

# Liberia Education Update

March 2023



Loading cement at a building material store in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County for the fence project at Zwedru UMS, March 7, 2023.



Cement blocks for the fence were molded on the campus of Zwedru UMS, March 9, 2023.



Grade 10 class at Zwedru UMS, March 9, 2023.

The Liberia Annual Conference was held in the gym of Tubman-Gray United Methodist School (UMS) in Gbarnga, Bong County from February 8-12, 2023. I'm thankful for a very peaceful stay with the Catholic Sisters in Gbarnga.

This year, as always, the Annual Conference was a time for me to meet UMS principals from the fifteen counties of Liberia and our United Methodist School principal from Diecke, Guinea.

After the Annual Conference, I visited schools in Montserrado, Bong, and Nimba Counties and then traveled by road to Zwedru in Grand Gedeh County. Parts of the road from Ganta in Nimba County to Zwedru are being prepared to be paved, other parts are almost impassable. We spent the night in the pick-up truck while waiting for workers to come with machines to fill-in a portion of the road.

In past updates, I have highlighted the need for a fence (cement block wall) for Zwedru UMS. From March 4 through March 8, I was in Zwedru getting the fence project started with gifts to The Advance #3020670. From Zwedru, I went by motorbike with a driver named Bill (past cars and trucks stuck in the mud) to Dweken UMS in Grand Kru County.

After a nine-hour trip, Bill and I arrived at the house of the principal, Rev. Isaac Sackie. We were tired and muddy, but the trip was worth it. The next morning, I had a great time with the students during the installation program for the Dweken UMS student council. Bill came for me and we spent two weeks together traveling to schools in Southeast Liberia.



Grade 9 class at Jasper Grant UMS in Pleebo, Maryland County, March 14, 2023.



Children carried water to help with the mud school building project for David Tweh Toe UMS in Grand Cess, Grand Kru County, March 17, 2023.



Traveling by canoe on the Atlantic Ocean to King William's Town, March 23, 2023.



Anna E. Hall 3-classroom annex under construction on January 24, 2023.



Mary Allen UMS in King William's Town, Sinoe County, March 27, 2023. Renovation of the building has started.



Anna E. Hall 3-classroom annex on March 16, 2023.

I said goodbye to Bill in Greenville on March 20<sup>th</sup> and set out by canoe for King William's Town before dawn on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. I went with Rev. Brownell Konton, the Nana Kru District Superintendent for a great first district meeting in Nana Kru Town, the town next to King William's Town.



Cement blocks are ready for building a computer lab at Flanagan UMS in Fish Town, River Gee County, March 13, 2023.

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Students during recess at Flanagan UMS, March 13, 2023.