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WE NEED YOUR HELP



HISTORY | OUR MISSION



SIERRA LEONE RELIEF AGENCY
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OUR MISSION:

SLRAC STRIVES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE PARTICULARLY IN EDUCATION TO POST WAR SIERRA LEONE AND TO RAISE AWARENESS IN THE UNITED STATE OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS IN THE COUNTRY.



From 1991 through 2002 a brutal civil war raged in the small West African country of Sierra Leone. The war devastated the nation rated the second poorest in the world. This small country, with 4 million people, has a life expectancy of less than 40 years and an average annual income of \$470. During the war more than 50,000 people were killed; thousands suffered amputations at the hands of kidnapped child soldiers, villages, towns and schools were destroyed.

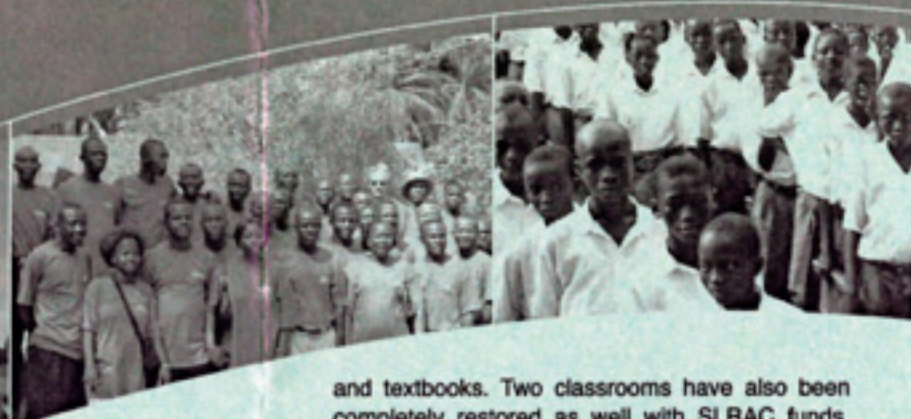
In early 1999, a group of ex patriot Sierra Leoneans living in Northern California founded the Sierra Leone Relief Agency of California (SLRAC). Their purpose in doing so was to provide humanitarian aid to victims of the war, to educate Americans about Sierra Leone's suffering and to promote interest in social, economic and development affairs in the country. To this end funds were raised and medical supplies donated and shipped to a refugee camp in 2002, the year peace was declared. Since then SLRAC Board members have traveled back to Sierra Leone at their own expense and determined that education represents the hope for the country's future. In 2004 SLRAC identified Scarcies Secondary School, one of the country's best, located in the rural village of Mambolo, as a deserving recipient of small grant funds for capital improvement and the donation of school supplies and for transportation.



Currently SLRAC has an exciting opportunity to expand services to education in Sierra Leone. Partnering with the Schools for Salone Project ("Salone" is Krio for Sierra Leone) SLRAC will be helping to administer grant funding and donations to build and rebuild schools throughout the country. "Schools For Salone" has built six new primary schools in country since 2004. SLRAC is honored to be a part of this partnership. Education is the hope for Sierra Leone's future. We hope you will support us in our efforts.

SCARCIES SECONDARY SCHOOL, MAMBOLO

Founded in 1968 Scarcies quickly became one of the finest secondary schools in the country, particularly in its Math and Science curriculums. Scarcies faculty is made up of well-trained indigenous teachers all of whom once attended as students. Scarcies has achieved the highest standardized test scores in the country since 2005. There is no student housing, electricity or running water and students often walk up to five miles each way to attend school. Classes take place six days a week, eleven months a year. The school stayed open during the war by moving to the capital Freetown. SLRAC funding has assisted the school with a purchase of a van, the shipment of computers, other capital equipment (the school does have a generator), soccer uniforms, medical supplies



and textbooks. Two classrooms have also been completely restored as well with SLRAC funds. Future funds will be aimed at improving health, sanitation and water well capacity at the school.

SCHOOLS FOR SALONE

Organized by an ex Peace Corps Volunteer who worked in Sierra Leone ("Salone") before the war, money raised is used to fund the construction of new and sustainable schools throughout the country. With very little overhead expense, Schools for Salone funds go directly and reliably toward building materials and construction in locations where residents and leaders are committed to providing free labor and needed raw materials. During the war an entire generation was left without education. New schools not only restore pride and community in areas previously devastated, they provide hope to future generations.

