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LETTER FROM LUCY

Una kaboh oh!

This greeting means 'welcome' in Krio. Welcome to our first Newsletter. A lot has happened since our successful fundraising dinner in October, 2005 and I would like to give you an update.

I traveled to Sierra Leone on November 25, 2005, to check on the progress of our projects. The VIP Sanitary facilities have been completed as are the wells. A final check is necessary to insure proper functioning. The Community Center was halfway up and building should be completed in two months.

My first two weeks in

Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone, were spent visiting government agencies and advocating on behalf of our non governmental organization, The Magic Penny Inc. - Sierra Leone. We will

definitely continue to get some help from the government with regard to the school and the village community.

Week three of my trip took me to Moyamba, where I rented office space for our local NGO. Bompehtoke village is located in Moyamba district and government rules require that the NGO's office be located in the district.



Week four found me in the village of Bompehtoke. The trip down there was long and tiresome but well worth the effort. I called a meeting of the village elders and apprised them of our progress. They thanked me and asked me to extend their 'THANKS' to all of you in the United States.

We ALL thank you!

TMPI Officers & Board Members

Joan Nickels, Chairperson;
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SECOND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!

What a wonderful evening! It is with great gratitude for all who supported, attended, and helped make The Magic Penny, Inc.'s First Annual Benefit Dinner, "Recapturing the Hope of Sierra Leone" held Thursday, October 27, 2005 at Bella Verde a tremendous success! The number of attendees exceeded expectations and their generous participation in the raffles and silent auctions helped fulfill the meaning behind the words of the song "The

if you give it away..." Truly love, laughter, music, and generosity were in the air. The guests were treated to the music of the Harborfields High School String Ensemble, led by Mr. Alan Walter. This was all the more special because although these students are now sophomores and seniors at Harborfields High School, they had all been students of our

when they were at Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School. During dinner, guests were treated to authentic African music played on a Kora, performed by Mr. Lankandia Cissoko. Guest speaker, Mr. Keni Kallon, who was born and educated in Sierra Leone, shared facts and insights which gave meaning to "Recapturing the Hope of Sierra Leone". Ms. Lucy Sumner shared her vision, which guides The Magic Penny, Inc. This was accompanied by a presentation of maps, plans, and photos of students and construction that is currently taking place in the village of Bompehtoke. The Magic Penny has indeed made an important step toward "Recapturing the Hope of Sierra Leone".

Mission Statement

The Magic Penny, Inc. (TMPI) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Organization created to develop and implement Individualized self-sufficiency action plans, that will empower rural communities in Sierra Leone, West Africa by fostering Education, Health, and Economic growth.

Current Projects

- Primary School Building
- Drinking Water Wells
- Ventilated Improved Pit Toilets
- Community Center (started)



Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or if you wish to donate supplies or materials, please do not hesitate to call.

- I would like to be a volunteer.
- I would like to join a committee.

Volunteer Spotlight



Many, many thanks to our volunteers and Events Committee members for their tireless efforts in helping us with our first fundraiser, strategic planning, journal, brochure, tickets, gift baskets, sponsors and other behind the scenes good works!

Una tenki yah! (Thank you)

Please Join Us

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- \$100
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