

## **The Rotary Club of Banbury**

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Happy New Year - welcome to the latest edition of my newsletter - I hope you will find it of interest.

### **CHRISTIAN HOPE SCHOOL, FREETOWN**

June 2006 - this was the start of the classroom for the upper juniors (who were being taught in the playground) and I am pleased to report that with funding from Rotary Mission Challenge team 10 (which I was a member of) and Bishop Carpenter School, North Newington, (who raised £132 at their end of term talent show) this is the latest photo – what a great result for only £700!!

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### **JANUARY 2007 – the journey continues**

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January I am flying out to Sierra Leone for a 5 day visit – I will not be physically working, as on my past 2 trips, but am going to look at the progress of certain projects that started last year with a view to allocating funding for specific needs and in order to be able to report back on the progress of these projects.

### **BANBURY ROTARY CLUB donates £1,600 to Sierra Leone educational projects**

In October 2006 Banbury Rotary Club held its annual Children Singing for Children Concert over 3 nights, involving 20 junior & 3 secondary schools, raising a total of £3,200 half of which is to go to help educational needs in Sierra Leone.

Since returning from my second trip in June 2006 I have established a link with a Charity called Educaid, Sierra Leone, which manages and funds 4 schools in Sierra Leone catering for about 800 children. One of the main members of the Charity who runs the project in the country is Miriam Mason, a teacher, who is a past pupil of Blessed George Napier School, Banbury. I am meeting Miriam and will visit Lumley School, Freetown as Rotary has already agreed to fund the purchase of some much needed blackboards for the school.

I will also spend time at The Christian Hope School looking at future developments there, as there is still a great deal of need for further classroom building and the newly built classroom still needs some internal finishing undertaking.

I am hoping to visit 2 other school projects that were started as a direct result of funding provided by Rotarians from Clubs that were with me in May/June 2006 and report on progress so far.

