



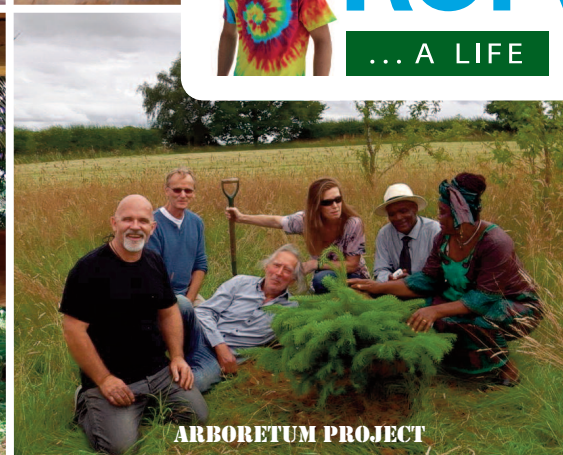
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## GUESTHOUSE PROJECT

Along with Tony's brother Nigel and family we are building a guesthouse in the original Rory's Well village of Taninahun. With difficult roads, patchy transport and a many hour journey to the villages from the Pujehun capital Bo (with basic western comforts water, electric, some wi fi, shops) it became obvious a rural base was required. The community have cleared the land and built the shell of a 3 bedroomed guest house which we hope to complete in the coming months. It will be run by the community and available for guests, training, charity visits etc with all proceeds being reinvested in the guesthouse and community. We are investigating solar power which will provide a handy mobile phone livelihood opportunity for the village.

## LIVELIHOOD TRAINING

We feel the key to anything we do is to make sure that we are helping people help themselves in a sustainable way and let the people then determine their own path. Wherever we see an opportunity to support we try to send the resources for people to do it themselves (tools and training). We have made links with a UK charity with 33 years in this arena - *Tools for Self Reliance*. They work with an independent training centre in Bo to provide the kit from the UK and training in the country for welding, dress making, hairdressing, carpentry, shoe repair to name but a few. We are planning to set up kits and training to support well pump and possibly truck maintenance and courses for any other skills we can't find.

## ARBORETUM PROJECT

When Senesi was in the UK in the summer he visited Westonbirt and was really inspired. His background before becoming an MP was in tree management in Liberia. He is still passionate about trees and has negotiated some land that we hope can be planted to eventually become the first Arboretum in Sierra Leone. We are approaching specific environmental charities to partner on this project and explore the beneficial properties of many native species such as neem trees renowned for their use in natural medicine for thousands of years. The arboretum gives a great link to Matara where trees are sacred and we have a tree for Rory. Senesi and Geoffrey planted a Matara/Sierra Leone friendship tree donated by our Trustee friend Hal from Frenchay Forestry in the summer as a start of a wonderful connection.

## BRASS BAND PROJECT

The Kate McGrath school for girls in Bo provides senior school education for girls, many of whom are orphans or from poor families (thank you to our friends and family that have sponsored some of these girls). In his summer visit Senesi explained that a brass band is a great source of pride and income, when hired out for functions. Toby Pentreath (Tony's God son) who is a talented trumpet player, offered his services to Senesi to run with the initiative and this has now become a fantastic project and really inspired everyone to look out old instruments, especially Sean Mills - pictured on the recent trip with the band and Senesi. To date we have supplied seven instruments to the school, along with sheet music and music books and are funding a tutor who is working with the girls on a weekly basis to get the band up and running. From what we hear, the girls are very inspired by playing the instruments and there is a large queue forming to use them! We have four more instruments waiting to be shipped out early next year - if you have an unused trumpet or horn gathering dust in your attic please consider donating it to this very worthy cause.



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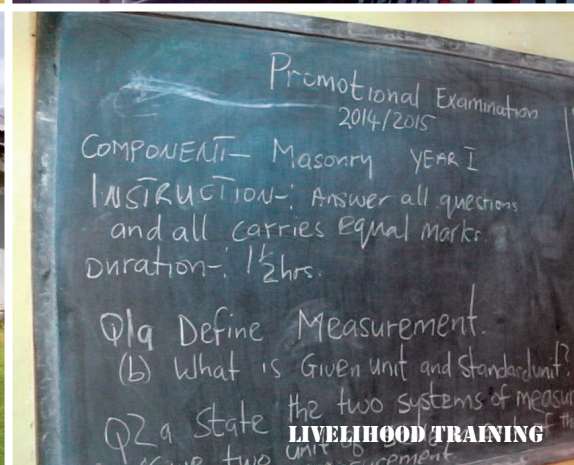
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