

EWB-LVP Mattru Hospital Project Update

December 5, 2017

The Travel Team is gearing up for the big day. They have approval from EWB National and have purchased their tickets. They did shift their schedule one week so they will leave on Thursday January 11. And they've been busy with training: updating First Aid skills and learning photography and video skills.

Ahmed and his men have been busy too. A huge amount of sand, stone and cement is required. The sand is taken from the nearby Jong river when the water level is low enough. Stone is broken into the appropriate size by Dura the Stone Breaker. Once they have the materials they start making the blocks. Lots and lots of blocks!

Locating plumbing and building supplies has been a team effort with help from Ahmed, Laretta Will, Matt Asher, and the EWB-USA team. Jose will buy any remaining items once he arrives in Freetown.



Work also continues on the Centennial Project closeout. Data will be gathered on all the installations as well as academic success of the school. We will also be evaluating the technological, organizational, and financial sustainability of the projects. There has been a lot of good news coming out of Centennial recently but another nice surprise is the return of the Peace Corp to Centennial. We've been very fortunate in the PCVs stationed at CSS in the past and are excited about meeting the new PCV Alexis Wait in January.

And many thanks to all those who have been helping us get a better understanding of the needs of the Hospital and how to best help them over the next five years. Ron Smith of Rotary provided great insight on how to structure our approach. Rev. Gbando, Pam McKee, Richard and Cathy Toupin, Matt Asher, and Jon Yoder have been very generous with their time and ideas.