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The Rotary Hostel of Hope was officially opened on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 by the President of Sierra Leone. This was the culmination of an eight month building project which has involved 92 Rotarians and friends of Rotary (105 attendees in total) with the sum of £96,000 being raised by these volunteers which has funded the entire project.



What a difference from the first picture taken on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005 when Rotary's first team arrived.



The 35 bed Hostel should be fully open by the end of this month – the ground floor looks great!



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**BISHOP CARPENTER SCHOOL, NORTH NEWINGTON, BANBURY FORM A PEN PAL TWINNING WITH THE CHRISTIAN HOPE SCHOOL, KISSY, FREETOWN.**

Bishop Carpenter School in North Newington were pleased to be asked to form a twinning with the Christian Hope School in Kissy, Freetown. A number of pupils wrote letters to pupils in Kissy and they also held a non uniform day and raised £50 – whilst in Sierra Leone I re-visited the school where they were just starting to build a classroom for the top juniors who are currently taught in the playground - the £50 from Bishop Carpenter will help complete the much needed classroom project.



## AQUAROLLS – THE STORY SO FAR

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. She lived in a shanty about 300 yards from our hotel and I made a pledge that if I returned to Sierra Leone I would try and help improve her quality of life.



With sponsorship from Chandlers (Church Lane, Banbury), The Banbury House Hotel and 7 members of the Banbury Rotary Club I took a consignment of Aquarolls, which were supplied at a discounted rate by Go Outdoors, Oxford, out with me to Sierra Leone last month – I know I didn't even begin to scratch the surface of the issue **BUT** as with all things we have to start somewhere and I am hoping to develop the project with contacts that I have established in Freetown



This is the same girl using the Aquaroll that I presented to her as she begins her journey home from the standpipe where she has just had to pay for her water!!! It was great to see the Aquaroll being used on a daily basis during my stay. I gave another Aquaroll to another family in the same shanty and they were soon both being shared by a number of families from the shanty community.

## ABERDEEN ROTARY Club (UK) adopt ABERDEEN, FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE into the worldwide family of ABERDONIANS.

Last October Alistair Ritchie, from Aberdeen Rotary club, was on the first Rotary team working on the Hostel at the Aberdeen Clinic & Fistula Centre and suggested to his Club that maybe they could help the Aberdeen community in Freetown. This is a rainy day in Freetown – when it rains believe me it rains and the street sellers have little option other than to cover everything and wait.



The Aberdeen community decided a covered market would be a great asset to the local community and Aberdeen Rotary decided to support the project – 8 months and £11,500 later -



Aberdeen's new covered market, complete with butchery storage area and the first public toilets in Aberdeen. This is the project we worked on last month – we painted, mixed and laid concrete to form the soakaway channels and pathways, cleared the site of debris and tidied up generally prior to the official opening on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Alistair Ritchie & President of Aberdeen Rotary Club, David Peters, were present to see the culmination of a great project for their Club.

Rotary Mission Challenge Team 10 members were proud to be associated with such an International Community Service project.