

In Sierra Leone if you get sick and you have no money, you die.

So say the people of Sierra Leone. There is no health insurance and the government health system requires payment for services in advance. Health care is inexpensive by American standards but when the average wage is between \$1 and \$3 a day, even basic health services are not affordable.

Last year one of the work teams met Foday, a bright and energetic senior in secondary school, receiving a Scholarship of Hope from SEED. Upon graduating from secondary school this year, while waiting to qualify for college, he is teaching at the new Heritage High School in Kabala.

When a work team was visiting this year Foday informed them that he needed surgery for appendicitis. The work team confirmed the diagnosis with the doctor and found that the operation would cost \$100 plus \$2 for the doctor visit and \$3 for the hospital room. As Foday only makes \$25 a month as a beginning teacher there is no way he can afford the surgery. He may die. Fortunately the team was there and could provide the \$105 He is doing well. A life was saved that will Make A Difference in the future. Foday hopes to become a Doctor.



The work teams eat their meals in a room at Nar Sarah Clinic next to the delivery room. This year a baby was born one hour before the team ate breakfast. The next day a baby was born during breakfast with the meal being interrupted by the cry of a new born and the grandmother dancing by the door. These two mothers, by having their babies at the Clinic, greatly improved on the 1 in 8 chance of death during child birth in Sierra Leone. By being born in the Clinic, the children greatly improve their chance at life since 43% of children die before 5. Nar Sarah Clinic will provide the mothers with post natal care and education about childhood diseases, nutritional information, and encourage a healthy life style.

While Nar Sarah Clinic could not have provided the surgery for Foday the Clinic continues to provide health services for all that need it. Those that can afford it are asked to pay a fee but no one is turned away because of money. Nar Sarah provides free health care to the local Save Our Children program and the Amputee/War Wounded Camp in addition to those unable to pay.

Enclosed is a list of the many programs of SEED Inc. and the Nar Sarah Clinic. Health care involves education, a good and nutritious diet, and jobs to provide income. Each SEED program of health care and community development improves the quality of life in Kabala, Sierra Leone.

Help us answer the questions found in Matthew 25:37-39, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" Answer these questions by making a donation to the people of Sierra Leone.

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