

First Baptist Church Mambo

Tewor District, Grand Cape Mount County

Update Report From Grand Cape Mount County

In the Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter one, verse thirty-seven, the angel of the Lord said to Mary- "...For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Indeed, First Baptist Church Mambo and Baptist work in Grand Cape Mount County can testify that there is absolutely nothing that our God cannot do. All our God requires is our willingness to join Him into what He is already doing through and around the world. Amen.

This report seeks to update you our friends and partners about what God is doing in and around Grand Cape Mount County as far as Baptist work is concern. This report firstly looks at our Village Church Planting activities. Betty Memorial Institute ends 2012/ 2013 academy work on the 23rd June 2013. This report provides development from BMI, particularly he construction work, where we are and where we need to be. There is a financial report also in this report.

First Baptist Church Mambo/ Village Church Planting Program

Our vision at First Baptist Church Mambo is to plant a spiritually mature church in every Village and town in and around Grand Cape Mount County. Statistic gathered in May 2013 shows that the Village Church Planting activities in Grand Cape Mount has affected eighty four villages; in other words, there are eighty four villages that are experiencing either the meeting of the church on Sundays, a time of Bible study or Prayer meeting. We also have a total of five hundred & thirty-eight (538) candidates baptized during a period of five and the half years. There is also a total membership of one thousand, two hundred & forty-five persons. This is a huge step considering that Grand Cape Mount County is a densely Muslim populated community.

Many of you are aware of the issues we (Baptist Churches in Cape Mount County) have raise over the years. For examples, the issue of dress code for Baptist Pastors, especially

during ordination; our relationship with our Convention (Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention), particularly the issue of fees that are required to be paid to the Convention. Also, the need to organize and plan to solidify ourselves in Grand Cape Mount County has led to a plan **Mini convention** scheduled for **July 12th to the 14th 2013**. The three days event will be held at First Baptist Church Mambo, the center for Village Church Planting in Grand Cape Mount County. The purpose for his mini-convention is to come up with a resolution that will be submitted to the Liberia Baptist Missionary Convention (LBM&EC). We hope to consider issues that are most necessary for the rapid spreading of the gospel rather than holding onto traditions which serve as hindrances to the spread of the gospel. (Pray with us)

Skill Training For Women & Young Girls

A new Network has been launched at First Baptist Church Mambo. With the WMU at our church taking the lead in planning skill training for women and young girls, the idea has been programmed under the banner “**Rural Baptist United for Sustainable Development**”. On Saturday June 8, the skill training was launched with a total of 31 ladies involve. There are three categories of training, namely Pastry-6 persons; Tie & Dye- 12 persons; and Soap Making- 13 persons. Each group will meet three days every week for six months. Each group is required to do courses in Discipleship, Financial Management and Back Yard garden.

Below is Queeta giving a word of encouragement to the participants



The District Commissioner of Tewor District, the highest government official in the District, Hon. Magdalene H. Fahnbulleh served as the keynote speaker. Madam Fahnbulleh, a devoted Christian, challenged the participants to take the opportunity seriously.

Some pictures from the skill training launch on Saturday, June 8, 2013.



This skill training program is been founded by Bob & Sherry Smith and the Mother of Sister Sherry- Marge. On behalf of all of us, particularly the women, we thank you Bob & Sherry and Marge. May God bless you.

Pastors' Apprenticeship Program

First Baptist Church Mambo in collaboration with the BMI has organized a Pastor Apprenticeship program with the construction project. This program is intended to provide Pastors serving with our village churches with skills and training which will equip them in providing for their families. It takes US\$1,200.00 for the training and needed materials for a Pastor in the program. Recently, Dr. Lanny Loe of First Baptist Church Jonesboro gave \$3,000.00 to us, and together with the leadership at our Church, we decided that two Pastors will benefit and US\$2,400.00 was used for both of them. Each of them will help another Pastor each get trained and equip also as a way of appreciation the program. This program has been helpful to the overall construction work at BMI. Recently, Bob & Sherry Smith sponsored one Pastor and an unknown person from FBC El Dorado also sponsored another Pastor. Thank you for serving alongside these Pastors.

At the same time, US\$600.00 of the fund given by Dr. Loe has been allocated to the women skill training Program. The program needs a motorbike for its operation and the \$600.00 will go towards the purchase of a motorbike. And with the \$600.00, the women skill training will still need a balance of \$900.00 for the purchase of the motorbike. (Pray with us)

Betty Memorial Institute (BMI) (2012 / 2013)

The goal at the Betty Memorial Institute is to provide quality education, and create the environment for the pupils to see and accept God's free gift for eternity which is in

Christ Jesus. This 2012/ 2013 academic year saw BMI with 98 students, 63 boarding while 33 live off campus.

