



The Magic Penny News

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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.

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LETTER FROM LUCY

Una kaboh oh!

This greeting means
“welcome” in Krio.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2007 from all the Magic Penny team!

Thank you for your contributions and support throughout 2006.

On November 24, 2006, I took my annual working vacation to Sierra Leone to check on TMPI projects. I am happy to report that the drinking water wells and sanitary facilities have been completed and are in full use. The community center has been built but is not fully completed. When completed, it will offer cottage industries, sporting

activities, and cultural and social exchange programs.

Ground will be broken this spring for TMPI’s primary classroom block that will accommodate two hundred children. At present, there is no school building. Five hundred school children are forced to attend school in make-shift structures that are open to the elements. Because of this, they cannot have school during the rains, which last from May to October. There are no desks. The children sit on improvised wooden benches. They do their work on their laps, using small slates. Our new building will have adequate facilities and proper instructional tools.

In our continuing effort to pro-

vide the school children with learning opportunities, TMPI shipped five drums of school supplies and used clothing to Bompehtoke Village with the help of “Friends of The Magic Penny.”

My sister Annie and I, together with our aunts Doris and Victoria, celebrated the Christmas holiday in the village. On Boxing Day (the day after Christmas), we invited three hundred school children for dinner and distributed the book bags, school supplies and clothing. A good time was had by all!

We are looking forward to seeing the school erected this year. Our gratitude goes out to all of you for your commitment and financial support to our cause.

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SPOTLIGHT

We are grateful to the following

'Friends of TMPI' for their generous donations:

- **Rebecca Guarino & Lindsey Gilles**
(Harborfields High School Students)
One drum of school supplies and clothing,
plus shipping
- **Sangima Lee, Naomi Chapter Five,
Order of the Eastern Star, Atlanta**
Two drums of 200 new book bags and school supplies,
plus shipping.
- **Mr. & Mrs. Paul Moran**
Two drums of gently used clothing and school supplies,
plus shipping on one.
- **Mrs. Jane Grosso**
Used clothing.
- **Dr. Veronica Henry (Eastern Shore LINKS) \$300**
- **Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cunha \$500**
- **Mr. & Mrs. David Figi \$600**
- **Rabbi Robert Saks \$500**

Una tenki yah! (Thank you)



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CURRENT PROJECTS

- **Primary School Building**
Ground breaking , foundation
- **Community Center**
Near completion
Initiate social programs

Help Us Realize Our Vision

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- \$100
- \$500
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