



✦ A CHILDREN'S STORY ✦

OUR MISSION.

Motivated by compassion for “the least of these” across the continent of Africa, we seek to connect resources from affluent societies with the needs of the poorest in the world to provide education, opportunity and hope.



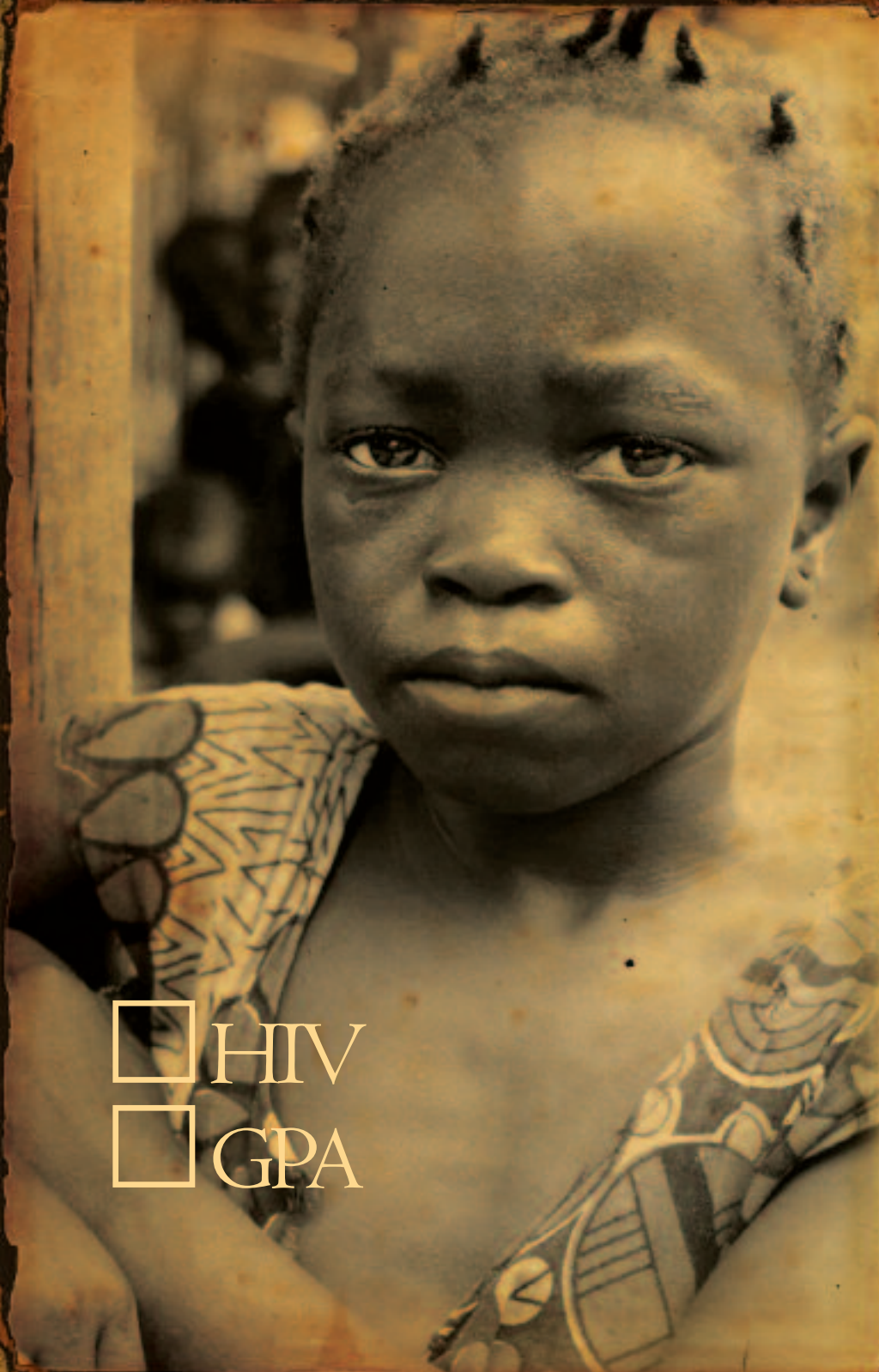
CHAPTER ONE

HELPING FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

IN A LAND FAR, FAR AWAY.

