

# 2017/18 EHS-EES/St. John's Technical Academy Alumni Support Projects SUMMARY REPORT

### **Project List**

### **Completed Projects**

- 1. Renovation of the EES building: Doors & windows completed, roof
- 2. Annual report from Principal Kpehe
- Reconstruction of the Bowen Cottage/ House
- 4. Elementary school roof replacement
- 5. Lunch room and principal's and registrar's office
- 6. New technology center
- 7. New water tower

### **Ongoing Projects**

- 1. Memorial Wall, online and in library: Phase 1 completed; Phase 2 started
- 2. 4-wheel drive pickup truck (twin cab, shift)
- 3. Finish the library
- 4. Renovation of science/chemistry lab
- 5. Replacement of the EHS building roof
- 6. and high school classes
- 7. Replacement/repair of the Brunot Hall roof

- 8. Student desks and armchairs for elementary and high school students
- 9. Salary payment for EES & EHS staff
- 10. Access to trust fund monies held by the Diocese of New York (815)
- 11. Computer equipment for the technology center.

### **Future Projects**

- 1. Strategic electrification on campus, including solar powered street lights
- 2. The Kobolia Agriculture Project
- Reopening of St. John's and House of Bethany for Boarding
- 4. Rogation site
- Use of Facebook to Promote EHS-EES/St. John's Technical Academy: Under discussion
- Planned pilgrimage 2020 from Christ Church, Staten Island
- Donations of school supplies and materials, in Liberia/campus

### **EES Building Roof/Classroom Renovation**

Completed and in full function use through the instrumentality of Rev. Abeoseh Flemister 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. \$4,000 is still outstanding on this project (Class of '79).
- Also for human resource development, 9 more scholarships were added to the current 5, making a total of 14 scholarships.





### **New EES/EHS Staff**

The new principal and superintendent is Rev. Fr. Richard B. Kpehe, M. Ed, M. S.Th, B.A. Th. He is also the priest for the church. (See principal's reports for information about students' grades.)



### **Reconstruction of the Bowen House/Cottage**

This project is now completed.

Outstanding contributors are families of:

- Philip T. R. Bowen Sr.
- Edwin O. Fahnbulleh
- George Washington/Farhat.

Resource person for this project is Dr. Abeodu–Bowen Jones.

Currently 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 pantries, 2 porches.





### **Elementary School Roof Replacement**

The project was jointly undertaken by EHS-EES/St. John's Technical Academy Alumni Association of USA, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Westerville and the Outreach and Justice Committee of St. John's Episcopal Church, Worthington, Ohio, which gave a grant of \$12,000. The Rev. Philip A. College is the rector.

The Class of 1979 Alumni Association has committed to raising the \$4,000 needed to finish paying for the roofing, for a total of \$16,0750.





Teachers' lunch room



Principal's and registrar's office

Liberian and U.S. alumni joint meeting in Bishop's conference room, Trinity Cathedral 2016, with signed MOU.



### **Technology Center**

The EHS Technology Center construction is completed thanks to Lone Star Cell alumnus Emmanuel L. Shaw, Jr. What remains is building the furniture and installing the computer equipment and supplies. We expect that the Chemistry Laboratory and the Technology Center will result in a significant increase in enrollment. We should now work toward hiring qualified staff.





### Science lab equipment delivered



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



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.



Liberian and U.S. alumni in front of the EHS building in 2016



View of St. John's Irving Memorial Church building from Bowen Cottage.



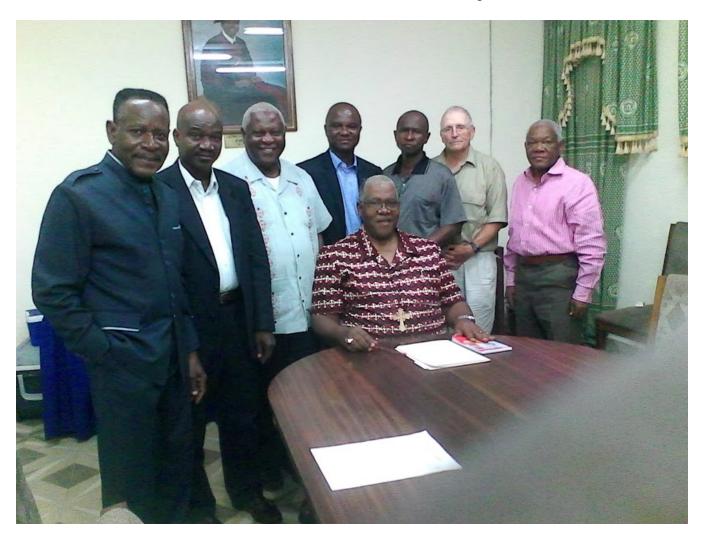
Technology center, St. John's campus.



