

PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Wivelsfield's link with St Matthew's Aberdeen, Sierra Leone **BETTER TOGETHER**

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VICKY LUKE

In our June Newsletter we were able to report that Vicky had received various medical items which had been assembled by Sheila Blair, Jane Hill and her daughter Charley. The photograph shows the latest parcel that we have sent. The yellow box that Vicky is holding contains the foetal heart monitor that was not available to her in Sierra Leone. She has sent profuse thanks.

Vicky lives opposite our link church of St. Matthew's which her parents attended. She now belongs to a more lively evangelical church in Freetown. She tells us that her congregation uses the last day of each month giving thanks for all the benefits of that month and that our gift of the heart monitor will be a big feature! On the first day of each month they pray for that month and we are obviously glad that Wivelsfield can help to answer some of their prayers.



SHIDA PRE-SCHOOL

In the last week of July the proprietor, Palmsy George, was able to report that the new building had been completed before the onset of the wet season and that interior decoration had started. He is hoping to send photographs soon.

They have enrolled 17 new children for the start of the next year, 5 of whom are physically challenged. Unfortunately one application had to be turned down because neither Shida nor the child's mother could afford the wheelchair that the child needed.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

At the moment we have not been informed as to how much money is needed to continue the support that we give.

Because of Covid all churches have, until very recently, been closed so our link with the vicar, Rev. Georgiana Scott, has been a bit tenuous - although we are expecting to hear from her soon. We are not sure what the effect of Covid Lockdown will have on schools and Colleges in Sierra Leone. We obviously hope and pray that it will not lead to the sort of disruption that was caused by the Ebola outbreak a few years back.

Paul Welch
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