

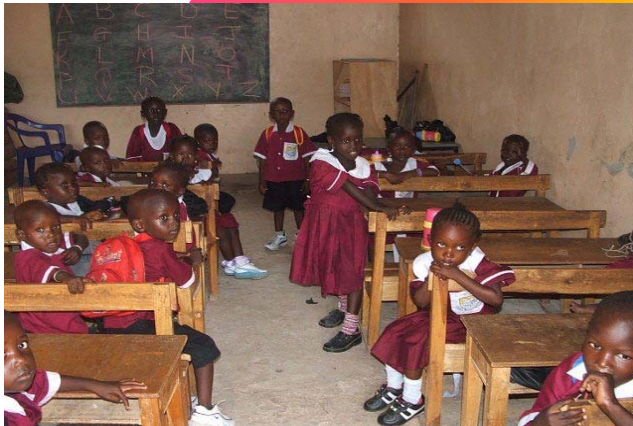
The aims of The Tallinding Project:

- To continue supporting the Tallinding Central Nursery School and Carter Lower Basic, supplementing the teachers salaries and educational materials as required.
- To assist with other related, worthwhile projects
- To build a Clinic on the school site for the use of the schoolchildren and local villagers. Equip and assist with the running of said clinic.
- To sponsor children from Tallinding who cannot afford to attend school, £10 per month pays for school fees, books, uniform and lunches.



The Tallinding Project

Serrekunda
The Gambia
West Africa



Donations (large or small) of educational goods and/or money always welcome
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THE TALLINDING PROJECT started as an effort to help with the building of a Nursery School in the area known as Tallinding, which is a part of Serrekunda, the largest town in The Gambia, West Africa.

The Nursery School was started in 2002 by an elderly British couple who live in The Gambia but was little more than foundations when we became involved in raising the money to continue with the building.



The land is tribal land, equivalent to the village green, and the village elders had requested help to provide Nursery Education for the village children. The local people got together to provide the labour and we raised the money to buy the materials.

This is a community effort, the local parents have formed a school committee which governs the school and hires the teachers, all local people. The children pay a small fee which goes towards the teachers salaries and the running costs but it will be some time before the school is totally self supporting.



The first four classrooms were completed in August 2004 and enrolment took place for opening in September. There were places for 160 children but nearly twice that many turned up. October 2004 saw a big party and official opening with many local dignitaries, parents and visitors.



Tallinding Central Nursery School has now been open for 6 years and is thriving. It still needs a lot of support but the results are tangible and visible for all to see. It is magical to visit and see so many children benefiting from a basic education.

Because of the success of this venture, we were asked to increase upon this with further classrooms for Primary age children so that 'our' pupils do not have to walk many miles to school when they leave the Nursery classes at age 7. (It may seem strange to us but young children like these frequently walk many miles to school.) This we have done and a further two blocks, each of four classrooms has been built, plus a store, library and headmasters office.

The classrooms have been tiled, furnished and fitted with ceiling fans to help in the hot weather. Enrolment in the Carter Lower Basic (primary) section commenced in September 2007 with the first batch of children 'graduating' from the Nursery section. A wall has been built around the school area for safety, encompassing the classroom blocks and play area. Obviously more classes involves more teachers and maintenance but the results are so rewarding.

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ALL the money we collect goes directly to the school for the purchase of building materials and supplies for construction and fitting of the classrooms. Further it helps to support the wages of the teaching staff, cleaner, caretaker and religious leader, and provide cover for repairs to buildings and equipment as necessary.

WE ARE CURRENTLY ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO SPONSOR INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN AT A COST OF £10 PER MONTH. THIS PAYS FOR THEIR SCHOOLING, UNIFORMS AND LUNCH.

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