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*2017 was a full year for Freedom Tree. We celebrated five years in November of working in Sierra Leone to reduce maternal and infant mortality. Because of your partnership we were able to expand our scope by reaching two more communities bringing our total to 10 communities. We were also able to develop one of our five pillars, Education, more robustly in 2017. This coming year promises to be exciting as we focus on refining our strategies so that we can reach even more communities effectively. Thank you for your support.*

**Omotara Johnson**  
President / Founder



## 2017 TEACHERS CONFERENCE



In July we partnered with New Harvest Ministries to host our first teachers' conference in Bo. 200 elementary school teachers from across the country gathered for a full week to enhance their skills in teaching. The conference was facilitated by four teachers from Alberta, Canada as well as two representatives from the Ministry of Education in Sierra Leone. Through the teachers' conference, we estimate that 300 000 students will be directly impacted and receive a better quality education. As a direct result, these children (as adults) will receive better healthcare, and the rates of maternal mortality will decrease.

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## EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

We added 15 children to our scholarship program in seven different regions across the country making 45 children in our scholarship program. We also sponsored 45 orphans this year for basic education and living expenses. All of these children were orphaned because of Ebola. In total Freedom Tree is sponsoring 90 children.



### KADIATU KOROMA

*"Freedom Tree has given me more hope for the future, I promise to work hard at school so I can have a good future."*

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Kadiatu is just ten years old. During the Ebola outbreak in 2014, her mother visited some relatives in a nearby village where she contracted the Ebola virus. Kadiatu never saw her mother again as she had to be buried using strict government protocol. Kadiatu's father had passed away when she was just a few months old, and so the death of her mother orphaned her. Unfortunately, Kadiatu had no relatives to care for her and was left destitute. The head teacher along with his wife, took her into their home and cared for her alongside their children.



# 2017

ONE STEP CLOSER



We are currently in the process of building our third birthing clinic in the Northern district, Koinadugu. The new facility is in a very remote community that has no access to medical services. Currently, any pregnant woman that requires healthcare needs to walk or be carried on a two-day journey to the nearest clinic.

In 2017 we supported the building of a new school in the Kenema region. This new school is expected to accommodate up to 800 children annually. The construction will be completed in 2018.

We have partnered with a community located on the peninsula of Sierra Leone in Bonthe district. The community has built a wooden boat, and Freedom Tree has provided an engine to be used by seven communities along the water. The boat is dedicated to women in labour and sick children.

Our most significant challenge in Sierra Leone is real-time reporting. We continue to work with local health workers to monitor rates of births and deaths in the communities we are working in to measure the direct impact we are having.

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