

EBO TOWN COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL. MARCH TEAM UPDATE TO SPONSORS.

Dear all contributors and sponsors.

Kaylee who runs our sponsorship programme and myself are in The Gambia, West Africa, right now and want to share the work we have been doing on this trip over to the school, and give you the very latest updates on the school as we await our emergency flight home.

We arrived last week Wednesday, on Thursday we observed our teachers and spent quality time with all the wonderful, smiling and very happy children, who all greeted us with handshakes and hugs. They are all so adorable and melt our hearts and make us realise instantly as to why we continue to walk forward and help as we do. The afternoon we had a staff meeting, which was very productive, but demanding all rolled into one. Friday was amazing, after school we gave out all the aid that sponsors had donated to their children's families and what a pleasure it was, we met mums, dads, uncles and all our children lined up so patiently to receive aid with their family member in tow. Can I say a huge thank you for all who did donate over and above the sponsorship fee, the rice especially puts smiles on faces its like a dream come true to a family member to receive this kind token, especially in these hard times we are finding ourselves in all around the world. So Thank you so much to you all.



Unfortunately, in the early hours of Monday morning, I was robbed from my 2nd floor room. The thief got away with my mobile phone and money, whilst I slept. This resulted in many trips to the police station, and we moved to a new accommodation to feel safer.

Tuesday was a new day; we were back in action and working with the teachers and enjoyed massively time with our beautiful and adorable children. In the afternoon we went out to our new school build, and enrolled children for our new school year in September 2020. What fantastic people we met, but amongst the huge amount of people, two came forward, who did not fit the criteria we were looking for, BUT what hardship they live under. No mobile phones, they try so hard doing laundry to be able to eat, they live in dire conditions, it was a total no brainer, we enrolled their children, to give them a break, this is what we are about, this is why we continue to walk forward and work hard, this is what drives us Trustees of Ebo Town Community Nursery School to keep giving as we do. So humbling.

On waking yesterday, we find that there is a case of coronavirus in Gambia, and schools, public meetings have been closed immediately for 3 weeks. It was so strange to go to school and see it all closed down, but we telephoned a few families, whom we still had rice for, and others that had gifts

for their children off sponsors and met with them. But before that Kaylee and I ensured the hand sanitizers were filled up, and hand washing facilities were in place, so that we all protected ourselves. The afternoon we took a massive road trip out to see our teacher Christine who is on maternity leave and sadly her baby has passed away. We enjoyed lunch at the compound, and quality time with Christine, who will be back at school when it reopens.

Due to the events of the Corona virus, Kaylee and I are now being forced to stop working. Our airline is sending 6 flights out to collect British nationals to bring us home. We are awaiting flight news as I write. 5 flights leave for Gatwick either tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday, and 1 to Manchester on Monday. We flew out from Birmingham and our car is parked there. We should have been flying home next week Wednesday the 25th March.

Its been a very strange trip, for us both. We can report the school build is having the windows and doors put in as we speak, the school is running well, the children are happy, and the families can't thank all enough for the aid that has been given out.

All in all we have done a lot in a short space of time, but again its down to you the sponsor and contributor for allowing us to do the work we do.

Thank you so much.

From Kaylee and myself in The Gambia.

Lots of love to you all and stay safe. Xx