

Liberia Education Update

August/September 2021



Container from Holston Conference arrives at the Liberia Annual Conference Central Office, August 5, 2021.



Isaac Fuflay, Department of General Education & Ministry's new Training Coordinator at his desk at the Liberia Annual Conference Central Office in Monrovia.

The Department of General Education & Ministry welcomes a training coordinator

On August 1, 2021, Mr. Isaac Fuflay joined our staff in the new position of Training Coordinator. Mr. Fuflay is a graduate of United Methodist University's J. J. Roberts College of Education and worked with the Ministry of Education where he identified training needs, designed training plans, and conducted workshops for teachers. We look forward to Mr. Fuflay doing the same with teachers in the United Methodist School System.

Mr. Fuflay has completed most of the graduate courses required to earn a master's degree in education from Cuttington University in Monrovia, but his graduation plans are on hold due to insufficient funds to pay tuition. I join, him in prayer for financial support to complete his degree.

40-foot container from Holston Conference

In my last update, I shared that we received a container from Holston Conference that was scheduled to arrive in 2020. Well, the 2021 40-foot container arrived at the port in Monrovia on July 28, 2021. Schools that have never received supplies from Holston Conference or have not received supplies for several years will be supplied from this container. Thank you, again, Holston Conference!

New roofs

In Liberia, the heaviest rains usually come in June, July, and August and as the 2020/2021 school year was nearing its end, the zinc roofs at Janice Lee Mclain UMS in Marshall City, Margibi County and Harrison Grigsby UMS in Greenville, Sinoe County were so damaged by rust that the rain was pouring into the classrooms. Both schools are near the Atlantic Ocean. The upside of living by the ocean is beautiful the view, the sea breeze, and the sound of the waves. The downside is zinc rusts and deteriorates. We say that the sea breeze eats the zinc. Gifts to the Advance for Construction of New School Buildings were used to replace the roofs at these schools with a more durable zinc alloy and students were able to return to class to complete the school year.



Janice Lee Mclain UMS in Marshall City, Margibi County recently painted for the new school year, August 18, 2021.



New roof at Janis Lee Mclain UMS, August 18, 2021.



Roof tops in West Point, Monrovia, September 14, 2021.



Students and instructors in computer lab at John Kofi Asmah UMS in West Point, Monrovia, September 14, 2021.



Open space at William V. S. Tubman-Gray UMS, Gbarnga, Bong County, September 15, 2021.

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Vacation School computer classes at John Kofi Asmah UMS

During June, there was a rise in Covid cases in Liberia and the elementary school children ended the 2020/2021 school year in July. The junior and senior high school students continued into August and vacation school was held in September.

John Kofi Asmah UMS in the crowded Monrovia township of West Point provides learning opportunities for students in nursery class through 12th grade. The school has a computer lab with 25 computers. There were 3 sessions of computer class were during vacation school with no more than 25 students per class (one student to a computer). The school also opened the campus to the community for elementary school classes free of charge.

West African Senior School Certificate Examination

12th grade students in Liberia took the WASSCE from September 10 through September 30 along with the other four West African anglophone countries- Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone. Several of our United Methodist Schools were used as examination centers because of their seating capacity. I visited W. V. S. Tubman-Gray UMS during the WASSCE. Chairs were arranged in the gym and 12th grade students from other schools came to take the exams along with our Tubman-Gray students. We are waiting for the results which will determine if students are eligible for high school graduation.



Gym at William V. S. Tubman-Gray UMS, Gbarnga, Bong County, set up for the WASSCE, September 15, 2021.