

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

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**AAO Executive Director**

Each month I enjoy letting you know how one or more of our beautiful children are doing. For some of you, it is an introduction to a new child, and for others it's an update on an old friend. Whichever is true, **I'm so happy to share with you the progress of our darling Aron.**

Aron came to us in 2008 as an abandoned infant with a serious medical issue, hydrocephaly (water on the brain), that required him to go to Nigeria to be under the care of a neurosurgeon there. You came through for Aron in providing for his medical costs and needs, and today he is thriving.

Although he still has a head size that is larger than usual, it is not getting any larger, and as Aron grows, his body is catching up more and more.

**The really thrilling news, however, is that Aron does not appear to have brain damage, and is, in fact, one of our brightest toddlers. He speaks clearly and recites poems already! Thank you so much for caring about Aron and making his progress possible!**

After telling you about Aron, I wish I could just close on this positive note. But, I'm compelled to also tell you some news that is not as happy. **As I write, conditions in Sierra Leone are becoming more and more difficult.** Fuel and food prices are rising incredibly, with fuel at over \$8 a gallon. On top of that, there is a fuel shortage, and the rainy season has already begun.

This means an increased need for fuel and more money for repairs and other necessities. We have also had to increase the transportation allowance for our workers, so that they can continue to show up for work.

**All of this to say - we need your help now more than ever! PLEASE consider making a generous gift online at:**

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