

Bo Children's Hospital enters its 8th year

OVER 26,000 CHILDREN TREATED SINCE OPENING



THANK YOU

We want to say a big thank you to our many wonderful donors who have continued to support the Hospital by funding the running costs and special projects. Because of you, the Hospital is making a major contribution to the improvement of children's health in Sierra Leone.



It is a long road to the goal of giving children in Sierra Leone the kind of health care children enjoyed in developed countries but encouraging progress is being made. A recent 'Save the Children Fund' report stated that the under 5 mortality rate in Sierra Leone has dropped dramatically since 2000.

There are so many wonderful stories that come from the hospital but one in particular is the story of Albert Gbassy from the Fula Tribe. Albert aged 10, was badly burnt when he had an epileptic fit and fell into a fire made by his father to make charcoal which is their family's source of income.

Albert was originally treated by a traditional native healer who covered his burns with a preparation of herbs and mud. After 3 days Albert's condition was much worse. His worried father brought him into the Hospital where he was washed and treated with broad spectrum antibiotics and pain killers and had sterile dressings applied.

Albert was extremely lucky to benefit from supplies received in a consignment from Australia. For the next 3 months, the caring staff looked after his wounds until they were fully healed.



Above: Albert receiving treatment for his burns
Below: Albert after treatment at the hospital





Today Albert is a strong, happy 14 year- old. He attends school and is a good student, he has 5 other siblings and helps with his family at home.

He occasionally visits Bo Children's Hospital for a check up and to see the staff that fell in love with him.

There are many stories like Albert's and you have helped with their care and life saving treatment. Without your support this could not happen.

Urgent re-wiring of Bo Children's Hospital

As we enter our eighth year, the electrical wiring of the hospital desperately needs upgrading. In addition to repairing the existing system, additional wiring will be necessary as we now have an operating theatre. A reliable electrical system is essential and urgently needed.



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