



Advent 2013

Senior Secondary School needed!

Dear friends of the children of Kabala Christian School,

The most recent photo of Mammy Saio inspires this letter to you. Allow me to explain.

The last time I saw Mammy Saio in 2011 she was just twelve, and a seventh grader at the Kabala Christian School. When I thought of her and her classmates, this was the picture of them in my mind -- twelve year olds.



Mammy Saio – Age 12



Mammy Saio – Age 15

Mammy Saio's new picture startled me! She is now 15 years old and in 10th grade. She looks so much older and mature than the picture in my mind.

She and all her 21 classmates achieved outstanding results on the 9th grade exit exam in June.

They need a senior secondary school building with good teachers next school year. There will be no room and no teachers for any of them in the existing buildings!

For some time we have been telling you about the need for a high school building addition to the Kabala Christian School. The need is now urgent!

Please make that happen by contributing a significant donation this year!



Students needing a Senior Secondary School

IVAN DEKAM JOINS KABALA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CONSULTANTS

The school has enjoyed the benefit of Johanna Kuyvenhoven and Dennis deGroot's consulting work for many years. Their passion for literacy, education, and school administration continues.

Schools for Sierra Leone has secured the additional services of Ivan DeKam to consult with the local school board in Kabala about effectiveness in the school and community. Ivan brings a wealth of international experience in the area of improving the policies and processes of service agencies.



Pastor Cecil Huggins (PTA President), Ivan DeKam (consultant) and JK Sesay (School Board Chairman)



Children receiving deworming tablets

OTHER NEWS:

1. Kabala Christian School Sixth graders all passed the National Exam for fourth consecutive year. We believe this record is unmatched in all of Sierra Leone.
2. All Ninth graders also passed the National exam. Of course we thought they would; but it remains a truly significant achievement for them and their teachers.
3. Two new full time teachers have been appointed; including a highly qualified and experienced science teacher. Math and Science will be the main focus of the secondary school.
4. A guest house has recently been secured for school use.
5. The short term teacher sending program is successful.
6. The school administration has been strengthened with a new accountant.

Students, teachers and staff join us in wishing you a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year!

Grace and peace to you,

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Students undergoing HIV/Aids testing