Congratulations to Graduates
The Liberia Annual Conference has a strategic plan that will guide our ministries from 2019 through 2023. Our goals for education include having principals with degrees in education. On December 4, 2018 Saye Wehyee, principal of New Hope UMW School, graduated from University of Liberia with a bachelor’s degree in education. Rev. Paye Cooper Mondolo, President of College of West Africa (a United Methodist high school), graduated from University of Liberia with a master’s degree in education on December 12, 2018. We are thankful for the commitment of these principals to furthering their studies in education and look forward to having principals and teachers with education degrees at all our United Methodist Schools.

Visit to Bethlehem Temple

First United Methodist Church (UMC) of South Lyon, Michigan sends scholarship gifts through The Advance to pay the school fees for members of Bethlehem Temple UMC in rural Grand Bassa County. On December 7, 2018, I traveled by taxi, canoe, and on foot through the forest to meet the 20 scholarship students enrolled in the Benjamin Clarke Wesleyan Community School. After meeting the scholarship students at the school, we walked almost an hour to Bethlehem Temple where we prayed together and shared a meal. Although, I enjoyed the walk on a sunny day, I would not want to make the trek daily going up and down hills and across stick bridges during raining season. Bethlehem Temple members are hoping for a school closer to the church.
Groundbreaking for Korsen United Methodist School

Korsen United Methodist School is in the Gompa District in Korsen, Nimba County. This school was first established in 1996 as an elementary school. It now has 178 students in nursery through 7th grade. Classes are currently held in a rented house. On December 15, 2018, I drove with Gompa District Superintendent, Rev. Aaron Yankee, to participate in the groundbreaking program for the new school building. The school will be next to the Korsen United Methodist Church. The program, attended by church and community members, the principal of the public school, and the town and clan chiefs, was held in the church building. The school choir sang, and Rev. Yankee spoke on leadership. He said that a good leader plants a tree not expecting to eat the fruit but knowing that the fruit will be for the next generations. Rev. Yankee's words encouraged those in attendance, including the children, to give enthusiastically to the building project. This is just one of our many school building projects that need support.

4-H Liberia Fair

4-H Liberia and the Liberia Annual Conference agreed to establish a partnership in 2012. The office of 4-H Liberia, headed by G. Umaru Sheriff, is in the Department of General Education & Ministry and we work have a great working relationship. 4-H Liberia encourages youth to develop skills in agriculture, leadership, and entrepreneurship. The more than eighty 4-H Liberia clubs are all school-based and include public and private schools, including John Wesley United Methodist School in Weala, Margibi County.

On December 21, 2018, the 4-H Liberia Agriculture Fair held at the Nancy Doe Market in Sinkor, Monrovia, brought together members of forty-two 4-H clubs from six counties. Each club came with produce. The best club in each of the six counties competed in quizzing, drama, debate, and presentation of produce. Three peace corps volunteers worked with us to plan the fair and, along with me, served as judges. Mr. Alvin C. Wesseh, the Assistant Minister for Regional Development, Research and Extension at the Ministry of Agriculture was the keynote speaker and presented the first and second place trophies.
Mr. Sheriff shared 4-H Liberia success stories of a club member in Bong County who taught her uncle a better way to plant cassava (put each cassava stick in a mound of soil) and a 4-H Liberia field officer in Lofa County who organized a farmer’s cooperative that earned over 300,000 Liberian dollars (almost US$2,000) from selling the peppers they grew.

I bought fresh peppers, cassava, beans, watermelon, cabbage, and collard greens. The fair was evidence of the agriculture, entrepreneurship, and leadership skills that the club members are developing. It is my hope that our United Methodist Schools will have consistent and committed agriculture teachers to lead 4-H Clubs at our schools.

You may contribute to the education ministry of the Liberia Annual Conference by giving to:
- The Advance #15125B Scholarships for Elementary, Secondary, College & Seminary Education
- The Advance #3020670 Construction of New School Buildings
- The Advance #3021654 Sheltering the Children of Gretta Moffat United Methodist School (Please note the name change for this project to build dormitories for the Gretta Moffat UMS in John Dean Town.)
- The Advance #3021129 for missionary support in my name.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

I wish you the love, joy, and peace of Jesus Christ.

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