

On Monday the 23 rd. of September Clifford Wusi and I visited the Defense School of Nursing where Moses Sesay is in his final year of undertaking the State Enrolled Community Health Nurse program .

Moses is one of six children he is the eldest, Moses is 25 years of age. His mother is the half-sister of Dr Gbla she is a widow. Moses feels very responsible for his mother and his siblings.

Moses lives close to the School of Nursing he lives with a friend as he cannot afford daily transport or accommodation. He is a very serious young man and is very focused on achieving his dream of becoming a Community Health Officer.

He will complete his study in May 2014 and would like to continue doing a Master's degree in Public Health at the Paramedical School in Bo .This study is 3-4 years his plan is to work for two years to gain experience as a qualified nurse.

The principle wrote in the letter we received that he is an intelligent well behaved student he gained first place in his Obstetrics exam and his final score for the year was 89% coming second position.

Moses is very appreciative for the support he receives and promises to maintain his standard.

It was explained to us that the Defense School of Nursing is the cheapest Nursing school in Sierra Leone as it is a Military School. Most schools pay three or four times the amount annually. Therefore the number of applicants has increased tremendously which has resulted in the increase of fees to come more in line with the other Nursing schools.

The tuition fees remained the same but the additional fees like Public Health experience, exam fees and library fees have increased.

At the end of the year when he graduates he is expected to pay for his membership card, license and ID, certificate, graduation gown and refreshments. Fees paid for the year and receipt received.



Moses Sesay

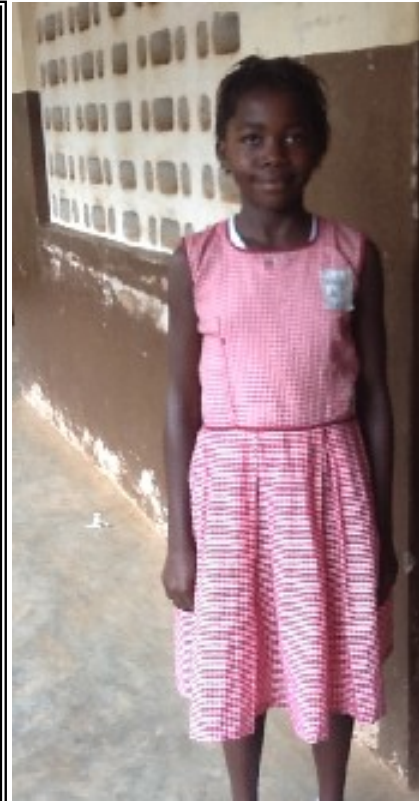
Kadiatu Bangura is eleven years old she lives with her mother and father and older sister in Freetown.

Kadiatu is a friendly child she has changed her school last year and is now at St Luke's primary school in the west of Freetown. This is a private school and prior to admission Kadiatu had to do an exam. We spoke with the head teacher who explained that children who come from another school always have to repeat the year. Kadiatu is in Year 4.

The school appeared organized and the staff was very friendly. Unfortunately it was raining heavy when we came and the class rooms are overall very dark. Below is a picture with Kadiatu and her teacher.

School fees paid for the year and receipt received.

Kadiatu Bangura



Saidu Jalloh

Saidu grew up in Mamankara his parents are very poor. Saidu now lives in Freetown in rented accommodation with two other students (completed their studies) sponsored by SLDARA .

Saidu is in his final year at the Government Technical Institute in the East End of Freetown. The area Saidu is studying is Air-conditioning and Refrigeration.

Saidu is a nice young man he is very appreciative for the support the charity is giving him and has written a letter of thanks.



**Amadu Kargbo with Yeabu Gbla,
Osman Kargbo, Saidu
Jalloh & landlady**



Saidu Jalloh

Saidu Kamara age 17 lives in the east of Freetown with the family of late Uncle Kemoh. The house is very crowded with family members and Saidu has to sleep in the living room .Quiet studying is impossible. Saidu attends the Government Independence Memorial Secondary School in Kissy.

The school building is in a very bad state and we were thinking of the possibility of collapse. The classrooms are very dark.