Reading. Writing. Arithmetic. A real future. By building schools in Sierra Leone and areas of Africa that have been ignored and abandoned, EduNations is doing more than teaching the ABCs – we’re giving forgotten children tangible reasons to hope. In addition to providing education to the children during the week, these schools will function as the social centers of their communities, provide health services, AIDS prevention, adult education, vocational training and community empowerment. Through an association with indigenous African leadership, we plan on creating schools that will eventually become self-supporting entities of growth and learning. ✘ EduNations hopes to provide one hot meal per day, including take-home portions, to encourage families to keep their children in school and away from child labor. Social change isn’t easy; only by taking miniscule steps each day will we reach our goal of a safe and healthy Africa. Rescuing one child improves a community, which improves a nation, etc. ✘





HIV
 GPA

CHAPTER TWO

IN SIERRA LEONE, THERE'S NO
SUCH THING AS FAIRY TALES.

Sierra Leone is a country in West Africa with a triumphant history. Founded by freed slaves in 1791, the country was an enduring cultural center, the ideal place on the continent to receive an education, the Athens of Africa.

Children in Sierra Leone are contracting HIV in large numbers, simply because they don't know how to prevent it.

Unfortunately, the only remnant of Sierra Leone's prosperous past is Freetown, the name of its capital. How could this small, peaceful country experience such a horrific downfall? The answer can be traced to the Western world's love of diamonds –

an irony too cruel to fathom. ❖ From 1991-2000, Sierra Leone was decimated by civil war, motivated by the struggle for control of the country's lucrative diamond mines. Western demand for diamonds fueled this deadly fire, which killed tens of thousands of people and displaced over 2 million others. The term "blood diamonds" was coined in an attempt to describe the cause of this senseless carnage. ❖ During the war, rebels hunted down and killed entire villages. Young women were enslaved. Children were forced to take drugs, kill their families and become soldiers. ❖



THE POOREST COUNTRIES CAN
TEACH US THE MOST ABOUT WEALTH.

Based on the precedent set in Rwanda, the rebels in Sierra Leone knew that the West would ignore the war if the atrocities were too gruesome. As a result, children were targeted, and countless numbers were butchered, maimed, orphaned or simply left to die. ❧ After British troops were deployed to Sierra Leone in 2000, a ceasefire was eventually reached, and the civil war came to an end. The social chaos that followed left its people ravaged in every way.

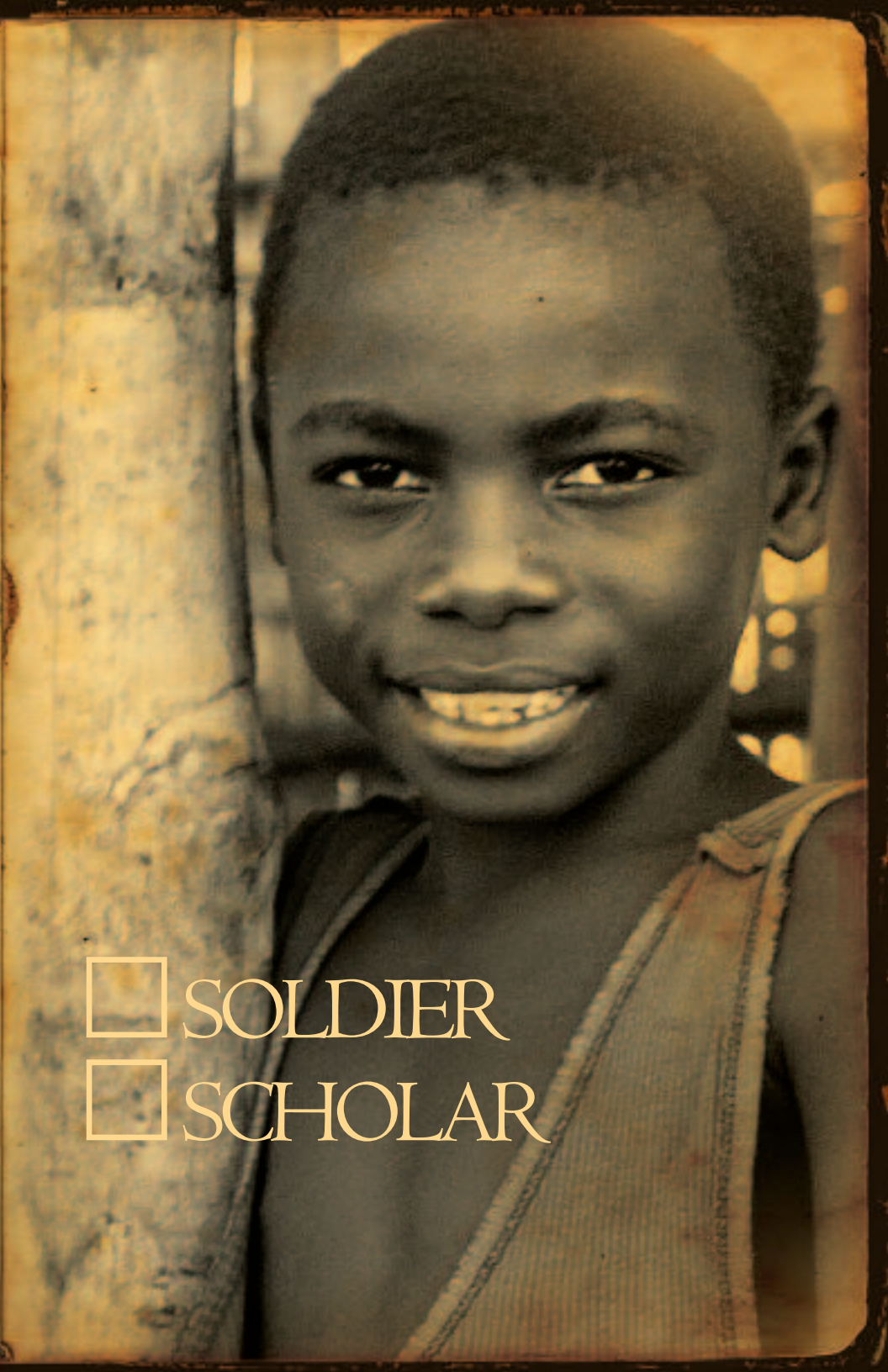
Faced with unbelievable poverty, hunger, AIDS, a growing sex trade, child trafficking and an ever-present fear of a rejuvenated civil war, Sierra Leone is a nation in shambles. It has

