**DIRECTOR’S NOTE**

Deanna Wallace  
*AAO Executive Director*

Wow! It’s been nineteen years that we’ve been working in Sierra Leone, helping the destitute and abandoned children there. We’ve seen a whole generation of children grow up! And every step of the way, you’ve been there to help us to keep our doors open, so that this new generation can also be supported and loved. We’ve come a long way, and I’m so grateful to everyone who has made it possible. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Today, this very moment, we are in a scary place. Our funding has been exhausted, and we don’t have the resources needed for this month or beyond. At this moment, we need $7000 for THIS month.

**The kids will soon not have food to eat** — and as you know, there is no government safety net in Sierra Leone. If we don’t care for the kids, there is no where else for them to go.

Two of these children, sisters Betty and Yeabu, are pictured here. They were abandoned and came to live with us almost nine years ago at the ages of 2 and 4 years old. This photo of Betty, now 10, and Yeabu, now 12, was taken on Christmas Day, when they were feeling very happy. (I really want to keep those smiles on their faces.) These children represent dozens more who depend on us for a loving family and all that a loving family provides — like emotional support, a safe place to sleep, enough food to eat, an education, and medical care when needed. Think of how many awesome children we care for, on so little each month.

I know you’re exhausted with pleas for help, and honestly, I’m feeling fatigued from asking. BUT, for the sake of the beautiful children who need us, I have to ask again. Can you please, please help us? **The need is urgent and now.**

Just press the “DONATE” button on our home page — [www.AllAsOne.org](http://www.allasone.org).

Betty, Yeabu and the other children thank you for your generous help!

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