

*** AUGUST 2018**

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace AAO Executive Director

I'm struggling with a lot of sadness as I remember the devastating mudslides that **killed over 1,000 people in Sierra Leone** one year ago, this month.

Thousands of the Sierra Leoneans who survived were left homeless, and, despite getting a small assistance last year from the government of Sierra Leone, they are continuing to find it difficult to even have enough to eat. The CNN story (linked at right) really touched me. My heart aches, because I want to do more to help – so many of those desperately needing aid are children.



https://www.cnn.com/2018/08/17/africa/sierra-leone-mudslide-memorial/index.html

In the midst of sadness, I think of OUR children, and I know that at least these few are being cared for. It's consoling, but my mind is agitated by the question, "Can we do more?"

Wouldn't it be wonderful to see more children in Sierra Leone having enough to eat, becoming healthy, getting an education, and enjoying their childhood? I'm convicted that we must do more, but I'm constrained by the lack of resources we have at hand.

I can only hope that those of you reading this, who have the capacity to give, will become partners with us in doing even more for the children. With heart-felt humility I'm asking once again, "Can you help?" If so, please donate directly through our website.

Thanks to those who gave over \$500 in July 2018:

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

IN OTHER NEWS...

On September 7th, a team of ten tough, tenacious and tremendous supporters of All As One will set off from Land's End - the most westerly point of England - to cycle the 267km to Bristol, to raise funds for our kids! Join with us in cheering them on from across the miles! To donate to their efforts, click <u>https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BecciTrickett</u>. We will update you on their success in the September newsletter!