



EBO TOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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AUTUMN 2018

Summer is past and we hope you all had a great season, and enjoyed the wonderful weather that we were blessed with. The school term started 1st week of October 2018. The first week still saw heavy monsoon rains, and we saw children and their parents braving the weather to walk the distance to get to school. Our new young children are settling into school routine well, and children that moved from Rainbow Class to Butterfly class, have adjusted well to their new classroom and teacher.

At present in The Gambia humidity is 80% and temperatures are reaching 33 degrees, (which feels like 38 degree) there is so much water lying around the community after the monsoon season, which causes cholera and malaria.

CHANGES IN DIRECTION.

Over this summer, we as a Charity, have had time to reflect on the journey we are on. We want to reach out further, and work harder, to ensure we get the new school build built, so that we can educate a further 40 children in a time frame of April 2020.

There is 10 weeks to Christmas, and many of us will be thinking of what presents and gifts to buy our loved ones.

Please spare a thought to those who live in poverty, that do not have enough money for their next meal for themselves or their family, that do not have a bed to sleep on, or a dry room to rest in. Our aid has arrived safely, and is waiting for the next team leaving on 20th November 2018, to distribute out.

We pray that we can give out some clean bedding, hand out some well needed clothing, and supply a wheel chair or two to any person that requires some freedom to get out from behind closed doors.

This Christmas trip, we have shipped over Christmas presents, which were kindly wrapped and donated by some very kind hearted people, plus Father Christmas will be in at-

Kaylee Murray—Trustee, has taken over the reins of running the school, and is in touch with the teachers on a daily basis. She is loving all the contact, with sponsors and The Gambia.

Rick McIntosh —Trustee, has taken on the challenge of Build Co Ordinator, and will oversee the

tendance. Can we thank all sponsors and supporters, who continue to help move Ebo Project forward, you the silent givers, put smiles not only on the childrens faces, but the families to.

People who really want to make a difference in the world usually do it, in one way or another. And we have noticed something about people who make a difference in the world; They hold the unshakable conviction that individuals are extremely important, that **EVERY LIFE MATTERS**. The get excited over one smile. They are willing to feed one stomach, educate one mind, and treat one wound. They aren't determined to revolutionize the world all at once; they're satisfied with small changes. Over time, though, the small changes add up. Sometimes they even transform cities, and nations, and yes the world. **THANK ALL FOR BEING APART OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE.**

Build project, liasing with Local Gambian builders etc, and will ensure the build gets completed to a high Gambian standard.

All trustees have a passion and drive to move forward.

OUR AGM IS 3rd November 2018, Church of Holy Spirt, Shrewsbury @ 11am.

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Special points of interest:

- Build Project.
- Fundraising
- Sponsorship programme
- Teaching staff and children.



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME



MEET KAYLEE— who has taken over the sponsorship programme.

Thank you for supporting the children, and giving them an opportunity of a FREE education.

Nursery school education in The Gambia is private sector. The costs to parents and guardians is very expensive. Education is the future, and an early start in life is key. Here at Ebo Town Community Nursery School, we offer ALL our children a FREE education, thanks to the sponsorship programme.

From as little as £25.00 A YEAR, you can sponsor a child. You will be allocat-

ed a little boy or girl, whom you can support as much or as little as you like. This fee goes towards the child's two uniforms, all teachers salaries, and all school equipment. Some sponsors like to send additional money for the child's family to buy Rice or mosquito nets. Some sponsors like to send a small gift out at Christmas.

Kaylee Murray—Trustee

does try to keep ALL Sponsors and contributors up to date on what is happening at the school. And Paula Howells—the Founder will keep you updated by sending quarterly news letters, and holding a yearly presentation evening in Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

If you would like to sponsor a child for a year, please get in touch with Kaylee—07875407211

TEACHING STAFF

We start our new school terms 2018/2019, with 4 wonderful teachers.

MARTINA— Is on a probation period at present, is 34 years old, and working as our New Head of School. She is teaching in our Butterfly Class, 5—7 year olds. Martina is in her final year of Teacher training college, and is

self funding.

CHRISTINE—works alongside Martina, as a teachers assistant. We as a charity are supporting Christine through Teacher Training College, and she is in her first year.

LENNA—is awaiting certification, as she has completed her 3 years of Teacher training

college, and will be a qualified teacher. Lenna teaches in our Rainbow Class, 3—5 years. The charity have supported Lenna through college.

FATOUMATTA - works with Lenna in Rainbow Class, as a teaching assistant. Fatoumatta hopes to start Teacher training college soon.

AID AND COMMUNITY WORK

After lots of deliberation, by the Trustees, a hard decision has been made, to postpone sending aid out to the Community.

Each box costs us £30.00 to send on a container, we do not have anywhere to store aid, and box it up in Shrewsbury, plus we have to pay, transportation from the docks to the school once it arrives in The Gambia. We feel as a Trust that the build is a priority at this present moment, and all

money we are raising, MUST go towards getting the new school built, to help extra children and their families.

