

# Bo Children's Hospital continues to grow



**OVER 23,000 CHILDREN TREATED SINCE 2012 OPENING**

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# NEW FLOOR TILES

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*Old floor tiles replaced*

We now have new tiles in the wards making it safer and healthier for the children and staff. This could not have been possible without your financial support.

Do you know that the Bo Children's Hospital Foundation needs to raise a \$120,000 per annum to keep the hospital running. Without this support the hospital would not be able to continue. Your donation is important to the future of the hospital. Together we can make a difference to the healthcare of the children of Sierra Leone.



## ABDULIA NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH

*Abdulia narrowly escapes death due to prompt attention of BCH Staff*

On arrival at Bo Children Hospital, Abdulia Barrie age one year was diagnosed with obvious respiratory distress and severe palmar pallor. He was classified with very severe anemia leading to congestive heart failure. However after receiving a unit of blood his respiratory rate subsided in which case it was considered a remarkable progress for his treatment.

After intensive care management Abdulia was later placed on one of the old serving anti malaria drug quinine sulphate, after another 3 days of hospitalization, he had shown a maximum response to treatment and was discharged home happily.



ABOVE: Abdulia's third blood transfusion (right) and being discharged home with his mother (left)



## MEET PRECIOUS

*Three Year Old Precious collapses at her Birthday celebration*

Precious age 3 years old was brought to Emergency at Bo Children's Hospital where her mother explained that she suddenly collapsed whilst celebrating her birthday at home. From her history it was discovered that she lives in a high malaria transmission area. Her laboratory findings showed early trophozoite of plasmodium falciparum. She was given conservative treatment to which she responded very fast. Precious now in convalescing status is ready to go home after discharge as her photo shows.

## MEET PAUL

*Baby Paul survives Pneumonia*

Baby Paul Abu who was force fed later developed aspiration pneumonia. Paul a 2weeks 3days old was rush into the resuscitation room by the nurses in the triage alleging he presented with difficult breathing and cannot suckle from the breast for the past four hours. The father on arrival to hospital viewing the child's condition declared that he is going to die, he had only brought Paul to Bo Children's Hospital so as not to die at home.

Paul after few hours of basic life support; suctioning bag and mask, was later placed on oxygen and fed through NGT. Paul now after 4 days could now sleep without oxygen support but continue feeding through NGT. After 5 days in the ward, Paul's parents are now assured that he will survive as he is now actively breast feeding.



## DR GARY JOHNSON

Dr Gary Johnson, who has worked at our hospital, recently opened his facility, the Rural Healthcare Initiative in nearby Tikonko, a centre for young women to have their babies in safety, he refers child patients to our hospital if they require further treatment.

## THE QUIET ONES

The Quiet Ones band have given several performances over the past year and donated the proceeds to the Bo Children's Hospital. Laurie Facer a past CEO of the Foundation is a member of the band and we are most grateful for their generous contributions.