Saidu had an average report last academic year and has been promoted to SSS 4 this is the final year before going to college/university. Saidu would like to study Accountancy.

School fees paid for the year and receipt received.



Saidu Kamara

Marie Sesay

Marie failed the entrance exam to enter the Nursing Program this year and we advised her to look into other courses. However Marie is adamant that she wants to become a nurse. Clifford and I had a long chat with her regarding her future and decided to give her a last chance.

She is now doing the Preparatory Syndicate Classes for the SECHN (entrance Examinations) at Connaught Hospital, the course is for six months and ends in March she will then do the exam in the summer. I went to the Hospital and paid her fees. Receipt received.



Marie Sesay

Abdulai Kabbia age 10 years is the son of Pa Usman who is employed by us as a Watchman.

Pupil at St John's Primary School Adelaide Street Freetown.

Abdulai is currently in Year 5 I received his report from Class 4 he has done well (16th position) appears to be a quiet boy.

I met the head teacher Mr Prince Clarkson who has a lot of experience as a teacher. The school is a non-fee paying Government school but has a recommended booklist which I received and paid for. The school has a very high passing rate at the end of year 6.

I met Anna the mother of Abdulai at the school and together we met the headmaster and discussed what is expected of Abdulai.



Abdulai Kabbia

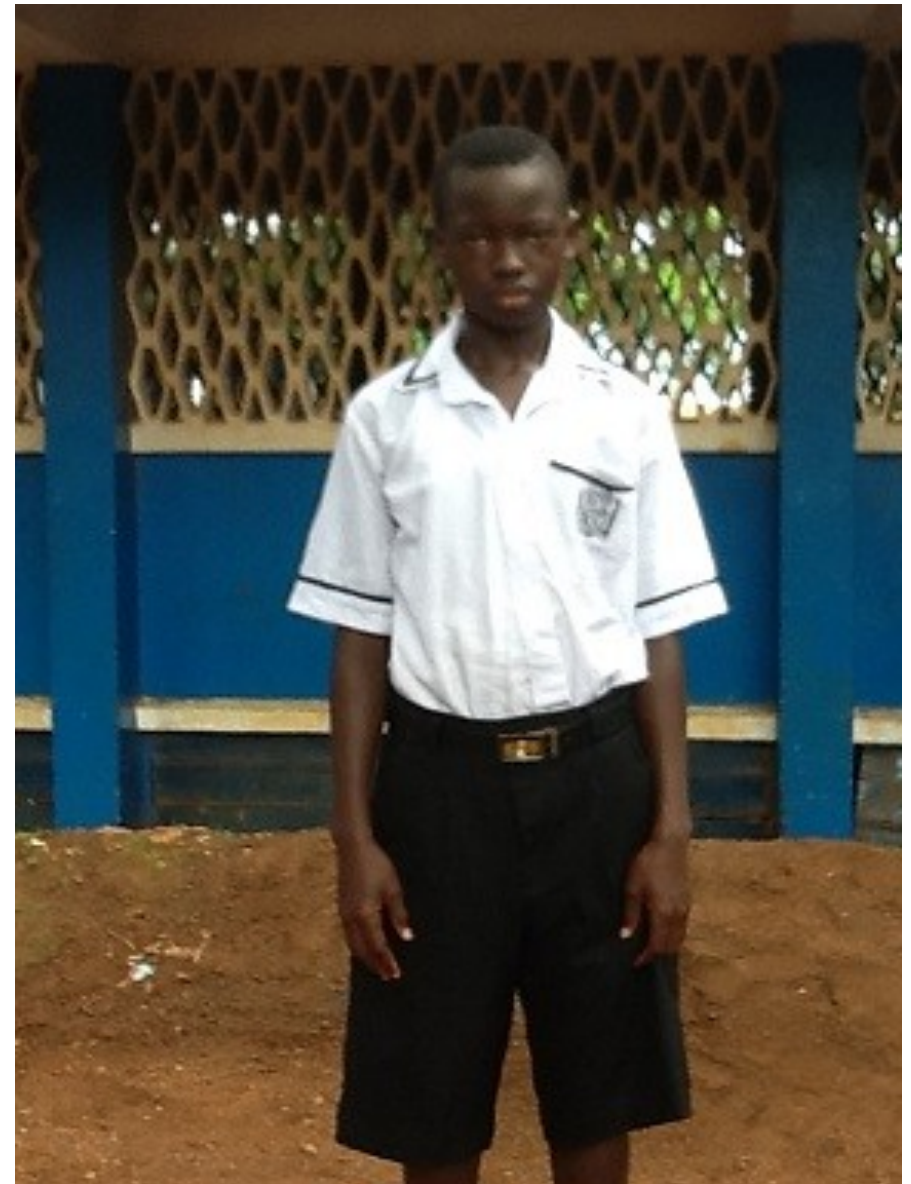
Abdul Rahman Kamara

Abdul is the son of Momo the son of late Pa Kemoh Kamara . He lives with his parents and four brothers in the East (Kissy) in Freetown.

Abdul Rahman is 13 years old he appears very shy. He did well last year with an average result of 54.2 Position 8. His performance in school is very consistent and his conduct is good. He has been promoted to JSS2 and attends the Methodist Boy's High School Kissy Mess Mess .

The school is on a large compound the buildings are old but the students appear very neat and well behaved.

Annual fees paid and receipt received.



Abdul Rahman Kamara

Dauda Kabia is the son of Mr Kabia who works as a mechanic at the garage at Wellington. Dauda is 21 years old he is one of nine children .Of the older children he is the only one who has come this far with his studies. Dauda still lives at home which makes studying often difficult.

