

Story

KS 2, 3 & 4 – Sorie's story



Fourteen-year-old Sorie Kanu has low vision and attends a school near to his home in northern Sierra Leone. However, this was not always his story. When Sorie was younger local schools in the area would not accept children with disabilities. So Sorie's family did everything they could to give him the chance of an education.



Sorie using a type writer in his local school

Sorie was born in a rural area of Sierra Leone, a country in West Africa. He has lived with low vision since he was three years old. For most of his childhood he stayed at home while his friends went to school.

One day when Sorie was ten, his family heard of the Bombali School for the Blind. So, the next day Sorie travelled with his father across the country to visit the school. Little did he know that this is where he would live for the next three years.

Sorie did very well in Bombali school. He learned to read braille, type with a type writer, and have the confidence to dream of being a teacher. His progress was so strong that the local school near to his family home said he could go there.

Sorie is happy living at home. In school he has a seat at the front of the classroom near to the blackboard. He is also learning to write in large print. He is excited to be in a school with sighted friends. Sorie's story, along with others, has inspired schools across Sierra Leone to include disabled children.

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However, since the Ebola outbreak in 2014 schools in the area are closed. Sorie is one of five million children in West Africa missing out on an education because of Ebola. He hopes his school will reopen in 2015.

58 million children are missing out on school – 2015 could change their future. Remind world leaders that they promised ALL children an education by 2015. Speak up for the right to education for every child.

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