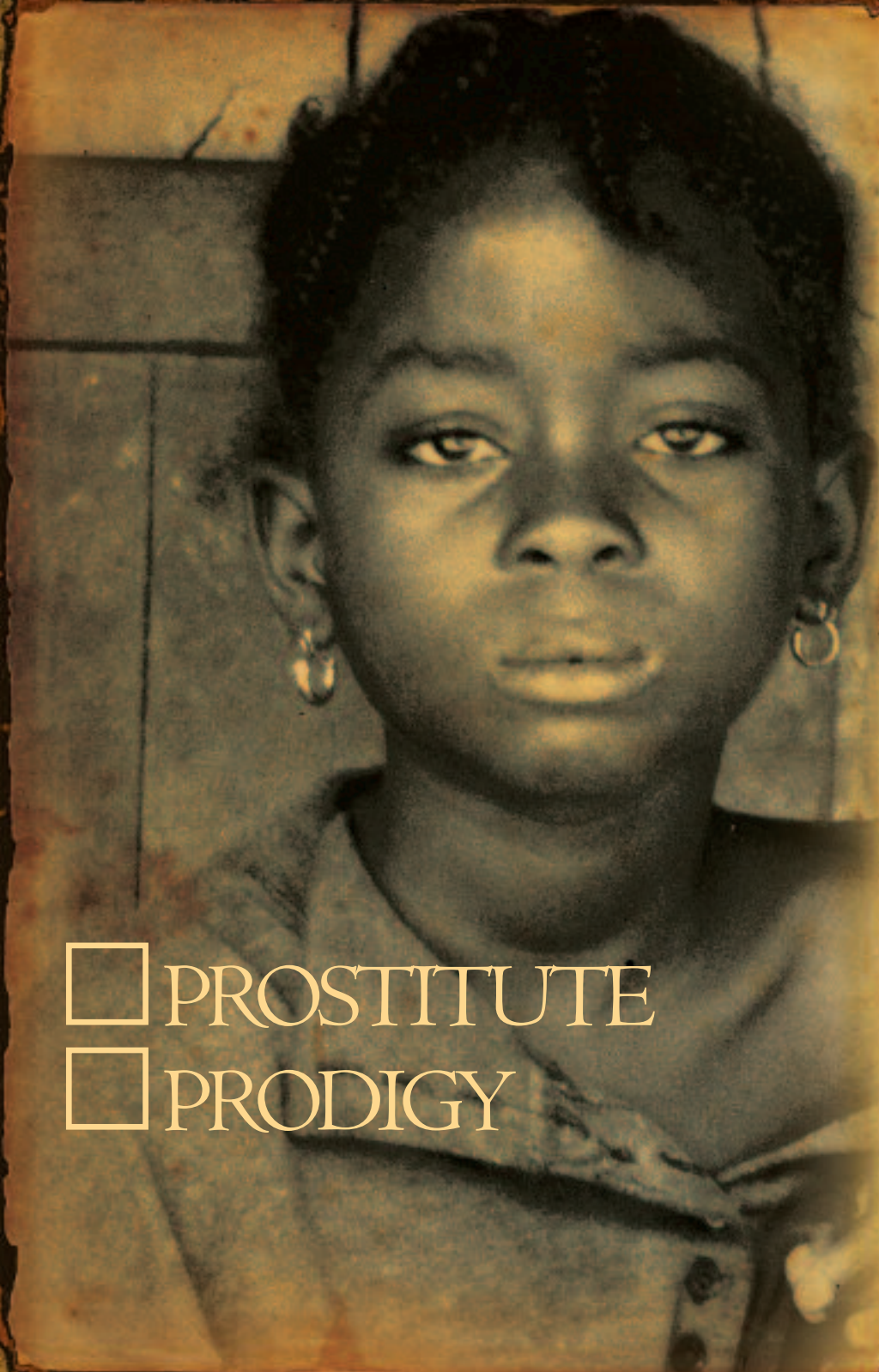
the lowest average income in the world. The average life expectancy is the lowest on the planet, at just 34 years of age. Only 30% of its 5.2 million people are literate, and of that 30%, only 3% are women. ❧ Sierra Leone is desperate for every kind of support. By planting the seeds of learning in the country's ravaged soil, EduNations hopes to help kickstart the reversal of recent trends and take its people down the complex road to recovery. ❧

