanks to the generosity of some great people – and one tremendously generous family – **we now have over \$49,000 in our relocation fund.** We anticipate needing between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for one year's rent on a place big enough to house all the children – and this will take a significant portion of our current funds. We will use what is left after our rent is paid and the moving expenses are covered, toward our building fund. From that point, we are hoping to continue raising the funds needed to buy land and build our own compound.

Just think of how much more we could do with donated funds if we didn't have to pay rent every year! It would be so much more cost-effective to be able to use all of our funds directly for the children's care. We hope that you'll continue to support our efforts (and please help us spread the word) so that we'll eventually reach our goal for the capital building fund. We need a **total of about \$475,000** in order to buy the land and build the first phase of our new Children's Center, medical clinic, and school.

I want to thank all of you who have compassionately given to help us get this far! We really appreciate your encouragement and prayers. At this time, the children are all doing well and will be starting back to school this week. They send their love and thanks! The kids truly know how much you care for them – and they always keep you in their prayers. *Thank you again for your wonderful help!*



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IS HERE!**

Our kids have returned to classes, and now is the perfect time to get their schools involved in the **Children Caring About Children** project! The project was a success in this last school year, and our second year will be even better. Visit www.allasone.org/ccac.php to read more about it. And then contact Jen at schools@allasone.org to get started and receive your own school packet!

COMING SOON! New **“Wear and Care”** items -- just in time for holiday gift-giving. Keep in mind that while All As One only receives a few dollars from the sale of each item, these shirts go **a long way** in raising awareness. One of our supporters has reported that he is regularly asked about his **“Who paid for your diamond?”** shirt. **We think that babies and toddlers should have a chance to spread the message of AAO, too!** Stay tuned...

This fall, we will be launching a **new project specifically for TEENS**, who would like to get their schools involved in caring for the kids of AAO. Details will follow in the next newsletter. **All we know now is that this program will NOT have the word “children” in the title!**



THANK YOU...

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Geoffrey Warwick, who raised **\$4500** to benefit All As One in his recent charity run.

Elizabeth Williams and her family for their generous gift of **\$1700** toward our relocation fund.

Our **anonymous donors** who gave over **\$39,000** for our relocation fund plus another **\$5000** for our general budget.

All of our monthly sponsors and regular supporters, who faithfully give and make all the difference in helping the children!