

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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I hope and pray that all of you are safe and well in the midst of this global pandemic. My thoughts and prayers are with all of us, as we try to get through this unprecedented time in our lives.

Right now I understand that your priority is making sure your family and loved ones are safe, and that you are able to make ends meet.

That's exactly where I am focused today, too, although so many of my loved ones are far away in Sierra Leone. How, in the midst of this global crisis, can the children be kept safe, have enough food and still have a home to live in?

Our annual rent is due next month (**\$16,000**) and our monthly budget is still short **\$5000**. Even in the best of times, we struggle. And, due to the need to curb this pandemic, several of the fundraising efforts we had planned for April and May have been canceled or postponed. Many of our regular supporters are also abruptly unable to give at this time. My heart feels **ALL** of it. It almost makes me lose hope.

BUT...

Our mission is still vital. The children need our love and care now more than ever. Despite what we are facing, I believe a better world is possible. I can't lose hope.

So, I'm simply asking...

***If you can help us, God bless you.
And if you can't, God bless you.
We're in this together.***

Thank you, as always, for your prayers and love. You have ours in return.

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

– Desmond Tutu



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