Dauda is attending the Freetown Teacher's College (FTC) which is located in Kossoh Town-Hastings .The college is offering different educational programs. Dauda enrolled last year and is doing the Higher Teacher's Certificate Secondary in Social Studies and Government.

He has been promoted to the last year . Dauda appears forthcoming and is very approachable ,his English is good. He takes his studies seriously although experiencing daily hardship like no money for lunch or transport.

and received.



Fees paid
receipt re-

Dauda Kabia

Mariatu Kargbo

Mariatu is the last child of Fatu and Abdul Kargbo from Mile 91 .

Mariatu is 13 years of age she lives since she was very young with Ejatu the sister of Saidu Jalloh at Rokel Village.

Rokel is a village before Waterloo; Mariatu attends the Rokel Agricultural Junior Secondary School

Her Principal is Mr. Kamara whom I have met and kindly volunteered to go on the picture with me .The school is just off the main road and the classes are in shelters made of zinc and sticks.

Mariatu is now in JSS 3 she is hard working and obedient in class ,her fees have been paid for the year and receipt received.



Mariatu Kargbo



Thursday 26 of September I went with Philip, Angela and Yeabu to Mile 91 and Mamankara . We planned to do it all in one day and set off at 6 am. We arrived at 9.30 at Mile 91 where we met three of our students. These are the children of Fatu and her husband Abdul. Fatu is the daughter of Ya Amie Gbla who is the sister of Dr Gbla. They are all living in the family house at Mile 91 where each child has their own room.

Fatmata Kargbo is the eldest she is 20 years old and attends the An-sarul Islamic Secondary School at Mile 91.

The school looks reasonable but again very dark inside the class rooms.

Fatmata is in SSS 3 Commercial she came 58th position last year which means she can do better.



Fatmata Kargbo

Aminata Kargbo age 18 changed school last year but had previously attended this school. She did not do well at Bishop Conforti School and has been re admitted at the Ansarul Islamic secondary school.

Her results of last year were very weak but the head master Mr Kamara kindly honored my request to give her a chance. Aminata is in SSS 2 Commercial and promised to do her best to improve her standard.



Aminata Kargbo

Hassan Kargbo age 16 attends Sierra Leone Muslim Brotherhood Senior Secondary School. The school is far away and Hassan has to walk hours to get there in time, he leaves at 6 am to be there at 0.800 hrs.

