

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace, AAO Executive Director

The kids are really enjoying their summer! To kick things off, they had a visit from the First Lady of Sierra Leone...and now they are busy becoming film stars, with the arrival of the documentary crew for the **"Hear Me"** project (see article on next page for more info). It's been a positive learning experience for the children and they are growing in lots of good ways. **We're excited that we now have a great computer lab for the children's educational use. What a terrific blessing!**

We're also continuing to move forward on our Grafton land project. All As One is now working with **Architects Without Borders** (Seattle chapter), to come up with a proposed site plan for our six acres, to include our new children's homes, school and clinic/hospital. Once we have the site plan, we will better know the costs for building. We'll keep you posted!

We've had many new arrivals to the Children's Center in the past month or so. Approximately 7 new children are now in care and are adjusting well. **We're so thankful to our supporters for allowing us to keep our doors open so that we can continue to care for these precious lives. Please know that your support is making a huge difference!!!**



We Still Need Your Help!

With all of the exciting things happening for All As One and the children in our care, it may seem as though all of our needs are being met. Unfortunately, this is not the case, and we are urgently in need of donations to help us continue to keep the orphanage open. With Ramadan approaching, we are asking you to consider hosting a personal "fundraising" dinner at home with friends, to break the fast at Iftar. We have some wonderful recipes you can use to prepare the entire feast -- and you can enjoy the company of your friends, while helping out a worthy cause. If you'd like more information (or need the recipes), please let us know by e-mailing info@aaodubai.org. And, remember, you can also donate to AAO online at www.aaodubai.org/donate.php. We really appreciate your support!

“Hear Me” Film Crew in Freetown This Month!

The film crew for the documentary, “Hear Me,” which proposes to bring the orphans of the world together through music and song, arrived in Freetown on August 21. They brought 20 XO laptops with them, and we have just set up a computer lab for the children’s use at the Center. The kids are extremely excited and loving every moment they get to be in front of the new laptops. Steven Amara, AAO’s Country Director in Sierra Leone, says: *“The Children’s Center has now been turned into a virtual music studio. Everywhere you go you’ll hear the happy noises and the sounds of different instruments being played on the computer systems.”*



With the new laptops, the children can create their own songs and explore their creative sides. It’s been a wonderful gift! And on top of it all, the kids get to participate in a documentary film, which is also teaching them a lot about film production.

The documentary crew should wrap-up filming in Sierra Leone by the end of August, and the film will then be premiered at the **Elevate Film Festival** in Los Angeles, California on October 5, 2008 (www.elevateexperience.com). It is our hope that the film will inspire people and also bring more attention to the needs for the children in Sierra Leone.

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