

# 2012/13 EHS-EES ALUMNI SUPPORT PROJECTS

### **SUMMARY REPORT**

## **Project List**

#### **Short Term Projects**

- 1. Salary Payment for EES & EHS Staff: **Continues**
- 2. Reconstruction of the Bowen Cottage/House
- 3. Renovation of the EES building: **Doors & windows completed**
- 4. Renovation of Science/Chemistry Lab: Completed
- 5. Replacement of the EHS Building Roof
- 6. Replacement/Repair of the Brunot Hall Roof
- 7. Donations of School Supplies and Materials, in Liberia/campus
- 8. 4-Wheel Drive Pickup Truck (Twin Cab, Shift)

#### Long Term Projects

- A. Strategic Electrification on Campus with NYIT Help
- B. The Kobolia Agriculture Project
- C. Reopening of St. John's and House of Bethany for Boarding
- D. Memorial Wall, Online and in Library
- E. Use of Facebook to Promote EHS-EES
- F. One Laptop per Child (the Green Laptop Project)

## **Project Status**

#### **1. Salary Payment EES/EHS Staff**

Salary payment as presented during the Minnesota Convention was successfully implemented and salaries are current; details will be reflected in the treasurer's report.

#### 2. Reconstruction of the Bowen House/Cottage

This project is ongoing and should be completed short term. Outstanding contributors are families of: The Philip T. R. Bowen Sr.; Edwin O. Fahnbulleh and George Washington/Farhat. (Resource person for this project is Dr. Abeodu –Bowen Jones). Currently 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 pantries, 2 porches. Building is at roof level.



#### **3. EES Building/Classroom Renovation**

Completed and in full function use through the instrumentality of Rev. Abeoseh Fleminster and substantial financial support from the St John's Episcopal Church Parish of Ohio.

- Additional payment of \$3,500 was made for the installation of window bars. Mother Robertson is in charge of this project.
- Also for human resource development, 9 more scholarships were added to the current 5, making a total of 14 scholarships.
- Window bars and steel doors installed and completed.





Georgia, the daughter of Father Charles Howell and Liz Howell, Christ Church, Staten Island, made a mini-library for the pre-K to sixth-grade students of EES.

She also cataloged the books to make it easier to assess needs and usage.

- 4. Renovation of EHS-Science/Chemistry Lab to receive equipment & supplies.
- Activities that are concurrently being undertaken are:
- Securing room with adequate rogue bars (door/windows) COMPLETED
- Construction of shelving, chairs & desk for the lab COMPLETED
- Purchase and shipment of lab equipment/utensils from the USA COMPLETED; arrived in Liberia and on campus from U.S.
- Purchase of a small generator for safekeeping of chemical and provide lighting security: Generator (5Kv) is available now as a standby.
- Re-activation of on-site security (must be done prior to furnishing or installation of equipment in the Science Lab).
  This is under discussion.

#### **5. Replacement of the High School Roof**

Not yet started but need to be done prior to furnishing the Lab to safeguard and protect the Lab and equipment from water damage resulting from roof leakage. Plans to implement this are under discussion.

#### 6. Replacement of Brunot Hall Roof

Not yet started but should be in line after the EHS building roof repair. However, we will rely on decisions and priorities set by the Alumni on site in Liberia. Plans to implement this are under discussion.

#### A. Electrification/Generator for Campus

Discussion and preliminary research for an approximate 67Kw set was partially done and is temporarily on hold. Meanwhile, we are talking to NYIT about other ideas for solar or hydro electrification. We will gather information over the next few months for the Spring semester.

The support spreadsheet is 85% complete. Awaiting 15% before forwarding complete set of documents to NYIT.





#### **B. The Kobolia Agriculture Project**

Deed has been located and on hand; a technical group has visited the site and the preliminary project proposal is done. The intent of this project is a feeder project for support and self-subsistence of the institution should we be successful in rebuilding the campuses to pre-civil war. Because of the Land Tenure Law, it would be advisable that the following be considered now:

- 1. Resurvey and establish our boundaries/cornerstones.
- 2. Start small-scale agriculture activities.
- 3. Teleconference call with group in Ohio to discuss assistance for the project. On hold as yet.

C. Reopening St. John's & House of Bethany (Boarding)

A tri-partite arrangement for the campuses has been made. Those involved are the Ministry of Education, Episcopal Diocese of Liberia, and the EHS-EES Alumni Associations of Liberia and USA. Plans to implement this are under discussion.

#### D. Memorial Wall: Means of Fundraising

There are two walls, one online on the website and one to come at the Library. The walls are to memorialize our loved ones.

The donation is \$50 for each deceased person.



E. Facebook as a Means of Fundraising and Publicity

Facebook has proven to be an effective way to create interest in non-profit organizations and projects. EHS-EES can create a Facebook page, visible to everyone, to promote the schools.

Also, everyone in EHS-EES who has a Facebook page can "friend" and link to the page, multiplying the effectiveness of every public-relations and fundraising effort logarithmically.

A formal public-relations project is under discussion.

#### F. One Laptop per Child Program (Green Laptop)

We should take a look at this program for our schools. The laptops are widely used in developing countries, including Ghana.

The latest version is very simple to use and runs on solar batteries. It is well-built and safe from falls, water, dust, etc.



#### **G. 4-Wheel Drive Pickup Truck**

The members of St. John's in the Village, Manhattan, hoped to collect \$4,000 towards a fourwheel drive pickup truck during Lent. Instead, they collected \$6,000.

Other donations came from alumni and from Christ Church New Brighton, Staten Island, NY.

The truck will be used to transport material and equipment from Monrovia to the campus.

Donations are still being accepted.





#### H. Container with the Science Lab Equipment

The truck with the text books and other school supplies at Christ Church, Staten Island, heading for South Carolina.



#### H. Container with the Science Lab Equipment

The truck holding the science lab equipment, school supplies, and text books in South Carolina.

The contents are now all in Liberia and on campus.



#### SUMMARY

All projects are supported by the EES/EHS Alumni Association, with collaboration & communication between the USA & LIBERIA branches' executors, in agreement with and with permission from the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia through the Bishop's office.

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