BMI is completing its second academic year on the 23rd of this June since after receiving operation permission from the Education authorities in the County two years ago. In April this year, BMI was invited to Tubmanberg city, Bomi County by the Ministry of Education, the agency of our National Government responsible to evaluate and regularize all education institutions in the Country. With Betty Memorial Institute the only boarding school in Grand Cape Mount County, a two men's team visited the BMI campus in May. As the result of this visitation, BMI was told the following:

- 1. The boarding facility at BMI must be improved. Toilet facilities must meet the standards; every child boarding at BMI must sleep on his or her own bed; food preparations of food for students must not be done in the open. (a cafeteria is necessary)**
- 2. By the start of academic 2013/2014, BMI must present an account statement from a local Bank showing a balance of ninety thousand Liberian dollars (L\$90,000.00) in Betty Memorial Institute's name.**

At the same time, the teaching staff at BMI at the moment has been considered satisfactory by Education authorities.



(Habibatu-teacher assistant; **Pastor Varney**- Founder, **Queeta**-Co-founder & acting Principal; **Kannah**- Teacher; **Ma-Musu** (Head cook); **Tennema**- teacher; **Giddings**- teacher; **Aaron**- teacher assistant.)

Our monthly budget for teachers' salary is **US\$650.00**. An additional **US\$255.00** is also budgeted for monthly salaries for other staff serving with the Betty Memorial Institute. In continuation from last school year First Baptist Church Round Rock (FBCRR) continue the teachers' salary sponsorship with around US\$1,200.00 quarterly and this continued

until January to March 2013. However, beginning April 2013, FBCRR has already started to provide \$1,500.00 for quarterly support for teachers' salaries. This support has been very important for the operation at BMI. However, there is still a little push BMI needs towards the salaries issue. We will seriously welcome commitment or sponsorship for teachers or other staff. Anyone who feels interested in this can contact any of the following: Dr. Clifford Hobbs at cliffhobbs@sbcglobal.net , Esther Worthington at treefarming@yahoo.com , Liz McNown at lz_mcn@yahoo.com , Queeta Freeman at qdf_bmi2012@yahoo.com.

BMI is in salaries arrears for one teacher assistant and the kitchen and support staff for May and June which totals to US\$355.00.

Meanwhile, Betty Memorial Institute will graduate 12 students from the k-2 class (pre-first). This program is schedule for Sunday, June 23' 2013 at 11: 30AM.

BMI Ongoing Construction Work

The vision of Betty Memorial Institute at the moment is as important as the structures on the BMI campus. Construction work is still ongoing.

Early this year we broke ground for the construction of a boys' dorm and a dinner hall. We also send out an appeal for help particularly for roofing the two buildings. We thank all of you who prayed because God was faithful. Earl & Esther Worthington Jonesboro, Georgia and Bob & Sherry Smith of Round Rock, Texas provided funding for roofing of the boys' dorm and the dinner hall. This includes the purchasing of the zinc, part of the timbers & planks as well as almost all the workmanship for the roofing and the sawing of hose timbers. We appreciate you and may God honor your giving in Jesus Name.

Below are pictures of the construction work of the Boys' dorm and dinner hall at different level and stages: Below is the portion of the school land hat was brushed in November 2012 preparing for ground breaking in January 2013.



And then below is mud bricks been prepared for the work.



Even before hiring a big truck, as you see below, our truck was at work



And the foundation began to show up and walls moving in the air.



The boys' dorm was the first to be roofed as seen below while the dinner hall was close and completed later on.



The two buildings are now up and roofed to the glory of God



However, there is still a lot of work to be done as seen below. The first picture below shows inside the dinner hall: **Ceiling tiles** are needed and plastering is ongoing but still need cement to complete plastering work on the two building.



Plastering the walls to cover the mud bricks. Below.



There is also some massive work going on as far as bathe rooms and toilets are concern. As per the acceptable standards, the bathe rooms and toilet facilities on the dorm and office areas are coming along- but still need some more attention.





Below is BMI office bathe room (tiles on walls) giving the acceptable standards.



