



Dear family, friends & supporters,

Hopefully you enjoyed reading about the work the ship does. For those who are keen to know what we've been up to, here's a quick update on our adventures too!

Life onboard is fast paced. During the week the children attend school from 8am to 3.10pm whilst Ian is at the office for 7.30am. Elizma has recently completed a period covering the executive assistant role. As a family, we meet in the cabin for lunch each day (the school is only 1 deck away) whilst after school there is always homework, sports clubs, meeting with friends and other activities.



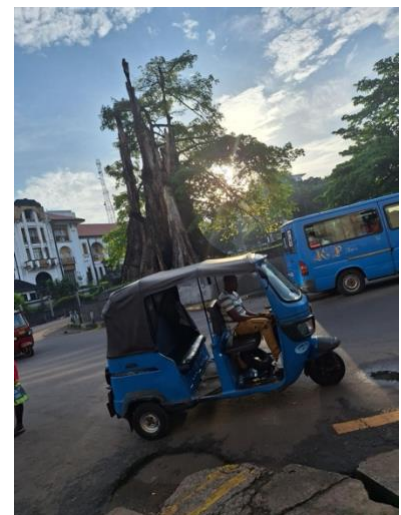
At weekends we have the opportunity to get off the ship and explore Sierra Leone. Shortly after we arrived we celebrated



Abigail's 8th birthday with a visit to Tacugama chimpanzee sanctuary (search for the documentary on Netflix). Located

in the rainforest on the outskirts of the city, this charitable organisation rescues and rehabilitates chimpanzees who have been illegally kept as pets, or orphaned by hunters. As well as seeing the chimps, we spent the night in a lodge in the rainforest – and it certainly rained!

Trips into Freetown are chaotic, noisy and hot. The primary means of getting around is by Keh Keh, similar to Tuk Tuks used in Asia. These three wheeled vehicles are a lot of fun as you feel like you're right in the middle of things.



The ministry team work with numerous local organisations during the ship's time in port and we regularly head out to a local orphanage on a Saturday morning to play with the children. Abigail and Piran are very popular, although the constant attention to their hair and skin colour can make them a bit shy. We've also visited a local primary school.



In the last few weeks the seasons have begun to change and the rain showers have become much less frequent. As such, we've ventured to the beach a few times – where sunbathing and swimming is subject to interruption by local fishermen at any time.

The next birthday was Piran's and for his celebration he took his Kindergarten classmates out for cake at a local bakery.

Thank you, as always, for your love, prayers and thoughts,

Ian, Elizma, Abigail & Piran

