

Liberia Education Update

December 2020



On December 10, 2020, I flew from Monrovia to Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County, then to Harper, Maryland County, and finally to Greenville, Sinoe County. I took this Photo in Harper.



Rivercess County, December 23, 2020- A woman sold sugar cane to people waiting for vehicles to be hauled from the mud on the road from Sinoe to Grand Bassa.



Harrison Grigsby UMS in Greenville, Sinoe County, December 11, 2020. This high school urgently needs renovation and a fence. Gifts may be sent to The Advance #3020670.



Teacher Training at Anderson-Weamah United Methodist School (UMS)

The 2020/2021 school year officially began in Liberia on December 1, 2020. Pastor James Zebedee, principal of Anderson-Weamah UMS in Tubmanburg, Bomi County invited Rev. Dr. Jerry P. Kulah, Dean of United Methodist University's Bishop John G. Innis Graduate School of Theology, and me to speak to the staff. I reviewed lesson planning and testing and evaluation. Dr. Kulah spoke on the character of leadership for the Christian teacher and spiritual formation for institutional development. I hope there will be more opportunities our teachers, school administrators, school support staff, and parents to hear Dr. Kulah's biblical teachings on living out our faith in the school setting.

Trip to Sinoe

On December 10, 2020, I flew to Greenville, Sinoe County to be the Bible study leader for the Sinoe District Conference and to visit 2 schools in the county. The Bible study theme was "Don't Look Back. Keep the Focus".



I sat in the palava hut with Marcus Nagbe (right) and staff of the Toe-Gbardee Memorial UMS in Diyanpko, Sinoe County on December 12, 2020.



The Nimba 4-H Club from Duoboe Public School in the United Methodist Church Missionary Compound before going to the 4-H Liberia Fair on December 29, 2020.



4-H Liberia Club members relax in the United Methodist Guest House before returning to their counties on December 30, 2020. Club members came from Bong, Bomi, Gbarpolu, Lofa, Margibi, Montserrado, and Nimba Counties. Club members from Bong, Gbarpolu, Lofa, and Nimba spent 2 nights in the guest house.

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Gorlu Care UMS, December 6, 2020.

New Schools in the United Methodist School System

Principals from two new schools attended the November 2020 United Methodist School Principal Association's Annual Retreat at William V. S. Tubman Gray UMS in Gbarnga, Bong County.

During the 2014 Ebola crisis, the Lofa River District Superintendent, Rev. Cecilia Mapleh, began working with orphaned children in Gorlu, Lofa County. The building for the Gorlu Care UMS was completed with the support of Pastor Shaffa Seward and partners. The Sinyea United Methodist Church near Gbarnga operated a school from 1994 until 1998. The school was re-activated in 2019 in the building used for Sunday School classes. In December, I visited both elementary schools.

4-H Liberia National Agriculture Fair

The national office for 4-H Liberia is in the Department of General Education & Ministry where I work, and I have a wonderful relationship with the National Executive Director, G. Umaru Sheriff, and his staff.

There are currently 157 4-H Liberia Clubs at schools in 7 counties with 2445 male and 2048 female members. John Wesley UMS in Margibi County and William V. S. Tubman Gray UMS in Bong County have 4-H Clubs.

In December, 5 members from the highest performing club in each county came to Monrovia with their produce to compete in the 4-H Liberia National Agriculture Fair. I enjoyed eating fresh cucumbers, water greens, and lettuce, and serving as one of the judges. Congratulations to the first-place winner, the club from Lott Carey Baptist School in Gbarpolu County.



4-H members grouped by club during the quizzing competition at the fair held at the Ministerial Complex.