

Liberia Education Update

September 2020



Students in grades 6-9 were all in class on a quiet campus at Anderson Weamah UMS in Tubmanburg,



Food buckets delivered to New Hope United Methodist Women UMS in Israel Community, Montserrado County.

Distribution of Supplies from Holston Conference

In my July Update, I reported that the container from Holston Conference arrived. In September, I enjoyed traveling to United Methodist schools in Bong, Bomi, Grand Cape Mount, Margibi, and Montserrado counties to give each school staff person at 11 schools a bucket with food including rice, oatmeal, cornmeal, powdered milk, sugar, canned meat, beans, and oil.

Duahzon, Margibi County, is home to the Judith Craig Children's Village, the Harriette E. Bailey United Methodist School (UMS), and the Charles Britt Senior Citizen Home. We delivered food buckets to all 3 ministries. Each of the 5 residents in the Charles Britt Home and each staff person received a bucket and health kit with toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, soap, and a washcloth.

Not far from Duahzon, is the New Life Recovery Center. This home is a ministry for young men overcoming drug addiction through new life in Christ. I am thankful to Jefferson Knight for his leadership and vision in this ministry and for the opportunity to pray with the young men and give them food buckets and health kits.

The nonprescription medicine sent in the container went to the Health Department of the LAC to distribute to our 5 clinics and Ganta United Methodist Hospital. Thanks again, Holston Conference!

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Rev. Dr. Charles Fiske, school principal; Ruth Harris, Charles Britt Senior Citizen Home matron and dietician ; and Rev. Robert Sieh, Judith Craig Children's Village director received buckets for their ministries in Duahzon.



Harriette E. Bailey UMS, Principal Rev. Dr. Charles Fiske, stands by blocks that will be used to continue building an annex for the school.



The new building for Jasper Grant UMS in Pleebo, Maryland County is almost completed. Photo sent by Augustine Kraah, Local School Board Chairperson.

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” I Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

Thank you!
Be well and safe in God’s Kingdom.

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Preparation for 2020/2021 School Year- Construction of New School Buildings

In September, the number of active cases of COVID-19 in Liberia declined. We are adjusting to social distancing, handwashing and wearing masks in school.

As I went about distributing buckets to school staff, I spent time talking with students in each classroom. It was great to see 6th through 9th grade students back in class.

All schools are open and while students are completing the 2019/2020 school year (which would have ended in June if schools did not close in March), school administrators are planning for the start of the 2020/2021 school year. For four of our United Methodist Schools, the plans include completing school construction projects. Harriette E. Bailey UMS in Duahzon and Jasper Grant UMS in Pleebo, Maryland County, are both constructing new buildings so that all students from the nursery class through 12th grade can be in classrooms. Harriette E. Bailey UMS is currently using a multipurpose building for some classes and Jasper Grant UMS is using the church sanctuary. The new building will also provide space for a library, science lab, and offices.

C. W. Duncan UMS on Bushrod Island in Montserrado County is having classes in the church building and in temporary classrooms in the churchyard. This school needs a building.

Korsen UMS in Nimba County was in a rented house and using the old church sanctuary. We are grateful that Peoria First United Methodist Church in Illinois gave funds to construct a school building.

Funds are needed to complete and furnish these buildings which are necessary to appropriately meet the space needs of our students.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare for the new school year with all students in class.



Junior high school students in class at J. J. Roberts Memorial UMS in Siafa-Keh Town, Grand Cape Mount County.