



Kambia Hospital Appeal

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BUILDING UPDATE

Communication from Kambia

Thanks to the satellite phone and laptop computer provided by the Appeal, communication with Kambia is now instant and easy. Dr. Foday Dfafe, the district medical officer logs in once a week to see if there are any emails from Cheltenham. It's easier to contact Kambia than many offices in Freetown. The only downside is the bill, which the Appeal has undertaken to pay. But at least we now know exactly what is going on, and can pass messages through Dr. Dfafe to Freetown if necessary.

Progress report

Realini Bader, project managers in Freetown, have commissioned a hydrological survey to see if there is enough water on site to supply the new hospital. Fortunately, the report is very favourable, but will require digging another well, inserting a pump and constructing a water storage tank. Otherwise, progress is slow. The official contract between the Appeal and Realini Bader has been promised but has not arrived. We have enough funds to carry out demolition and leveling work before building can commence, but not enough to start work or even enough to build a perimeter fence, estimated at around £80,000.

European Commission

Help may be coming at last from the European Commission. Applications to Brussels for work in the coming year have to be in by the end of September. A grant for 250,000 euros has been applied for, specifically to start the rebuilding, and we are optimistic that this will be approved. Even though this will not be nearly enough to rebuild even a small hospital such as Kambia, at least it's a start.

Kambia connections

Joe Turay, working for the charity Caritas in Makeni, has recently visited Cheltenham. In an interview he gave to the Gloucestershire Echo in August, he said: "We appreciate the support you have given us but I humbly appeal that you please do whatever else you can to help the health situation there. We're desperately in need of medical attention in this area." Joe has now returned to Sierra Leone after completing his Masters degree in overseas development at the University of East Anglia. Italian actress and UNICEF ambassadress, Daniella Poggi, has recently visited Kambia and highlighted the plight of returning refugees.

Patron's visit

Nigel Jones, MP for Cheltenham, patron enthusiastic supporter of the Appeal, was the only House of Commons observer of the general elections held in Sierra Leone on 14 May. On his return, he said: "The United Kingdom has a key role to play in the reconstruction of Sierra Leone, whether it be by re-integrating former combatants into education and work, or by involvement in infrastructure projects like the rebuilding of Kambia Hospital."

Thanks

We are very grateful for all those who have given support to the Appeal, especially the Gloucestershire Echo, former Lloyds bank staff through money raised at their strawberry tea, Christ Church Primary School, Balcarras School, Dean Close School, the haematology department at Cheltenham General Hospital, the Nuffield Hospital, John Horan who ran in the London Marathon and Mr and Mrs Boreham.

Christmas Cards

now available!

ALL proceeds go directly to the
Kambia Hospital Appeal

Size	Price
A	£3.99
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10 cards per pack
(p+p £1.50)



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We need the doctor too



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OCTOBER 2002

Coffee morning

Friday 18 October

Hosted by Mrs. Dorothy Lees at Fairford



One World Week

Saturday 26 October

1-5pm, St Andrew's Church, Cheltenham,
Nigel Jones MP will open the event and speak in the afternoon about his visit to Sierra Leone earlier this year. There will also be African dancing. The Kambia Hospital Appeal will have a stall. Come and support us and find out more about our work!

DECEMBER 2002

Coffee morning

Wednesday 4 December

Hosted by Mrs. Judy von Speyr in Cheltenham.



Stall on Cheltenham Promenade

Saturday 7 December, 9am-4pm

Musica Vera Concert

Saturday 7 December

7.45pm at St Gregory's Church, Cheltenham

Conductor: Claire Proud

Performing 'Vespers' by Rachmaninov

Richard Kerr-Wilson will speak about the

Kambia Hospital Appeal during the evening.

NOVEMBER 2002

Coffee morning

Date to be arranged

Hosted by Mrs. Mary Bosworth in Dumbleton



David Kennedy Memorial Concert

Friday 15 November

7.30pm Pate's Grammar School,
Cheltenham

The David Kennedy Memorial Concert is in aid of the Kambia Hospital Appeal and Cancer Research.



Dinner with Tom Graveney, with Auction of print by Jack Russell

Friday 22 November

at Cotswold Hills Golf Club, Cheltenham
Tickets: £35 from Godfrey Taylor



FEBRUARY 2003

Welsh Male Voice Choir Concert + RAF St Athan Voluntary Band



SPRING 2003

Evening Fashion show

In Cheltenham. Clothes by Debenhams.