

January 17, 2018 Sierra Leone Travel Team Update

Herb sent great pictures showing the walls of the new facility. Here's the rest of his report...

Jose, Tom and Herb visited Serabu hospital today. They have excellent management procedures for developing their strategic plans and training Sierra Leonean staff. We also took a tour of the hospital, including the operating theater. Similar to others we have seen. This hospital has many more patients than Mattru, but is also a rural hospital.

We also visited a school on the way back that has very high quality construction. I passed the contact to Chris.

Allison and Emilia recorded interviews with many teachers and students, also the midwife. Joan and Chris team formed the bond beam and poured the concrete slabs for the top of the cesspit. Emilia played soccer with girls team at centennial.

On most trips, we have a call with the travel team on Sunday and that is currently the plan. These calls were often a challenge as the sound quality was very poor and the calls frequently dropped out. Over time, the cell network in Mattru has gotten significantly better. The team brings old phones with them to use as 'Sierra Leone phones'. They get a Sierra Leone phone number and buy minutes as needed. EWB members and supporters have donated their old unlocked cell phones to the chapter, including old iPhones, so the quality of the team's cell phones is also much higher. The calls usually last an hour and the team shares a tremendous amount of information on the construction work and the administrative side of the projects. Look for a long update after that call!

Tom

The new four stall toilet facility including a family/handicapped accessible room on the right.



The Cesspit walls are also up

