

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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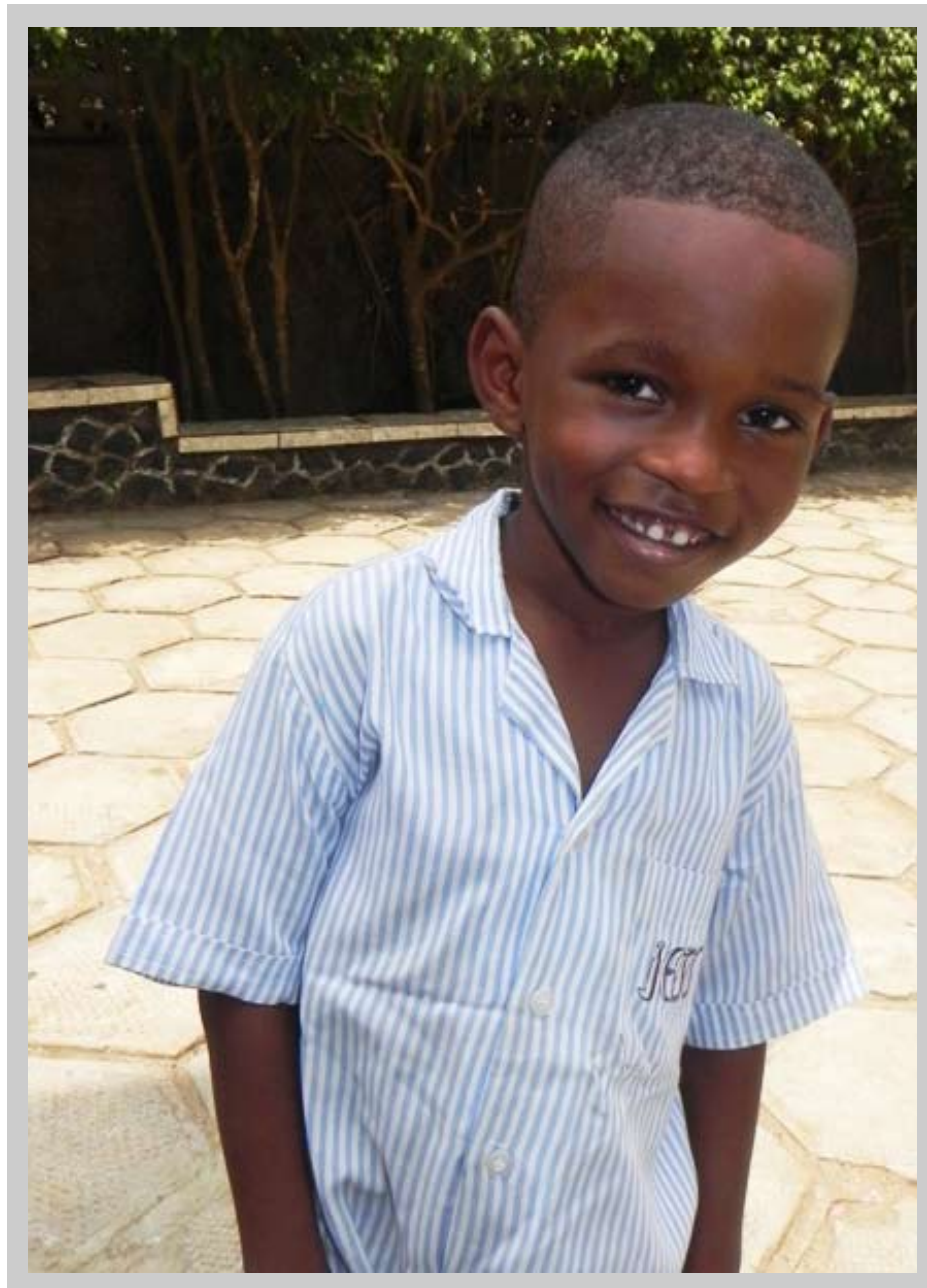
I want to start this note by sharing a little about Alie. He came to us as an abandoned child at age 2, but is now 6 years old and thriving! Alie is a wonderful boy -- loving, sweet and friendly. He's doing well in his studies, likes to paint, and is an excellent football (soccer) player. While he has a reputation of *sometimes* being very stubborn, he has a warm and friendly relationship with all of his peers and the staff at the Center. Basically, he is a regular kid! And he's able to be a regular kid, because of all you do for him.

Speaking of all you do, I'm happy to report that we did raise enough funds for the new beds! The kids also had a wonderful holiday time, with a party and gifts. We are so grateful!

As far as our current needs, **we must raise \$9000 for school fees** for our junior and senior secondary students, as soon as possible. They will have to leave school if we can't pay the fees immediately.

We also still need the \$20,000 to pay our annual rent for 2016, and satisfy our landlord.

Of course, we always have a need for more ongoing support, as our accounts are empty. Believe me when I say that I wish I didn't have to keep asking for help, but for the kids' sake, I'm compelled to do so. **The good news is that we are working on a plan for becoming much more self-sustaining, and more news about this will be shared as soon as the plan is finalized.**



As always, we are so very thankful for all of the love and generosity we receive from our supporters every month. You are wonderful!

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To raise funds for All As One, longtime supporter, **Suzanne McConnell**, will be cutting her lovely long hair, and, in the process, will be helping young cancer patients.

To raise money for the orphanage over the past 9 years, Suzanne has sky-dived, run a marathon and climbed Kilimanjaro, among other things. But, after having long hair for over 20 years, this may be her biggest challenge yet! Suzanne's hair will be donated to **The Little Princess Trust**, who make wigs for children who've lost their hair while undergoing treatment for cancer. All of the funds raised from her efforts will benefit the children of AAO.



If you would like to sponsor Suzanne in her effort, please contact her at suzanne_mcconnell@hotmail.com. We can't thank her enough for her continuous and selfless support of our kids!

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