



## The news from Sierra Leone is overwhelmingly positive.

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Here are the headlines:

1. *For the second year running 100% of the Kabala Christian School Sixth graders passed the West African Standardized test.*
2. **The Kabala Christian Junior Secondary School construction is complete!!**
3. **Kabala townspeople marvel at the quality of the new school construction.**
4. **New furniture has arrived!**
5. **Four new teachers have been hired.**
6. **All children have new uniforms.**
7. **School started on September 12.**
8. **Together we have reached a milestone.**

Obviously, there is so much good news to report that we cannot fit it all into this newsletter. Each of the above headlines deserves a full paragraph or more, and we will be sending you more reports soon.

The first two headlines deserve special attention now. Let me quote a recent letter from Dr. Johanna Kuyvenhoven, our board member in Sierra Leone:



***For the second year running 100% of the Kabala Christian School Sixth graders passed the West African Standardized test.***



“The significance of a 100% pass rate is best understood in context of the northern Koinadugu district’s most recent performance on the secondary school’s standardized exams. Just seven students, from five large secondary schools (encompassing over 1,000 students) passed the exit exam. It is a tragic indicator of most students’ reading and writing abilities after 12 years of education. (There is) both urgency and affirmation for our work to continue children’s education”.

## ***Construction is complete!!***

“I have to express my wonder and praise for the Junior Secondary School Structure. It is FABULOUS! Solid, bright and spacious rooms await the students. The building shines: tiled floors; gloss painted walls inside and out; and clean wide windows. The building speaks of love and expectation for children’s development and learning together. People express gratitude, delight and hope”.



“This little school in the remote northern reach of the country has attained an unprecedented accomplishment. It is a hopeful sign as we go forward together, preparing Servant leaders for this community”.

*Johanna Kuyvenhoven*

September marks the end of the fiscal year for Schools for Sierra Leone and the beginning of a new school year. There is continuing need for funds to cover operational costs (\$60,000), library (\$5,000), solar power (\$25,000) and computers (\$15,000). This would be a wonderful time for you to make a gift to this extraordinary effort to equip, empower and prepare future leaders of the church and country of Sierra Leone.

Grace and Peace to you,

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