

## QUARTERLY REPORT ON BTA SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM AT CHILDREN OF THE NATIONS SCHOOLS AT BANTA MOKELLEH.



Greetings from COTN-SL to donors of Brighter Tomorrow for Africa. May God Almighty continue to bless you for the generous help given to our organization. We are thankful and proud for the food program you are offering our students.

This good food has encouraged our school going children in our community to have a balance diet that makes them grow physically, mentally, and spiritually strong in their empowerment for quality education.

Learning cannot be effective if there is no encouragement and motivation. Our school, Mallory Jansen Memorial School in Upper Banta Chiefdom in Moyamba District of Sierra Leone, is thankful to God that our children are being the beneficiaries of such good provision of BTA. One of the impacts in the supply of the BTA food program to our 933 school going kids is that it encourages our children to come to school because there is a meal daily. It also improves the academic learning of the children and their health status. With BTA there is expanding enrollment each year as community people are sending their children to school every school year. The community children who are coming from distant villages are happy because of the meal in the afternoon. With the expansion of the BTA program, one of our branch schools in Mokpangumba is benefitting from the BTA food supply as well. It is our hope that the donors will positively be encouraged to give us food supply that will develop our community children in all aspects of their growth.

On behalf of the education department and the entire staff and school children we wish to thank you for your generous gifts. Our school continues to make improvements and have continued progress. The BECE results in past years have been excellent. Another new development in our school is the Senior Secondary School will sit their certificate exams in June 2012. Our school is sending 30 candidates who will take that exam. Our school continues to strive to provide a high standard of education.

### Children's stories

**Mikailu Alieu** is an eleven year old boy and in prep 4 at Mallory Jansen Primary School Ngolala. He lives at Mokpangumba village, which is about three miles from his school. Mikailu and his community friends walk to school every morning, but their walk begins with having to take a canoe across the Taia River. His parents have eight children including himself. According to him, three of his brothers are in schools in other towns. The long distance to school often

makes him late for school and he feels hungry. The provision of BTA feeding make Mikailu very active and ready for school everyday. His physical growth and health are both very good. He thanks BTA donors for their given provision in providing food for COTN children in Sierra Leone.

**Lango Feligbeh** was born on 23 September 2003 in Gbongeh Village in Upper Banta Chiefdom. Lango's poor parents could not afford to pay for her schooling. One day, a businesswoman went to their village. The women came to her and became friendly to her. She encouraged Lango's parents to send her to school. According to Lango, this was exciting because she never expected she would attend school because in their family the girl child was not allowed to go to school. The business woman's second visit to their village encouraged her parents to allow Lango to be taken to Ngolala where there is the COTN school Lango is now in class 3 which is the third grade. Since Lango started school in Children of the Nations-SL two years ago her life has been different. One change is that she gets one good healthy meal everyday when she comes to school. The food from Brighter Tomorrow for Africa is playing a vital role in her educational life because she can study well and is among the top of her class. Regarding her physical and mental growth, Lango is healthy and physically strong.

**Monjama Ernest** is a quiet girl in Prep 6. She lives in the village of Monikawie about one mile from where COTN has their school. Monjama has 4 brothers and sisters. She lives with her mother, but her father has two wives, so he lives in another village. Since Monjama's father does not live with them things at time can become very difficult for her and her family. Her mother is a petty trader but does not make very much money. At times it can be hard to feed the family. That is why Monjama and her family are so thankful to COTN and BTA for the food that they provide at school. Monjama knows that when she comes to school she will be fed a well-balanced meal that will give her the energy to study at school.

**Eddie Kenneh** is in prep 5 at Mallory Jansen Memorial School. Eddie lives in a village called Wonde where he lives with his father and his mother. Eddie is a cheerful boy who is dedicated to his education. He attends school on a regular basis. He also is a consistent member of the COTN church that is located in his village as well. Eddie likes school and he is thankful to God and to BTA for the food that they feed him at school. He says that it makes him happy to know that he will be able to eat at school.

**Statistics of Children of the Nations SL School in Ngolala Upper Banta Chiefdom for 2011-2012 academic year being fed by BTA**

School	VPP total	Home total	Community total	Total
Nursery	3	1	75	79
Primary School	207	39	144	390
Junior High School	105	39	36	180
Senior High School	35	17	53	105
Mokpangumba	12	0	18	30

<b>Nursery</b>				
<b>Mokpangumba Primary</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Mosenesie Nursery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Mosenesie Primary</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>99</b>