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First of all we would like to wish all our supporters a belated, but very sincere, Happy New Year. Yes, we know only too well about all the problems that face us all at the moment but we are also determined to remain positive throughout 2021.

We have had to cancel our trip to visit the school in March because of the ongoing Foreign Office restrictions on travel which are likely to be in place for some time to come. Next visit is scheduled for November so we hope and pray we can get out to the school by then.

The Gambia still has relatively low rates of virus infections but they have had a few cases of the more virulent strain so we can but pray that it does not spread. The school is fully operative and a recent inspection by the Ministry of Education was very happy with all the safety aspects that are in place. The only requirement they have imposed is to have security staff on the school gates to check temperatures of all who enter the school, children and adults and to make sure that hand washing is carried out and masks worn. It is a further financial burden but we have been so blessed with recent donations that we are able to fund the guard for the time being.

We are looking to repair, or renew, about half the laptops in the ICT suite as they are now three years old and, with constant use by young fingers are rapidly coming to the end of serviceable life! We have also just replaced the schools printer and shipped out boxes of sanitizer and face masks.

Buying folding exam desks in UK and shipping out is high on our list for this year but we are waiting for a month or two to make sure there isn't another school closure

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impose by the government which would mean our
funding the teachers pay again.

Your support is wonderful and so are all your prayers.
God Bless

Revd John Baxter
Chair of Trustees