The school is situated in a nice compound the classrooms are big but dark and the furniture is limited. Hassan is a very tall quiet boy. His performance last year was good and the teacher wrote that he is a consistent student. Hassan is now in SSS2 Arts.



Hassan Kargbo

We continued our journey to Mamankara the road was very bad as we still have heavy rains at night and sometimes during the day. There were many swamps and deep holes on the road but thanks to Philip's careful and skillful driving we arrived safely around 14.00 hrs. We went to the head master who was very kind to show us the results of the children who passed the entrance exam well to go to secondary school.

As some of our students completed their studies we have decided to sponsor more younger children We discussed that we give the children with the best grade a chance to get sponsored with the condition that they continue to do well .

Mohammed Sesay came top with a score of 289 followed by his brother but we didn't think it was fair to take two children from the same family so we took Dora Kargbo who came next with a score of 286.

The third child is Osman Kamara with a score of 279.

The head master Mr. Amadu B. Jalloh kindly told us a little about each child. Mohamed is the son of Pa Alpha Sesay who is the brother of the chief of Mamankara. Pa Alpha is very elderly and has been unwell for some time. I visited him briefly and his condition is poorly.



**Osman Kamara
Mohamed Sesay
& Osman Gbla**

Mohamed Sesay lives with his father and mother He is 13 years of age and is now in the first year JSS1 of Benevolent Islamic Secondary School at Roruks



Mohamed Sesay

Dora Kargbo age 14 lives in a nearby village and went to school at Mamankara . During her school time she lived with her grandmother at Mamankara. Dora lost her father but lives with her mother and step-father in a village between Mamankara and Mathoir and has now gone to secondary school at Mathoir where she is in JSS1

We were very fortunate to meet her and her mother and family . The family were delighted when we told them of our plan to sponsor Dora and expressed their gratitude. We took Dora and her elder brother with us to pay the school fees at the Pope John Paul 11 Memorial Secondary School at Mathoir.

The school is one of the nicest schools seen so far as it was already late going to five pm the school was closed for the day, but the brother knew where the Principal lived and we stopped there, The Principal

Mr. Koroma came to meet us I told him our decision to sponsor Dora and gave him our charity card. He said the school was now closed for the day but I told him that we wanted to return to Freetown the same day. He kindly informed the Bursar Mr. Sheriff who came with us.

I paid the annual fees for Dora and received a receipt from Mr. Sheriff.



Dora's Mother



**Dora Kargbo
& Bursar**

Our third child is Osman Kamara age 13, Osman lost his father and lives with Mr. Sesay at Mamankara.

Osman is now also in the first year JSS1 of Benevolent Islamic Secondary School at Roruks. I tried to speak with each child but they were very shy and they don't understand English well. I hope in time to get more back ground information, Due to lack of time as schools were closing I could not afford to spend more time at Mamankara.

Annual fee paid to the Bursar who we fortunately met close to the school on his way home. We did not meet the Principal.



Laundry after school

Osman Kamara

Osman Gbla is the son of brother Hassan Gbla the elder brother of Dr. Gbla . Hassan Gbla is blind due to Glaucoma he lives with his wife Kadiatu and four children at Mamankara.

Osman is the fourth child he is age 15 his exam score was 255 making him 7th position. Osman is very small for his age his nickname is Orbellie as I have always known him.

He has now also been registered at the Benevolent Islamic secondary School at Roruks where he will attend together with his friends Mohammed Sesay and Osman Kamara. The distance to walk for the boys is very far they have to leave at least at 6 am to be there at 8 am the walk is difficult as the roads are through the villages .

The school is in a bad condition from the outside because the school was already closed I have been unable to see the inside of the school.

School fees for Osman Gbla paid for the year and receipt received.



