



A gift can be something more than a simple object and it can tell something about who makes the choice as well.

This year, for example, Etere Srl chose to give the amount planned for the traditional Christmas presents to Emergency's activities in Sierra Leone, and also to share with you an act of true solidarity through this letter.

The donation will support the **Surgical and Paediatric Centre in Goderich, Sierra Leone**, where the civil war, which ended in 2001, destroyed the country's already poor medical infrastructures. Child mortality rate, up to 2007 the highest in the world, is primarily caused by the spread of malaria, diarrhoea, malnutrition, and infections.

In 2001 in Goderich, a village in the outskirts of Freetown, Emergency opened a Surgical Centre for war victims, later expanded to treat orthopaedic patients and also every surgical emergency.

In 2002, next to the hospital, Emergency built a Paediatric Centre, where every month can be treated about 1.300 children.

By supporting Emergency's activities in Sierra Leone, Etere Srl will allow the doctors and nurses of our organization to keep visiting and curing free of any charge the increasing number of men, women, and children who come to our hospitals.

We hope the choice made by Etere Srl can represent for you too the best wish for a truly good Christmas and for a 2013 of peace, justice, and dignity for everyone. To this wish we add our own.

Thank you,

**Cecilia Strada**  
**Presidente di EMERGENCY**