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### **Water Tower**

The new water tower now secures a water supply to the schools and campuses.

The pipes need to be installed to run the water into the facilities.

The old Point 4 Reservoir (dam) will be used as an alternative water supply.

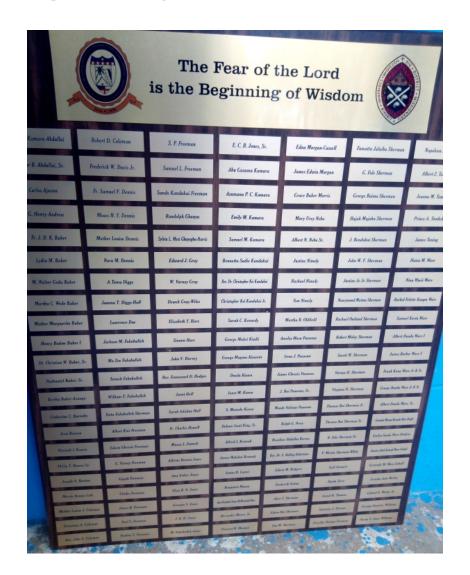


# Memorial Wall: Means of Fundraising

Phase 1 Completed: There are two walls, one online on the website and two physical plaques at the elementary and high school libraries.

The walls are to memorialize our loved ones.

The donation is \$50 for each deceased person.



### **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.







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.





The library is not complete.

# Renovation of EHS Science and Chemistry Lab

Activities that are being undertaken concurrently are:

- Securing room with adequate rogue bars (door/windows) COMPLETED except that the window glass has yet to be installed
- 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 in Robertsport. See photos.
- Purchase of a small generator for safekeeping of chemical and provide lighting for 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.





### Replacement of the High School Roof

Not yet started but needs to be done prior to furnishing the Lab to safeguard and protect the Lab and equipment from water damage resulting from roof leakage and remove asbestos roofing tiles. Plans to implement this are under discussion. Supporting the Memorial Wall will pay for the roof replacement.



### 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. The association wants donations of materials (zinc, for example) rather than cash, as suggested by the local chapter.

### **Brunot Hall.**



### A. Electrification/Generator for Campus

Discussion and preliminary research for an approximate 67Kw set was partially done and is temporarily on hold.

### **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 standard.

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

A tri-partite arrangement for the campuses is being developed and not yet finalized. Those involved are the Ministry of Education, Episcopal Diocese of Liberia, and the EHS-EES/St. John's Technical Academy Alumni Associations of Liberia and USA. Plans to implement this are under discussion.

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Boys' dorm in ruins, St. John's campus.

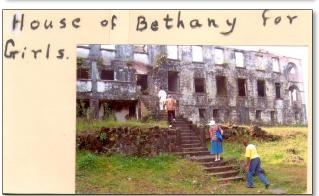


Former House of Bethany, in ruins.



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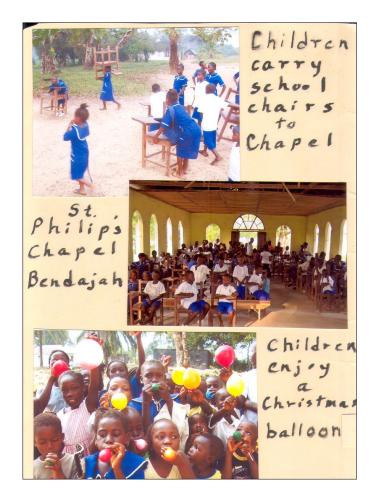


# Feeder Schools:

St. Andrew's (Baloma)

St. Philip (Bendajah)

St. Stephen (Mambo)



### **Rogation Site**



Rogation Site: Gravesite of Father E. Bolling Robinson



### 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/St. John's Technical Academy can create a Facebook page, visible to everyone, to promote the schools.

Please "friend" and link to the page to multiply the effectiveness of every publicrelations and fundraising effort logarithmically.

Please post photos and quotes to Facebook from the



conference! A formal public-relations project is under discussion.

### Summary

All projects are supported by the EES/EHS Alumni Association, with other donors, and 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.

### **Summary of Approved Projects**

- 1. EES roof
- 2. EHS roof
- 3. Salary payments
- 4. Pickup truck (twin-cab)
- 5. Computer lab equipment
- 6. Science lab equipment
- 7. Water tower
- 8. Memorial Wall update
- 9. Lights
- 10. Water

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