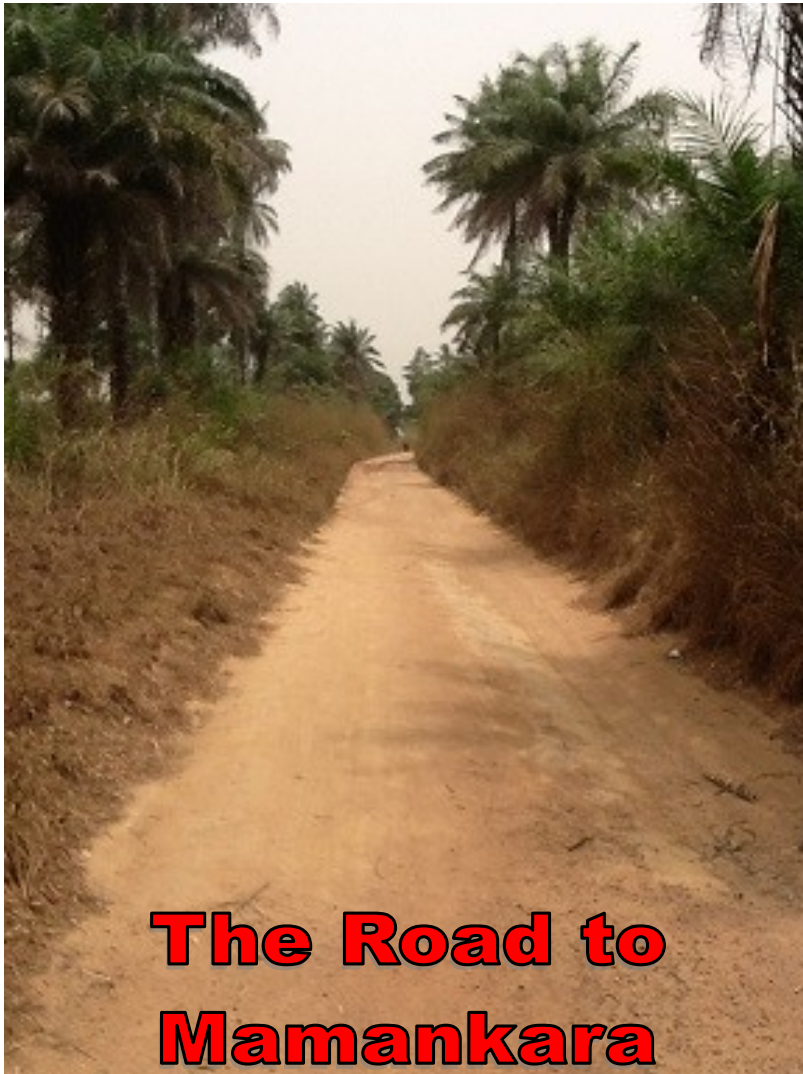
Orbellie @ home

Osman Gbla

Abdul Gbla is the fifth son of brother Hassan Gbla he attends the Ansarul Primary School at Mamankara

He is in Year 4 his age is 12 years.

The head master at the school at Mamankara is Mr. Amadu B Jalloh .Annual fees have been paid for Abdul and receipt received.



Abdul Gbla

Our next student was Kaprie Sesay.

Kaprie is 20 years of age he attends the Huntingdon senior Secondary school at Jui a place between Freetown and Waterloo.

Unfortunately we missed Kaprie as his classes are in the morning and we arrived after lunch time. However I met Kaprie twice this year once in Waterloo and once at Aberdeen.

Kaprie is the son of a double amputee his father died three years ago and he lives with his mother.

Kaprie is a nice young man very motivated to do well.

Mr. Daramy who has been made the head of the Committee of ampu-tees last week oversees his studies.

Kaprie is in his last year which is SSS4 Science. He will sit his WASSCE at the end of this academic year .

Annual fees paid plus payment made for WASSCE Science Practical's receipt received for both.



Kaprie Sesay

Joseph Sesay

Joseph is the brother of Kaprie he also attend Huntingdon School. Joseph is 15 years of age and he sat his BECE is Basic Education Certificate Examination in the summer of which the results are expected to come out in October. This will determine if he can continue to Senior Secondary School and which direction he will choose.

I spoke with Mr. Daramy and he said the mother can no longer afford the transport money for Joseph to and from school everyday. So we have decided to look for another school nearby for him. The fees will be around (300,000) I met with Joseph at our house in Aberdeen.



