

SIERRA LEONE MERCY HOME | DECEMBER 2021 UPDATE



Picture 1. Mercy Home is near Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Calvary Boise's Support of Mercy Home, 2015-2021

Calvary Chapel Boise has supported the Mercy Home Orphanage in Sierra Leone, Africa, since 2015. Mercy Home is located in the small town of Waterloo which is close to Freetown on the west coast of Sierra Leone (Picture 1). Pastor Alpha Bangura and his wife Doris are the Mercy Home Directors. The Bangura's have two young daughters, Joy and Princess (Picture 2).



Picture 2. Pastor Alpha, his wife Doris, and daughters Princess and Joy.



Picture 3. The 13 school-aged girls at the Mercy Home Orphanage.

Currently, Mercy Home has 13 girls that range in age from 9 to 22 years (Picture 3). Most of these girls were orphaned in 2014 when their parents died from the Ebola virus epidemic. Three other girls who were raised at Mercy Home have begun college. Gloria, Margaret and Mary are at the beginning of their college studies (Picture 4). The ladies are excited to be at this point in their lives with hopes for careers in the future.



Picture 4. Margaret, Mary and Gloria, the young ladies who grew up at Mercy Home and who have now begun college studies.



Picture 5. Pastor Alpha directs a Christian School on the Mercy Home campus.

Mercy Home is part of a Christian Community on land that also hosts a Christian school and a church. Pastor Alpha also runs the school which has 230 students (Picture 5). The school is funded by the students' tuition. The church provides a location for a vibrant Christian community to meet throughout the week.

Mercy Home is funded solely by child sponsorships and additional giving from generous people in the Boise community. Donors have faithfully given to Mercy Home for the last six years. The funds are used to provide the basic necessities for the children, the workers, and Pastor Alpha, Doris and their family. However, the current level of funding is insufficient for all of the needs at Mercy Home.

In early 2021, it became evident that the roof on Mercy Home was worn out and leaking badly. Severe water damage had already occurred to the ceiling tiles inside Mercy Home. Additional donations were made that allowed for both new roofing and new ceiling tiles (Picture 6). Other donations in 2021 helped with the expenses for the three college ladies and with Pastor Alpha's medical needs.



Picture 6. A new roof and new ceiling tiles were installed at Mercy Home in 2021.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022

There are several important needs for Mercy Home in the upcoming year.

NEW WATER WELL. The well at Mercy Home is only productive during the wet season from June to December. This has caused great hardship during the dry season. Plans are underway to construct a new well.

CHILD SPONSORSHIPS. The young ladies at the orphanage are maturing and more funding is required to keep up with their needs such as food, clothing, and medical. Sponsorships are \$50 a month per child.

NEW HOUSING. The Bangura family has lived in the same dormitory as the young ladies in the orphanage for years. It is time to provide a separate dwelling for them. Construction plans are in the primary stage of development. Funding is needed for this project.

PASTOR ALPHA'S MEDICAL. Pastor Alpha has suffered with a severe digestive problem for many years. He has received inadequate treatment in Sierra Leone. Pastor Alpha is planning a trip to nearby Ghana for better medical treatment. Initial funds have been provided for transportation and housing during his stay in Ghana, and for his initial evaluations at the hospital. Additional funding may be required depending on his treatment needs.