

THE JENEBA PROJECT REPORT 2007



Catherine Cantwell (Skidmore class of 2008) and Joseph Kaifala traveled to Sierra Leone in January to establish all necessary requirements for the construction of a High School at the St. Joseph's Junior Secondary School, Masoila, Sierra Leone. Most of the preliminary requirements have now been fulfilled for the construction of a four-room building. The project was highly received by Bishop George Biguzzi, Bishop of Makeni Diocese, Sierra Leone. Bishop Biguzzi also oversees construction by catholic charities throughout northern Sierra Leone. The library we constructed last year was named in honor of his Holiness George Biguzzi by the faculty and parents of students at the St. Joseph's Junior Secondary School.



We commenced the construction process even though we still haven't raised the amount of money needed to complete the building. The school building will be adjacent to the Biguzzi library. We succeeded in raising enough money to at least begin the construction which is expected to progress gradually as we continue to fundraise here in the United States. We also expect significant manual labor from community members who have pledged to give their full support to the project. There is a

significant need for more senior secondary schools around the Lungi area, and the parents of school children are very supportive of donors to the educational sector.



We also offered some relief materials such as books and pencils to primary school children at the Conakry-Dee primary school. It is essential to offer permanent or long lasting educational infrastructure to a war ravaged country like Sierra Leone, but it is equally important to render motivational relief services such as the provision of scholarships, clothes, stationery and medical assistance. Some children and parents need relief assistance in order to be able to pursue greater self-reliance.

The concept of **help-to-self-help** requires the provision of incentives and immediate relief that can empower a set of people to later pursue their own self-development. The aim of pragmatic developmental approach to development is to prepare communities for future leadership and entrepreneurship in the process of development as defined by their own needs and resources. It is for this reason that we prioritize education as a revolution of minds for a diverse approach to the process of national development. Education sets individuals along various paths of life that lead to a collective developmental output for the common welfare of society.

On behalf of the children of Sierra Leone, we express our deepest thanks and appreciation to all our donors, and we continue to solicit your support in making educations affordable for the children of Sierra Leone. Please contact Joseph Kaifala, Peter Brock or Catherine Cantwell for more information on **The Jeneba Project** and other projects in Sierra Leone.

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