Joseph Sesay

Mabinty Kanu

Mabinty is age 17 she lives with her father who is an amputee at Waterloo. Mabinty's mother died.

Mr. Daramy oversees her studies.

Mabinty is a very shy girl she attends the Rural Academy Secondary School at Lumpa Waterloo.

I visited the school and met the Principal. Mabinty has repeated SSS2 and had satisfactory results last academic year and has been promoted to SSS 3 Art.

We met Mabinty on her way from school.

Annual fees paid and receipt received.



Mabinty Kanu

We then went to Waterloo where we met Mr Daramy and his children. Mr. Daramy is the head of the Committee of amputees. He himself lost both his arms in the war and lives in the amputee camp at Waterloo.

Mr. Daramy is a member of the Amputees Association and Vice President of war victims. He helps the children of amputees to provide for their future. Mr. Daramy lost his wife in 2007 leaving him with six children to provide for the youngest two children were only six and three years old.

Mr. Daramy struggles to meet all the needs of the children especially the non-curriculum things, he does not receive any financial support from the Government and is unable to work due to his disability and is now often seen begging in the streets. Before the war Mr. Daramy earned his living as a driver.

I am very impressed with Mr. Daramy and his children they appear neat, polite and well spoken.

Musa Daramy is 15 years old and attends the Barack Obama Community Change school 19 Abb Line –Off Liverpool Street at Waterloo.

The school is very close to where Mr. Daramy lives which is an advantage as he can walk to school. Musa done well last academic year and has been promoted to JSS3 he will sit his BECE at the end of this academic year.

Annual fees paid and receipt received.



Musa Daramy

Umu Daramy age 12(dob 14/11/2002)

Umu comes from the Hope Preparatory School Umu sat her entrance exam this summer and scored 283 which is good . The report says that she is a hard working girl with good conduct.

Umu has now been admitted to the Barack Obama Community Change School where her brother Musa also attends. I met the Principal and filled in the admission form for Umu .She will be going to JSS1 Annual fees paid and receipt received.



Umu Daramy

Mariama Daramy age 9

Mariama is the youngest child of Mr. Daramy she is now in class 6 of KPM Primary School at Manokoya New London Waterloo village and is doing well.

Mariama will have to sit her entrance exam at the end of this academic year.

Annual fees paid and receipt received.



Mariama Daramy

Idrissa attends the Lorenzo Gorvie Memorial Senior Secondary school Maim Motor Road at Waterloo. I met the Principal Mr Dawodu contact number 076 619188.

Idrissa has promoted to SSS4 Commercial he will sit his WASSCE at the end of this academic year.

I did not meet Idrissa as his classes are in the morning and I arrived midafternoon.

Annual fees paid and receipt received.



Idrissa Fofanah

Al Hassan Fofanah age 17

Al Hassan attends the same school as his brother Idrissa. He was in junior school and sat his BECE in the summer of which the results will come out in October. This will determine if he has been promoted to SSS 1 and which direction he will choose.

He has got his result but it is not promising and it is advisable for him to re-sit the exam. The sponsorship will continue if he agrees to re-sit the exam.



Al Hassan Fofanah

Zainab Melrose Kamara

Zainab has changed school this year as she has moved to Freetown she now attends the Government Independent Memorial Secondary School at Kissy Freetown. Zainab who is 19 years of age is in her last year of Senior School in SSS4. She used to attend a private school but could no longer afford to pay for the daily transport the reason she moved. As this is a state school she has asked me to pay for Syndicate lessons in six of her subjects to prepare her better for the coming exams. These lessons are till March 2014. In the summer I have met Zainab at our house at Aberdeen together with Mr. Daramy and some other sponsored children. Mr. Daramy oversees her studies. Zainab father has died and her mother has polio, she has three sisters. She feels very responsible to do well and wants to study Accountancy. In the time I have been in Sierra Leone we have developed a good contact and



Zainab Melrose Kamara

Zainab she often visits me or calls me to see how Yeabu and I are doing.



**Zainab Melrose
Kamara**