We will still give sponsors an opportunity to help their sponsored families, with Rice aid etc, two times a year, on team trips out, but we will not be putting out any further general appeals for the time being.

Other ways to help at the moment, is to buy a brick for 15p per brick.



ANY DONATION, WILL MOVE THE BUILD FORWARD.

THANK YOU.



Love never fails

1 Corinthians 13:8

THE BIG BUILD PROJECT.

Land was purchased in April 2018, when a team visited the school. We have got the land secured, with a large wall, with security wire, and large double metal gates. A septic tank is in position and was completed before the monsoon season arrived. Building plans have

been passed in June 2018, for a 3 classroom school to be built, with an office and aid room. Rick McIntosh—a Trustee, will be visiting the land in November 2018, and his challenge will be to build relations with a construction team, and get the foundations costed out.

Rick's aim is to work with local labourer's giving an opportunity

of employment within this poor community.

Rick will be liaising with the planning department, and working closely with them. We have been given an estimated quotation of £10,000 for foundations to be installed. We are stepping up our fundraising to be able to get the foundations completed ASAP.



“Please can you assist in making our dreams and vision come true, to help more children.”



FUNDRAISING URGENTLY NEEDED

More than ever, we feel the urge as a tiny charity, to work harder, to reach further, and realize we can not do this on our own. If you feel you can help with an event, please, please come forward and help. We eagerly want to move into new circles and reach out further, to make this dream come true.

We do have a few fundraising events in place at present, please make a note in your diary, and please come along and support us, and meet members of the team.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

24/11/18—Christmas themed coffee and cake event. Venue 15 The Rock, Telford, TF3 5AF, between **11am—15.00**. There will be copious amounts of cake and hot drinks, will also have a teddy tombola for the kids, wine tombola for the adults, and a few other little games to keep you entertained. We will also hopefully have a few little hand made Christmas decorations for sale hand made by a lady in Shrewsbury.

19/01/19—Quiz night - Come along for some fun and laughter. Time and venue TBC.

Spring 2019— 20 mile sponsored walk, - This event had to be postponed from summer 2018, and rescheduled. Two trustees will be walking up the Longmynd, Shropshire, back along the Shropshire way, to the quarry in Shrewsbury, they will be supported by an ultra marathon runner. To sponsor trustees, please contact: Paula Howells, 07738022397.

SCHOOL VISITS

We welcome anybody to visit our school and meet our wonderful children. If you wish to attend, we ask that you complete a visitor application form, which can be down loaded from our web page, and forward to the Trustees for approval 8 weeks prior to your intended visit, as we take safeguarding of our children seriously. **NO VISITS ARE PERMITTED UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL HAS BEEN AUTHORISED.**

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THANK YOU'S

Where do we as a charity start. The road over the past couple of months has been eventful and challenging, but through all the tears and hurt, LOVE conquers all, and prevails.

We as a charity, would like to thank you the sponsor, who continues to support your child/children, giving each child a FREE education, without you the sponsor, the school will not be able to run.

We would like to thank the monthly givers, who have a standing order set up, and support without wanting a thank you. You know who you are, Thank you so much.

Thank you to the wonderful couple and their grand daughter, (you know who you are), who continually fundraises, and continues to love and support us, and has the same vision and goal.

Thank you to all who have donated aid, which is awaiting distribution. Thank you to the knitters, for all the warm knitted blankets (League of Friends).

We are sure we have missed people off, but thank you to you all. Your love means so much.

FOUNDER—PAULA HOWELLS WORDS

I personally would like to thank the team of Trustees for their support and drive, and for having the same dream and passion as Dave and myself.

God Bless you all. Thanks.
xxx

Dave and Paula went to The Gambia in January 2014, with £200 in their pockets to make a difference and help. Since then, we have been led into opening a school, and running it fully. Doors open, and community work starts. We can sit in a comfy warm home, with a full fridge, nice cars, running water, electric, but only 6.5 hours flight away, there is poverty, suffering, and hardship.

Our journey in The Gambia continues. We feel stronger than ever in our hearts that a school and school build, is the next step forward. It's a dream, but dreams do come true.

If you would like to help or join with us please get in touch.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA JUST GIVING OR BACS: SORT CODE: 77-91-29, ACC 37946868.

Every single penny goes directly to the project.

ON LINE SHOPPERS PLEASE SIGN UP TO
www.giveasyoulive.com/join/ebotowncommunitynurseryschool

It's so easy: go via the give as you live page, which is free and easy to sign up to. Go via the link to over 4200 stores, energy suppliers, airlines, car insurance, and for every penny you spend on line, a small percentage comes directly



NEW PHOTOS RECEIVED SINCE SCHOOL OPENED ON 1ST OCTOBER 2018.

SCHOOL YEAR 2018/2019