

# Liberia Education Update

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Nifu is a town in Grand Kru County, Liberia. One of the residents told me that the town has 2,000 human beings and 2,000 cows.



I stayed in this house and was graciously cared for during the Nana Kru District Conference.



The Gee River District Superintendent (with backpack) ready to cross the first river on our journey back to Greenville, Sinoe County.



The choir led the procession into the Martha Nah United Methodist Church building for the closing worship service of the Nana Kru District Conference on February 7, 2021.

## Nana Kru District Conference

I was glad that Rev. Toby Pah, the Nana Kru district superintendent, invited me to be the Bible study leader for the Nana Kru District Conference again this year. I enjoy being in beautiful Sinoe and Grand Kru Counties. The Conference was held in Nifu, Grand Kru County from February 3 to 7, 2021. The theme and text were the same as last year- "Forward Ever, Backward Never", Philippians 3: 12-16.

Liberia is filled with rivers, creeks, swamps, and forests so many areas are not accessible by car or motorbike. To go to Nifu, I went by taxi to Greenville, Sinoe County which took about 24 hours because of the road condition. Then I went with Rev. Tarsanneh C. Chea, Rev. Joseph Tarbah, and Pastor Jonathan Pratt (pastors from the Sinoe District Conference) by motorbike for about 8 hours to Nifu (including time to cross two rivers with the motorbikes). After a beautiful and safe trip, we reached Nifu in time for the evening opening worship service on Wednesday afternoon and participated in all the Conference activities through the closing worship service on Sunday morning. The Gee River District superintendent, Rev. Wellity Tarlesson, and District Men's President, Bro. N. Quayeton Terry, joined us in Nifu and began the return journey with us on Monday morning. It was a great reunion of United Methodists who walked, came in canoe, and rode on motorbike to this district gathering.



The My host, William Jlopleh, the newly elected Associate District Lay Leader, sitting on a canoe freshly carved from a cottonwood tree. The wood shavings are on the ground.



Crossing a river in Grand Kru in a cottonwood canoe.



Teachers and students gathered to receive supplies for Toe Gbardee Memorial United Methodist School. (Photo by Pastor Marcus Nagbe)

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**Supplies to Toe Gbardee Memorial UMS**

Marcus Nagbe is a graduate of United Methodist University's Winnifred Harley College of Health Science and is currently a registered nurse with his own clinic serving the people of Diyankpo in Sinoe County. I first met him in King Williams Town, Sinoe County (Nana Kru District) several years ago when we were conducting a health training. I was happy to see Marcus Nagbe again at the Nana Kru District Conference where he was commissioned as a pastor!

Pastor Marcus Nagbe is also helping with the administration of the Toe Gbardee Memorial United Methodist School (UMS) and United Methodist Church in Diyankpo, Sinoe County (Nana Kru District). When I met with the staff of Toe Gbardee Memorial UMS in December 2020, they told me about materials that they needed for the elementary school. I wrote everything down in my notebook and said that when they knew of someone going from Monrovia to Diyankpo, I would send the items.

In January 2021, Pastor Marcus Nagbe called to let me know that his wife was in Monrovia and would soon return to Diyankpo. I went to work gathering the materials- reading books, ledger book, report cards, a bucket for drinking water... When I bought chalk, the stationery shop owner added a box at no charge, saying that he wanted to help with the children's education.

All the supplies reached the school and in February, Pastor Nagbe sent photos from Toe Gbardee UMS.



Students lined up for morning devotion at Toe Gbardee Memorial UMS. (Photo by Pastor Marcus Nagbe)