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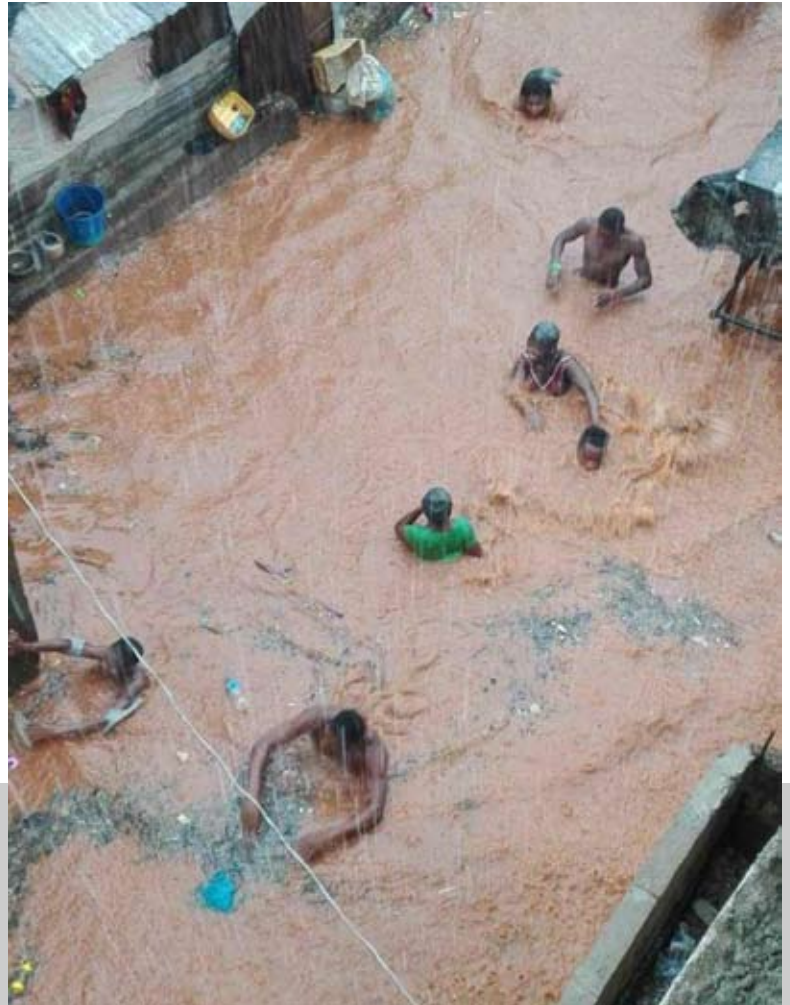
## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace  
AAO Executive Director

**I'm thrilled to be able to share the great news that we now have the annual rent money!** Thanks SO much to all who've helped us!

In other news, Sierra Leone has been on a nationwide lockdown because of the pandemic, and, so far, it has been a successful move. The country is now getting ready to open up again. **Currently, our kids are well, and none of our children or staff have been infected.** The airport, churches, schools, and colleges will be opening very soon, at least temporarily. We pray that this doesn't open the flood-gate for community spread and a resurgence of COVID-19.

It's the rainy season in Sierra Leone. These images show some of the major flooding in Freetown, and flood warnings are still in place. The Children's Center has suffered damage to the main gate's pillar foundation, due to rushing waters in the gutterless street outside the compound. **The gate, big enough for vehicles to pass through, is now sitting on**



**the concrete, instead of being held by the pillar, and can no longer be opened or closed.** We're concerned that further winds or storms could cause it to fall, and it could hurt people both inside and outside our compound.

Obviously, a working gate is crucial for safety, for a number of reasons. We estimate that it will take about **\$1000** to reconstruct a new pillar and repair the gate. We also urgently need funds for our general budget, so that we can get back on track with our school and caring for the 150+ children we serve. We really need your help! And please share our need with any you think might be willing to help.

**And, as always, we are incredibly thankful for all of you who love and support our kids!**





## A NOTE FROM U.K. VOLUNTEER LAURA COLLACOTT...

It took Phileas Fogg 80 days to circle the globe, but what took him? As you may remember, **Tom Rendall's PT Troop** team took on the challenge virtually over April, May and June, **and smashed 6 days off Fogg's record!**

Tom is a long-time supporter of All As One, and has in recent years organised four fantastic fundraisers, contributing thousands of dollars to the centre. Building on a series of long-distance bike rides, he had intended this year to cycle from Amsterdam to Bristol, but when the pandemic abruptly paused all international travel, the madcap ex-marine rapidly scrambled a remote challenge. And raised the bar...

**The team of 38 cumulatively, ran, cycled, walked and kayaked more than 25,000 miles** — urged on by regular GPS coordinates and Tom's tales of derring-do — raising **£4,954** for us in the process. Huge thanks to Tom for his enduring efforts and ongoing support.

### Thanks to those who gave over \$500 in June 2020:

Andre Naude - Autumn & Jeffrey Huiatt - Jeff & Jane Drummond - Judy Chase - Sherry & David Hammond

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**And thank you to our regular monthly supporters, who make our work possible!**