

Healey International Relief Foundation News: September 2016

--Turning Scars Into Stars--

Report From Sierra Leone

This month's Report From Sierra Leone is our 2015 Annual Report. Recently released, this report details all our work last year to care for Ebola orphans and help strengthen the healthcare system in Sierra Leone after the Ebola crisis.

Great pictures and compelling stories – we hope you will take a few minutes to review our [Annual Report 2015](#).



Program begins to help children deal with traumatic affects of Ebola

Recently HealeyIRF and Caritas-Freetown held a training session for caregivers and psychosocial counselors for Ebola affected children. Through the use of a children's book developed by Headwaters Relief Organization, titled *When The Great Sickness Came*, teachers and caregivers will help children understand the virus and cope with the loss. In partnership with Caritas-Freetown, HealeyIRF is helping to support over 300 Ebola orphans and is grateful for this donation from Headwaters that will help so many children. Click [here to read](#) about some of the children that will be helped by this effort.



Rice Distribution to Ebola Survivors

With our partner Tzu Chi Buddhist Compassionate Relief Foundation, HealeyIRF has been distributing rice to Ebola survivors in Bo and Moyamba Districts. Rice is a staple food in Sierra Leone and one survivor said, "we didn't have anything to feed ourselves and we are so happy for this rice." Pictured left with young children in Bo, Program Manager Ishmeal Charles often says "giving relief brings relief." Future distributions are planned.



Father Peter Konteh Visits U.S.



Executive Director Caritas-Freetown and HealeyIRF In-Country Advisor, Father Peter Konteh, recently visited the U.S. for meetings with partners and donors. Pictured left with members of the HealeyIRF team and the Hilton Foundation, Father Peter kept busy with meetings on Capitol Hill, forging new partnerships with Food for the Poor in Florida and appearing on EWTN and SiriusXM Radio's Busted Halo show on the Catholic Channel. Can't wait for the next visit!

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