

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

I love looking at the faces of the children whose lives are being positively impacted by our work. Pictured here are some of the kids who come from the surrounding community to attend our school. These children come from backgrounds of absolute poverty. Without the free education (and food) we offer them, they would not be able to go to school. This matters significantly, not only to the children, but to the whole country of Sierra Leone, which has one of the highest illiteracy rates in the world. **57% of the population is unable to read or write. And, for girls, it's even worse, with about 70% unable to read or write.**

It's hard to imagine living in a place where going to school is a privilege, not a right. But that's the reality for the children in Sierra Leone.

All As One is happy to be changing that reality. **Our school has been expanded to 157 students — and almost 100 of them are girls!**



We are especially thrilled to have received a grant from **Crossing Borders** to help us with our school expenses this year. It's an amazing gift, and we can't thank them enough! (www.crossing-borders.at)

The grant doesn't cover ALL of our expenses, however, and that is why we need you. Your support is life-changing and lasting for the kids we serve. Once a child is able to read and write, they retain that gift for life. I can't think of many gifts with such a **forever** impact.

→ The funding we need is small compared to the number of children we are helping and the huge benefits they receive. **It takes \$15,000 a month for our work in Sierra Leone, and we have about \$7500 (half of it) pledged each month.** We are so grateful to those who are already giving! But we're in need of more monthly supporters to help fund the rest of our budget. Please give as you're able, and spread the word to your family and friends about how they can make a lasting difference for the beautiful children in Sierra Leone (www.AllAsOne.org). Thank you for all you do!

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