

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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AAO Executive Director

I truly hope you are all enjoying the holiday season, looking forward to special times with your family and loved ones in the coming weeks. I know I am! I'm blessed to have eleven grandchildren now, and seeing the world through their eyes makes everything even more joyous.

In the midst of my thankfulness at this time, I also carry a pain in my heart. There are so many children who don't get to experience a family and the sense of belonging — let alone a joyful holiday season. I think especially of the children in Sierra Leone, who have already been through more than most of us can even imagine. Seeing the world through their eyes gives me a whole different experience, and not one I would call joyous.

➤ **Once again, our bank account is almost empty, despite our best efforts to raise the funds needed** — and we really **are** making efforts. Your help is needed, and it truly is EVERYTHING to the kids in our care. Thank you for loving them, and for sharing your blessings with them. **Please give as you are able, and share our need with as many people as you can find who will listen. Every new supporter or business that wants to join us in our work makes an enormous difference. You are incredibly appreciated!**



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