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On my first visit to Sierra Leone last November I saw young children, like this 11 year old girl, carrying water containers weighing 30 kilos, for distances of up to a mile twice a day.



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I decided to try and make a difference and came up with the idea of introducing Aquarolls into Sierra Leone and I am taking a consignment of 11 when I return to Sierra Leone on May 22nd. The Aquarolls have been sponsored by: Chandlers, Church Lane, Banbury (3), The Banbury House Hotel (1) and 7 members of the Banbury Rotary Club. Go Outdoors, the new camping store on the outskirts of Oxford, (formerly Touchwood Sports) have supplied the Aquarolls at a discounted price as part of a sponsorship deal with Alan.

FUNDING UPDATE

As of today I have £655 towards the ACFC Hostel project (with a guarantee of a further £153), and further pledges for project funds which I am hoping will come in before I leave in 12 days time.

The Clinic and the Rotary Hostel of Hope will be officially opened on May 23rd by the President of Sierra Leone along with Mercy Ships founder Don Stephens, Anne Gloag (Stagecoach) who donated the Africa Mercy ship to the charity, many other dignitaries and Rotarians including ME.

BISHOP CARPENTER SCHOOL, NORTH NEWINGTON TO TWIN WITH THE CHRISTIAN HOPE SCHOOL, FREETOWN

A group of 7-9 year olds from Bishop Carpenter School have written letters to the children of the Christian Hope School in Kissy, Freetown to establish a twinning with the school. Bishop Carpenter held a non uniform day last term and raised £50 which I will take with me to help the school buy essential equipment.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of you who have helped me raise funds for the 3 projects thereby helping me make a real difference.