

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

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

**Deanna Wallace**  
*AAO Executive Director*

This month, I wanted you to meet a couple of our precious girls. Pictured here are **Joyce**, age 9, and **Margaret**, age 12. Both girls have been living at the Children's Center for eight years, since 2011. They represent our commitment to seeing that girls are educated along with boys in Sierra Leone.

Like a lot of countries around the world, Sierra Leone has had great disparity in the number of girls educated, compared to boys. **Male literacy rates surpass female literacy rates, but we are working to see this imbalance erased.** We believe in the future of Sierra Leone's women, and we educate more girls than boys each year.

Other girls, like Joyce and Margaret, need the opportunity for an education. We can do that — but we need your help. **As we head into the holiday season, please consider how your donation could give the priceless gift of an education to the girls of Sierra Leone.**

→ We need your help with our regular expenses, too. We've come to a point where our accounts are almost empty again — **we're \$3000 short for this month.** Please help us today. And thank you, again, for all you do!

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