

HELPING ALL WE CAN...ONE AT A TIME.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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AAO Executive Director

I'm going to start off this note with some GOOD news. **After our September newsletter went out, we received \$4500 of what we needed to make ends meet for last month.** Thank you so much to all who gave! I can't begin to express how much it means to the kids.

Many of you have told me that knowing some of the specifics of our financial situation is helpful. So, without wanting to panic you, I'll let you in on a bit of our monthly dilemma. **Right now, we have \$3000 in the bank, and we need at least \$5500 more to cover basic expenses this month.** "Basic expenses" would be food for the kids to eat, and payment to the children's caregivers.

As you can see, the need is urgent. I struggle to find new ways to ask the same thing each month. Basically, we need your help. We need your friends' help. We need the help of your business and your church. **Please share our needs with anyone who will listen, and give if you are able.**

Now for the sweet stuff! In this issue, I'd like to tell you about **Steven**, a boy who was dropped over the wall into our compound, in 2006. Steven came to us at the age of about 2 years old. He was a frightened and hungry toddler when he arrived. We have video of the time right after he was dropped over the fence, when he is being helped by AAO's country director, Steven Amara (for whom "little" Steven was named). You can view that video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3GzKo2Gwcs.

Steven is now 11 years old, and a brilliant boy, with lots of potential. He excels in school, and is the "head boy," which means he was selected by the head of the school, because of his achievements and leadership abilities. This position is an honor, and gives Steven some authority over the other students, as well as duties in assisting the school. Along with his intelligence, Steven is helpful and respectful – although he can also be quite playful and noisy. He loves sports and art. He's a well-rounded kid! But he would not be the boy he is today without you and All As One. **We are working on a new program to try and become sustainably-funded, but we're not there yet. In the meantime, we urgently need your help to keep going. Thank you so much for all you do.**



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ALL of AAO's staff, outside Sierra Leone, are volunteers. That means every donation given to AAO goes to help the children in Sierra Leone, directly.



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