Financial Report

A few weeks ago as Student Varney Massaley (Little Pastor Varney) led the



students in a regular prayer time as seen here;

he prayed and I quote **“Father God, we pray that you will bless Daddy’s friends (our Partners) and open doors for them so that they can give to BMI.”** Indeed, God has been faithful. The work here in Grand Cape Mount County has reached this level because of you, your faithfulness to be God’s hands to us. And we acknowledge you our friends, sponsors, supporters and Partners that are holding the ropes as we serve the Lord here. We assure you that our life and service is committed and dedicated to an opened, transparent and accountable ministry to the glory of our Lord Jesus, the Christ, realizing that a vibrant and blessed ministry can only be built upon these foundations. Having said this, we want to recognize all of you that are praying for and with us. Prayer has been, and will continue to be an integral part of our work. And nothing can replace those timeless minutes and hours you have taken to take us to the altar of our God. At the same time you will realize that this report already indicated some sources of financial provision since after our last financial update. However, below is a list of additional funding we received and the expenditure also indicated.

Sources	Money Received (US Dollars)	Purpose / Expenditure
Graber's Ministry (FBC El Dorado)	\$2,500.00	Copybooks, textbooks, students' food, tiles for office bathrooms, plumbing accessories for BMI bathrooms.
FBC El Dorado (General gift to BMI and Students' sponsorship program)	\$2,175.00	Students' food , seeds, labor for garden work, underclothes for sponsored students and chalk
FBC El Dorado (Village Church Planting Program)	\$1,870.00	Bibles, photocopies of training materials, food for Pastors, transportation for Pastors and Pastor Varney's travel to villages
Prayer Support Team-Monrovia	\$500.00	Salaries
Burtonsville Baptist Church (Individual Support to BMI)	\$1,000.00	Salaries, additional Cement for construction
FBC El Dorado	\$1,200.00	Pastor Apprenticeship Program
Deacon Jah(MGivens Children's Fund) (Two BMI sponsorship)	\$600.00	Food, copybooks, sheets, and underclothes for concerned students
Bob & Sherry Smith	\$2,500.00	Pump Project in Masakpa
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Bob & Sherry Smith	\$1,200.00	Pastor Apprenticeship Program
Graber's Ministry (FBC El Dorado)	\$100.00	Rams of sheets, computer ink
FBC Jonesboro (The Worthington)	\$900.00	Sand, transportation, tiles, payment of workers.

BMI Student Sponsorship

We are grateful to our special friends and Partners serving with us in the BMI Students' sponsorship program. This sponsorship ministry is very important to BMI. Below is an update of this program.

Currently BMI has eight students sponsor from El Dorado;

<u>Sponsors</u>	<u>Sponsors' Address</u>	<u>Students</u>
Dale & Jeanna Short	FBC El Dorado	Rosalina Barcon
Susan Forrest	FBC El Dorado	Musu Golafala
Deanna Bonn	FBC El Dorado	Precious Sambola
Linda Harbes	FBC El Dorado	Jeneba Swaray
Liz McNown	FBC El Dorado	Amie Kamara
Bob & Shelley Smith	FBC Round Rock	Victoria Kollie & Melvin Togbah
Virginia Woods	FBC Round Rock.....	Hawa Sheriff
Liz McNown	FBC El Dorado.....	Maima D. Massaley
Jean & Howard Burke	FBC El Dorado.....	Satta Sambola
Vacation Bible Study.	(FBC Rond Rock).....	Sara Feikah & Musu Watson
Melva and Husband.....	FBCRR	Princess Kromah
Mission Committee.....	(FBC Round Rock).....	Varney Massaley
Gene & Joyce Rush.....	(FBC El Dorado).....	Isatu Sesay
MGivens Children's Fund ...	(Dea. Jah- Burtonsville....	Jebbeh Massaley & Hawa Kanneh

To sponsor a student at the Betty Memorial Institute (BMI) is \$300.00 per a year. Some sponsors prefer to pay the \$300.00 at the beginning of the school year. Some pay per month-\$25; while others pay \$150 during each semester. Whatever way you choose to, what is important is that a child may get to meet the love of God through your sponsorship. That's why BMI needs more partners in this program.

: BMI Students In Need of Sponsorship

During this 2012 / 2103 academic year, we indicated in the BMI information sheet that Parents were to pay about US\$50.00 and offer services for BMI- either in the garden or cutting grass around the BMI campus. Yet, there are some Parents who cannot afford to pay the same amount. In fact many of those Parents are old. The below students are in need of sponsorship to be able to continue their education at BMI. Please partner with BMI to minister to these children through the Sponsorship program. To sponsor a student is \$300.00 a year. The three hundred will finance copy books, uniform and feeding while the child live on the dorm. This provides us the opportunity to introduce Christ to them.

