



Building a future for Africa's children

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace, AAO Executive Director

I can't believe how far we've come in the past year! **As I reflect back, I can see that 2007 has truly been a year of change and "breakthroughs" for All As One.** A little more than a year ago, we weren't sure how we were going to keep our doors open. And, although we still really depend on your continued support, we're pleased to let you know that we're now moving into our new Children's Center location in Marjay Town, Freetown. We've rented a brand new compound that has a main home and a separate smaller home as well. We'll be able to use the smaller home (two bedrooms) for the older boys and the main home (with six bedrooms) for the infants, toddlers, and older girls. Although the homes are smaller than our previous location, they are considerably nicer and we're absolutely delighted about the change!

As you can see from the top two photos, the outside of the Children's Center is especially beautiful – and we're thrilled to have found such a wonderful place for the children's home!

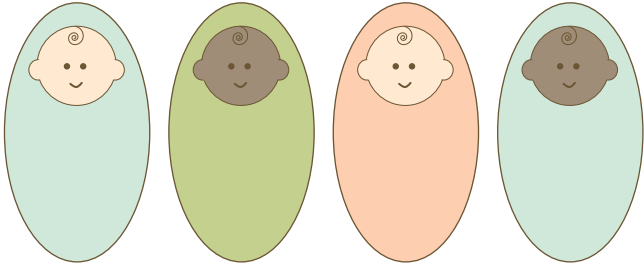
Despite our excitement about the new place, we're hoping that this is only a temporary location for us. We are now in the process of buying six acres of land in Grafton, Sierra Leone, for our expanded Children's Center, school and clinic. **Four of the acres are paid for, but we still need to raise the funds for the additional two acres. A total of about \$65,000 is needed to complete the purchase – and we're hoping to be able to raise these funds by March 2008.** If you can help toward this amount, please let us know!

Pictured at the bottom right (in the darker area of brush and trees in the middle of the photo) is part of the four acres of land that we are purchasing.

As you can probably tell by reading all of this great news, my heart is really filled with so much joy during this holiday time! This is not only because we have a beautiful new home for the children, but because I'm so grateful and humbled by the outpouring of support we've received this year. You have truly helped us to experience a "turn around" and I want to express my sincerest gratitude. I'm looking forward to 2008 with lots of optimism and it's all because of you!

Thank you for all your prayers and tangible support. You've done so much to help us make a huge difference in the children's lives!





babies for change

apparel for the socially conscious infant

AAO volunteer, Jen Brauer, has just opened a new online shop called *"babies for change : apparel for the socially conscious infant"* -- and she has made AAO the beneficiary of **ALL profits** made from the store!

Another AAO supporter, **Erin Jones**, gave Jen the idea to put humanitarian messages on baby clothes. "She pointed out that everyone looks at babies, so what better way to get the word out about helping other babies?" Jen said.

Jen is currently running the shop through CafePress, who will print the clothing on demand and handle the distribution of all profits to AAO. She has created a large variety of designs for "the socially conscious baby," including **some items featuring the AAO logo**. Those items will not only benefit AAO financially, but will help to raise awareness for us. **Shop, everyone!**

www.cafepress.com/babiesforchange

Caleb, Joshua and Moses need your help!



Triplets, born on October 19, 2007, have recently been brought to AAO for assistance. Although the triplets aren't living at the Center, their biological parents are destitute and cannot adequately care for the infants' basic needs. We want to try to keep these little ones alive (and keep the family together, if possible) by helping to cover the costs of the babies' food, shelter, and medical expenses. We've already given \$400 worth of emergency assistance to the family this month, but we need your help to continue providing support for at least the next six months. We are looking for a sponsor (or sponsors) willing to help with the **\$300/month** for the triplets' medical care and feeding, until at least June 2008. The mother can't breast feed, and it costs about \$200 a month just for baby formula! Please let us know if you would be interested in helping these beautiful boys. Contact info@allasone.org, or donate online at www.allasone.org/donate.php -- and please mark your gift as "for the triplets." Thank you so much!



AN EVENING WITH SIR BOB GELDOF

Sir Bob Geldof, of Band Aid and Live-Aid fame, gave his support to All As One at a recent event sponsored by AirMiles ME and Transguard Group in Dubai, UAE. Proceeds from the "Evening for Africa" event are being donated to All As One.

"There is a need to support Africa, especially the grassroots organizations. We need to put much focus on education and trade," said Geldof, the Irish rock star and anti-poverty campaigner.

As this time the proceeds for the event are still being sorted, but it appears the evening raised about \$50,000 to help with our recent move, rent for 2008, and keeping the Children's Center open into 2008. We are very grateful to Sir Bob Geldof, AirMiles ME and Transguard Group for their support!!!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU
FOR THE GENEROUS GIFTS THIS PAST MONTH FROM:**

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**WE ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR SUPPORTERS IN DUBAI, FOR THE WONDERFUL HOLIDAY
GIFTS SENT TO THE CHILDREN IN DECEMBER:**

**Kelly Barker, Jeannette Klaua, Ettaline Moore, and the other terrific volunteers in Dubai,
Paul Dowling (DHL super hero) and his great team,
Billy and Selina Smyth (and friends),
and all those in Dubai who donated gifts so that the children could have a
very HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

And thanks to Bobbie Smyth who also sent Christmas gifts from the UK!

