

## WHY HELP SIERRA LEONE?

- ✓ Many international agencies rank Sierra Leone as the poorest nation in the world.
- ✓ The literacy rate of Sierra Leone is approximately 35% while the rate near Nar Sarah Clinic is near 21%
- ✓ The literacy rate for girls and women is generally lower than the averages.
- ✓ One in eight mothers die during child birth. 43% of children die before reaching 5 years old.
- ✓ Infant mortality is 282/1,000. Malnutrition is the major factor
- ✓ Every 30 seconds a child dies of malaria in Africa. Every 6 seconds a child will die of hunger.
- ✓ The U.N. ranks Sierra Leone as being the worst place in the world to be under 5.
- ✓ 80% of the population lives below the poverty line. 57% make less than \$1.00 per day.
- ✓ There are only 3 doctors per 100,000 people. 60% of the population lack access to health care.
- ✓ Electricity is not available in most areas or only for a very limited time



## HOW DOES S.E.E.D. HELP?

### HEALTH CARE



Nar Sarah Clinic was the first program of SEED and remains the most important and effective. It provides preventative and curative care to 50 to 60 patients a day with a medical staff of 5. Pregnant women are encouraged to have their babies at the Clinic. The staff is led by Balansama "Peacemaker" Kargbo and our own "Mother Theresa" Kargbo. The new clinic building has a large indoor and outdoor classroom area to provide classes for HIV/Aids prevention, nutrition, healthy life styles, disease prevention, proper sanitation, pre natal and post natal care, etc. There are beds for overnight observation while those with major health issues are referred to the local government hospital. The Clinic has a program to help with Fistula, a common problem with young women.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Agriculture.** SEED has a full time Agriculturalist teaching the people how to get more production from their land and introducing new food sources. He encourages sustainable living while promoting agriculture for income and jobs, both for the individuals and the community. A current and exciting program is teaching canning to preserve food for the hungry season. SEED also has a beginning Animal Husbandry program to raise cattle to provide meat, milk, and oxen to assist in farming.

**Education.** SEED provides Scholarships of Hope to as many as possible with an emphasis on girls due to the local tribal history of not educating girls.

**Micro Loans.** SEED has some funds available to provide micro loans to a limited number of applicants. The loans are used to help individuals and families start small businesses to provide income and jobs.

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## PARTNERS

**Women Against Poverty.** SEED partners with W.A.P. to help women become independent. Currently W.A.P. teaches weaving, tailoring, agriculture (large gardens), and tie dye. WAP members are learning canning from the SEED Agricultural Officer. WAP members also participate in the SEED micro loan program. An Adult Literacy program is being sponsored by W.A.P., with funding provided through SEED, with 22 women registered for the first class.



**Kabala Amputee/War Wounded Camp.** SEED partners with the Kabala Amputee/War Wounded Camp to assist them in acquiring food and health care. Scholarships are available for their children.

**Kabala School for the Blind.** SEED partners with the Kabala School for the Blind to help them find humane living conditions and provide for their short term needs. Through efforts by SEED a new building is being erected for use as a classroom. A large private donation this year allowed SEED to provide a bed, mattress, and a mosquito net for each of the 45 students.



**Operation Classroom/The United Methodist Church.** SEED has partnered with Operation Classroom and the U.M.C. to assist in the locating and building of the new Heritage High School, helping to start a new U.M.C. Church in the area, and working with the Kabala School for the Blind.

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