Below are students we don't know much about because we could not meet or see the biological parents. They either live with intended relatives or family friend. Many of them do not like going home when school closes because they prefer the care and concern at BMI.



Princess Gbee:

Princess is 9 years old and lives with her aunt, Maima who is a member of our Church in Jene Wonde. Princess is in the 1st grade.

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Veronica Aquoi:

Veronica is 11 years and is in 1st grade. She also sings in BMI choir. Veronica has a very young mother who a high school student in Monrovia and has been unable to support Veronica in school. Therefore Veronica was brought to Tewor to live with her grand Aunt.

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Amara Konneh:

Amara is 6 years old and is in the k-1 class.



Yatta Paasewe:

Yatta was born June 23, 2001 and will be 13 years in a few days' time. She is in the 2nd grade.



Ciatta Massaley:

Ciatta Massaley is the daughter of the town chief- Siafa Massaley. Siafa was one of the first members of the church here but has gone back to the mosque. He has four children but wants BMI to educate Ciatta and he will work for her education. Ciatta is five years old and is in the beginning class.



Fatu Flomo:

Fatu lives in Kpakarkpor where we have one of our churches. She lives with her grand Uncle and is in the 1st grade.

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Faliku Paul:

Faliku is six years and is in the beginner's class.

Urgent Financial Concerns

As some of you may know, the school year begins in late August or early September. At the moment, we have a task of finishing all the finishing touches on the boys' dorm and dinner hall as well as putting beds, tables and chairs in them. This is a huge task, isn't it? But with your assistance, in whatever way that God leads will be appreciated. As seen below, I have outlined a financial listing in different categories:

1. Needed cement to Complete plastering of Boys' dorm and dinner hall.
60 bags of cement at the cost US\$10 each bag..... US\$600.00
Workmanship US\$250.00
Total US\$850.00
 2. Floor tiles for both dorms and dinner hall
175 boxes of tiles at the cost of US\$14 each box US\$2,450.00
Workmanship US\$ 400.00
Total US\$2,850.00
 3. Toilet facilities on the boys' dorm and dinner hall
6 commode (sp) at US\$60 each US\$ 360.00
Septic tank (digging & fixing) US\$ 200.00
Total US\$ 560.00
 4. Ceiling for boys' dorm and dinner hall
85 pieces of ceilings at US\$7 eachUS\$ 595.00
WorkmanshipUS\$ 250.00
Total US\$ 845.00
 5. Mattresses and beds for the boys' dorm
50 pieces mattresses at the cost of US\$50 each US\$ 2,500.00
50 beds at the cost of US\$40 US\$ 2,000.00
Total US\$ 4,500.00
- Grand TotalUS\$9,605.00**

Other Prayer Concerns

- **Mini Convention (July 12- 14th)**
- **FBC Mambo Skill Training for Women (effectiveness)**
- **Motorbike for Women Skill Training**
- **Pastors' Apprenticeship -**
- **Mini bus for BMI**
- **First Aid/ Medical Room on BMI Campus**
- **More Sponsors for BMI Students**
- **Village Churches & Pastors in Grand Cape Mount & Sierra Leone**

BMI Garden Project

This school year BMI grew her own potatoes greens, okra, cassava leaf, cassava etc. We currently have a ground peas (pea nuts), corn, okra and pepper farm farms
Below is a view of the farm on BMI campus.



Other Pictures of Happenings At our Churches and BMI

BMI Students wash hands, preparing for lunch.



BMI Students at Prayer time as the Choir sings during Chapel Service.



Making disciples: Baptizing and teaching them to observe all things. (Below)



New Syrena Baptist Church in Sanor at Sunday worship and their Pastor- Joseph Hoff
(Below)



The Church in Dambala worshipping on Sunday



Thank you my friends, and we look forward to hearing from you. We are open to any concerns that you may have.

Remember that someone dies every day without hearing the Gospel even in Grand Cape Mount County- because the Vai people are one of the unreached people in the world. God depends on us (You and I) to make his presence known. Grand Cape Mount is a perfect opportunity for us to get involve personally. The Bible says, **“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear with out someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, how beatiful are the feet of those who bring good news! (Romans 10: 14-15 NIV)**