Young boys in Sierra Leone have been forced to join rebel militias, which kill their families.



SOLDIER
 SCHOLAR





PROSTITUTE
 PRODIGY

CHAPTER FOUR

STARVE CHILDREN OF AN EDUCATION,
AND THEY'LL LEARN THE HARDEST LESSONS.

The founders of EduNations have a personal connection to the children of Sierra Leone and a shared passion for its people. We want to stop the devastating cycle of poverty by helping to educate the country's children. ❖ It takes so

Young girls in Sierra Leone have to sell their bodies to feed their families.

little to accomplish so much. An entire school can be built to accommodate 300 students, 50 to a class with six teachers, for just \$9,000. \$250 per month will offer a salary of \$41.50 per teacher per month. \$1,000 per year will supply all the books,

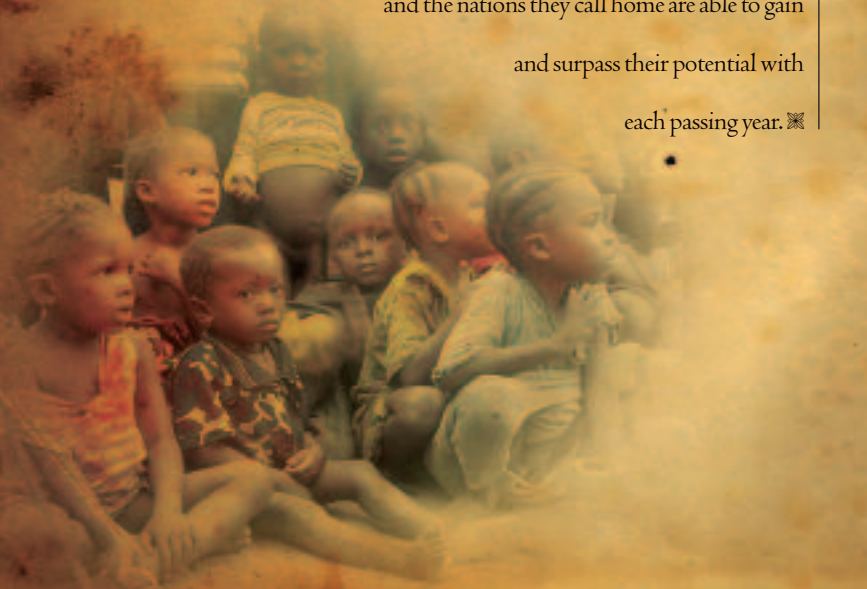
chalk, blackboards, pencils and furniture required. And for just \$0.19 per student per day, a hot meal with take-home portions for their family can be provided. ❖ Lives are at stake, and we have the resources. Children everywhere deserve an education. By helping to educate them today, we create a brighter future for the nations of tomorrow. ❖



EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO LIVE

HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

The tragedies of Sierra Leone are too numerous to mention in this brochure. For the last eight years, the nation has been ranked the poorest in the world and the worst place to live on the planet. A country that was once an educational beacon is now home to mass graves of children. A nation that had reached a position of strength and nobility has been utterly ravaged by civil war. To add insult to injury, this unthinkable destruction can be traced to the Western world's desire for expensive jewelry. ❧ Our hope is to help Sierra Leone restore its strength and nobility, by providing its children with the educational tools they need to have any chance at a normal life. ❧ EduNations looks forward to a day when there is no need for our work – when every child receives an education, and the nations they call home are able to gain and surpass their potential with each passing year. ❧



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