

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace, AAO Executive Director

I'm here in Freetown and it's wonderful to be with the children again. What a delight to see the **new twins** (our youngest residents right now), looking so healthy and happy! I couldn't wait to share their photo with you – as I know you've been wondering how they're doing now. I guess the photo speaks for itself! They're doing terrific!

We are still looking for a rental place and still working toward purchasing the 4 acres of land in Grafton. We hope to have good news to report on both fronts soon.

While our work and the children are doing well, things in Freetown continue to be tense. I'm saddened to see that so many businesses have closed within the past six months. Many of the shops and restaurants that had begun to spring up since the war ended in 2002, are now gone. The cost of goods are skyrocketing and inflation is increasing. The political climate is still uncertain. **I am very concerned about the future for this country that I've grown to love so much. And I can clearly see that the need for our love and care to the children continues to be urgent and essential.**

Thank you so much for supporting us so that we can continue to provide a better future for these beautiful children. Your gifts and prayers truly make all the difference.

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I want you to know that I am very grateful for YOU and all the ways you've touched my heart and made this work possible. God bless you!



SIR BOB GELDOLF!

Air Miles will be hosting *"An Evening for Africa with Bob Geldof,"* in Dubai on November 21, and will be donating all proceeds from the evening to All As One!

Sir Bob, humanitarian and musician, was the force behind *Band Aid & Live Aid*, as well as numerous efforts to help the people of Africa. He was recognized by *Time Magazine* as one of the *2005 European Heroes*, and in November of 2005, he received the *Nobel Man of Peace Award*.

We are so grateful to Sir Bob and to Air Miles for their generosity and dedication to making a difference for the children of Sierra Leone and All As One.



One of OUR adorable musicians -- a future Bob Geldof in training!



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