

## GENEROUS DONATIONS COME FROM PERSE

In April the trustees of the charity, were invited to The Perse School for Girls, Cambridge to give a presentation about the lifestyle, education and work of the charity in Kaleo, Ghana. We were given a very warm welcome by the 160 pupils and the staff. To set the scene one of our trustees dressed up as the Village Chief; the librarian and girls from the school dressed as his family. The pupils were keen to take part in demonstrations and by answering questions put to them.

The pupils saw how different life in Kaleo is to theirs, by seeing and learning about how the people in the village live, in particular the children, and that many children do not receive education because of the cost, those who do, attend very poor and overcrowded schools with no, or very little, equipment. The girls also learnt that life is hard for the children who have no education many having to work on the land, help in the home or sell goods in the markets.

Everyone at the school seemed keen and extremely enthusiastic to help with fund raising so that the children in Kaleo could have free Nursery education with good resources and teaching, to enable them to start building the foundations of a good education. Even before we left the school our logo was printed on card for bookmarks to be sold in the library and we were given copies of posters saying 'How much can we raise for Kaleo?'

We have been told that fund raising is going well. 'Lob Your Dosh' was great fun and raised nearly £52. This entailed a pipe being put out of the library window on the second floor and 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins were rolled down the pipe into a bucket of water. Several classes have held break time cake sales and they raised on average £75 in just 10 minutes! The school are holding non-uniform days and one year group is having a fashion show to raise money. A silver collection from the school concert will also be donated.

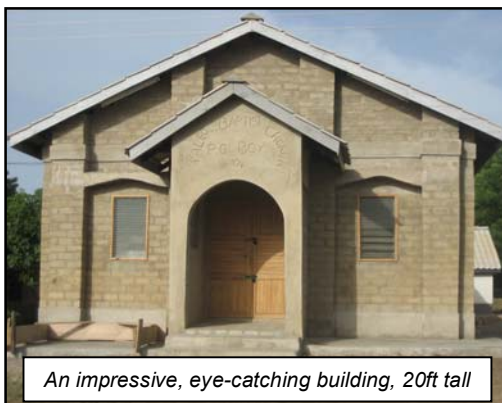
The school run a Brownie Pack and they have been keen to raise money, contributing £212 from a sponsored silence. The Brownies have also asked if they could write to some children in Kaleo. We hope this Pen Pal scheme will be a permanent venture and anticipate this could be up and running at the start of the new school term in September.



*The children are fascinated to learn about Kaleo*



## THE CHURCH BUILDING IS FINISHED



*An impressive, eye-catching building, 20ft tall*

The newly built church in Kaleo is now complete both outside and inside. It is used every Sunday for worship services and it is hoped that soon the new Kaleo Baptist Nursery School will also start using the building. The building is admired by the Pastor, congregation and visitors and is a shining example of what can be done in this remote part of Ghana. Congratulations to all those who worked so hard to design and construct this wonderful building.



*Bright and airy inside*

## BOOKS DONATED

The well known publisher of educational books for children, Usborne Publishing, has generously donated a selection of books suitable for the nursery in Kaleo. The books are of exceptional quality and are diverse enough in content to help all the children to learn the basics of the English language and progress their academic abilities. Our grateful thanks to Usborne publishing.

## WORK CONTINUES IN KALEO

The toilets for the Kaleo Baptist Nursery school have now been completed and a committee to run the nursery has been put in place. The committee consists of two men and three ladies from the church and it can now go forward to make all preparations for the commencement of the nursery school.

We in the UK are in the process of obtaining all the equipment necessary. We shall supply the committee with a simple syllabus of daily/weekly activities to help the nursery get started.

We also plan to provide a daily nutritious meal.

One shipment of equipment has already been sent to Kaleo and at present we are getting together a further shipment consisting of books, toys and musical instruments suitable for the children's age group and of course all having educational value.



*The toilets under construction*

*Palm nut soup*



## THE HOPES OF THE PEOPLE OF KALEO

A quote from the Nursery school committee in Kaleo when asked the question "What are your hopes of the Nursery School project?"

- To build a good educational ladder, reducing illiteracy and poverty.
- The Nursery education would ensure the safety and good care of working parents' children rather than leaving them at the mercy of a child who might not be able to take care of himself/herself hence posing danger to the child.
- The Nursery School education would also increase Girl Child education as at present many girls have to forgo education to look after young children.
- Parents would be able to concentrate on their jobs thereby increasing output.
- The Nursery school would also create jobs for some people therefore reducing unemployment.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last year's Care For Kaleo day was a huge success and raised £802.50. Many thanks to all who supported the effort. Thanks also to the "Friends of Kaleo" who are sponsoring the work of the Nursery School. To date we have a regular income of £140 per month.

In April this year we claimed £490.64 from the Tax man in Gift Aid thanks to UK taxpayers who have gift aided their donations.

The outgoings for this year total £1025.13 to date. £295.23 on books, toys and educational games etc, which were taken to Kaleo last autumn, and £729.90 for work on the church building and toilets.

Thanks to you all, this work can and will continue.



*Some of the toys, books and resources that will be sent to Kaleo*

## THE GENEROUS YOUTH OF GUISELEY BAPTIST

At a Guiseley Baptist Church youth service in May a special collection was taken to help purchase toys for the Kaleo Nursery School. The result of the collection was magnificent with over £90 being collected.

Already much of the money has been spent on obtaining good quality, durable toys which the children in Kaleo will really enjoy. Our thanks go to all who donated so generously.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

We cannot achieve anything in Kaleo without your support. All the money we receive goes directly to Kaleo, our only overhead is the small fee on money transfers to Ghana. If you would like to help please send cash or cheques made payable to "Care for Kaleo" to the address below. If you are a UK tax payer you can Gift Aid your donation using a Gift Aid form, then we can claim back an extra 28p for every £1 you donate. If you would like to Sponsor the Nursery by making a regular monthly donation please ask for a "Friends of Kaleo" slip and return it to the Treasurer, Jenny Capper, at the address below. The sponsorship money received will be spent exclusively on the Nursery, the staff and children. Thank you very much for your support.

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