

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

One of our terrific supporters, **Scott Smyth**, shared a video with us made from footage of his trip to the Children's Center last August (before the flooding & mud slides), and I'd like to share it with you! Scott visited Sierra Leone with his sister and extended family, to bring his niece, **Nahla**, to see where she'd lived before being adopted in 2009. We shared a note from Nahla's mom, **Selina Smyth**, in our September 2017 newsletter, detailing the visit, **and it's so lovely to see many of those moments in these video clips**. Scott does a brilliant job narrating, and the result is a moving, firsthand view of the children, parts of the Center and School, and the "aunties" and "uncles" who work tirelessly to care for the kids. Here's some of what Scott had to say about his time in Sierra Leone and Liberia, where McKenzie, his other niece, lived before she was adopted:

"I personally fell in love with every child I met, and was overwhelmed by their smiles and caring nature. And it all just made me want to dedicate more time to supporting them in the future... Seeing where my nieces have come from, and being able to meet the lovely people of Liberia and Sierra Leone has been an amazing and emotional experience. I found it incredible how caring and lovely the people are, how much they smiled, and just how happy they are with relatively little to be happy about."

→ Scott hopes this film will raise awareness about All As One and inspire others to get more involved. His mother, **Bobbie**, said of the AAO children, "A more beautiful bunch of kids you'd be hard-pressed to meet." I'd have to agree! **And, as always, those kids need your help**. Please share this video with your friends and business partners/contacts, and donate as you are able through our website (<https://allasone.org>) or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AllAsOne>).



View Scott's video on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/k7Ds6K2sSU4>!

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