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If its not one crisis its another! After getting back to full opening just before Christmas we had to say goodbye to one of our teachers at Easter who has decided to move on to other things. It is a problem because he was in charge of the teaching of computer work in the ICT suite. We have not as yet found a replacement and we are struggling with laptops that are failing and no one to supervise them. We have had some checked and it appears to be an issue with the batteries so it is now a question of whether to replace the laptops, (20 of them) with new ones or replace all the batteries. Not having been able to get out to The Gambia for over a year has not helped and we may have to leave any decisions until November when we hope to be able to travel again.

As was advised by the Ministry of Education Inspectors we continue to pay for a security guard at the school gates checking all who enter the school, see picture!



The Gambia continues to have Covid cases but not at a great level at the moment. We just pray that they do not get the Indian variant especially as there is normally quite a bit of travel between the two countries.

Last month we shipped out more facemasks and a consignment of 30 folding exam desks which we hope will help with spacing the classed out a bit and allow for expansion into another class.

Prices for all essentials are rocketing and many families now face difficult choices over what to buy for their families and the

school has a much higher rate of children who are unable to pay any fees so we must now consider funding teachers pay for July and August as well as the normal purchase of the next school years textbooks and stationery, pens and pencils, white board markers and all the children's workbooks. With twelve classes of 20 + pupils that is a big hit on the Charities yearly budget!

The most important thing we continue to ask for from all our supporters is their prayers for the Head Teacher and all the teachers and children as they work their way through these tough times. We especially ask for prayers that the country may be blessed with more vaccine so that it can be offered to all and not just to the few.

On behalf of the children we thank everyone for all the support, both big and small, that help us to keep things going.



Easter food distribution to the local community.

God Bless

Revd John Chair of Trustees