

Sponsor A School Report

Cradle Kids Foundation School, Montserrado County, Liberia

Sponsored by: Osterkerzenaktion Mettingen (Claudia Keller), Mary's Meals Germany

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Thank you for changing lives!

You're doing something amazing! By providing a daily meal for every child in your chosen school, you're giving young people in one of the world's poorest communities the chance to gain an all-important education, and to dream of a brighter future.

Without your support, these children could be working in fields, begging on street corners, or even scavenging among garbage just to survive.

It is thanks to the generosity of people like you that Mary's Meals has gone from feeding just 200 children in Malawi in 2002, to providing 1,425,013 children across 18 countries with a life-changing meal every school day.

Thank you for giving so generously to Mary's Meals and choosing to sponsor an entire school. We're very excited to share with you this report on your project!



About Mary's Meals

A quick reminder about Mary's Meals and our approach...

- Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works. Daily meals served in a place of education attract chronically poor children into the classroom where they can gain a basic education that provides an escape route from poverty.
- Mary's Meals began in 2002 when our founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, visited Malawi during a famine and met a mother dying from AIDS. When he asked her eldest son, Edward, what his dreams were in life. He replied simply: "To have enough food to eat and to go to school one day."
- Our vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.



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- The average global cost of feeding a child for a whole school year with Mary's Meals is just £13.90 / €15.60 / \$19.50.
- Mary's Meals feeds 1,425,013 children in 18 countries around the world every school day.
- Research shows that schools where children receive Mary's Meals have higher enrolment, better attendance and improved academic performance.
- We are committed to keeping overhead costs low – at least 93% of donations are spent on our charitable work.
- Mary's Meals is a grassroots global movement. Without passionate, motivated volunteers, our work would not be possible.



About Mary's Meals

- Mary's Meals is owned and run by local communities, who cook and serve the meals; there are more than 80,000 volunteers in Malawi alone!
- Our global headquarters is run from a shed in a remote part of the Scottish Highlands.
- Mary's Meals is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty.
- Mary's Meals is a non-denominational charity, which consists of, respects and reaches out to people of all faiths and none.



Mary's Meals in Liberia

Although Liberia's brutal civil war ended in 2003, the country is still recovering. Many families are desperately poor and lots of children skip school to earn money for food. Many people are also still rebuilding their lives after the devastating outbreak and epidemic of the Ebola virus in 2014 and 2015.

Mary's Meals has run school feeding programmes in Liberia since 2006. Children are served a daily meal of either vitamin-enriched porridge or rice and peas, supplemented with fresh vegetables grown in their school gardens.

Thanks to the food he receives at school, Amadu, 11, is thriving. It gives him plenty of energy to learn and play.

He told us: "I like Mary's Meals. It makes me strong and healthy. If I didn't eat it for lunch I would feel bad."

Amadu is just one of the **115,717 children** in schools across Liberia who are finding hope in the classroom thanks to the generosity of supporters like you.



Mary's Meals in Liberia

The civil war in Liberia forced most children out of the classroom and destroyed the majority of schools. Even today, the education system faces huge challenges. More than 60% of primary school-age children in Liberia don't go to school – one of the highest percentages of children out of school in the world today.

Life in Liberia can be especially hard for girls who, on average, receive around half the years of schooling that boys do. The promise of Mary's Meals helps to draw both girls and boys back into the classroom and the nutritious food gives them the energy to concentrate during lessons.

Our research in Liberia shows that – at schools where Mary's Meals are served – enrolment increased within a year of introducing school feeding and the majority of children, parents and teachers say that children attend classes more regularly.

Naomi loves to study and learn and is just one of the girls benefitting from Mary's Meals. She told us: "Mary's Meals tastes good, it encourages me to study hard and it makes me learn very well. I feel good when I eat it."



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Country



Liberia

Enrolment

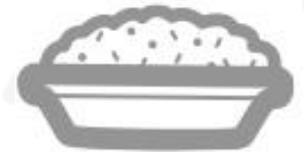


329 pupils

159 boys

170 girls

Meal



Vitamin-enriched
maize porridge /
Rice and peas

Location of your school



About your school

Cradle Kids Foundation School now has 329 pupils enrolled, made up of 159 boys and 170 girls.

There are 13 permanent classrooms and the school's pupils are taught by a total of 23 qualified teachers.

The school's water source is a hand pump in the school grounds and there are 5 flush toilets that are shared equally between boys and girls.

The school also has a football field where the children can play during their breaks.



“I like History, it teaches me about events of the world. I would like to be a Medical Doctor to save people’s life. Mary’s Meals is a help to those of us, whose parents can’t afford to give us lunch money for school. I like rice; it gives me strength. If I have nothing to eat, I feel weak.”

– **Tenneh M. Ben, 15, 8th grade**

“I like Math; it gives me ideas to solve problems. I would like to be an Accountant to properly take stewardship of public fund. Mary’s Meals is very good for us. I like rice; it makes me strong. If I have nothing to eat, I feel bad.”

– **Roland Massaquoi, 17, 9th grade**

“We feel great being a part of this program; the food makes the kids happy to come to school.”

– **Miatta Roberts and Comfort Hinneh, Volunteer Cooks**

“The food sustains the children in school and makes them pay attention to their lesson.”

– **D. Prince Vailolla (Teaches 7th 9th- grades; English and Language Arts)**

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Photos from your school



CRADLE KIDS FOUNDATION ACADEMY

Wagon Corner, VOA #1 Road, Brewerville City



Photos from your school





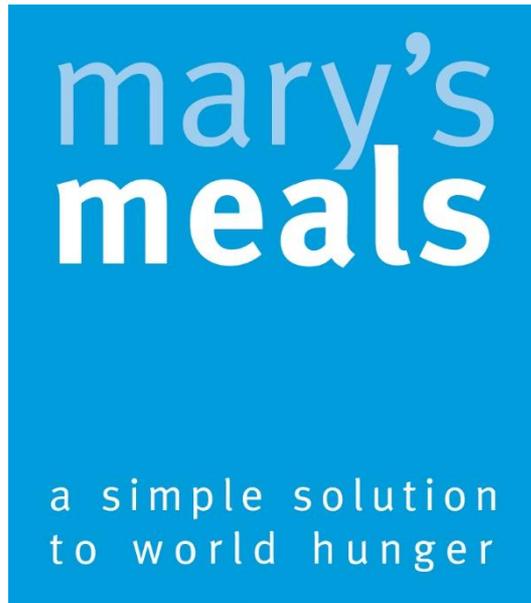
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