

Our dear Brothers, Sisters and our Partners and friends;

We want to use this opportunity on behalf of the students and Staff at Betty Memorial Institute (BMI) to express our thanks and appreciation to all of you our Sponsors, partners and friends for your prayers and support during the course of this year.

Academic activities for this school year comes to an end on Sunday, June 24, 2018. It has been a school year of challenge and uphill, but we have seen God's mighty hands at work. And we are grateful to our Father for bringing you our Sponsors, our Partners and our friends, for serving with us through your gifts and donations, even as we provide quality education, Christian discipline and a future for each of these children the Lord has entrusted to us.

Just to remind us again. The vision of the Betty Memorial Institute is to make Christ known to the children that come to BMI and provide quality academic education and vocational skills so that when they graduate from BMI and return to their towns and villages, they will be empowered with the skills and ready to join in the work of the Great Commission.

Years ago when the Lord directed us to start this Christian boarding school (BMI), the vision was, and still is, to enroll the children who are the more vulnerable and less fortunate in the County of Grand Cape Mount. These children constitute more than 75 percent of our church membership at every new church planted in Grand Cape Mount County. During the last several years, we have seen many of these children dramatically accepting Jesus, and are developing into a mighty army for Christ. With Grand Cape Mount County being predominantly Muslims, the children that come to BMI will eventually become the presence of Christ and the agents of change in a more lasting way in Grand Cape Mount County.

Our brothers and Sisters in Christ, our next academic year (2018/ 2019) is very critical because our 9th graders will be in the 10th grade which starts in this September 2018.

Humanly speaking, with all the things we need to do- setting up the various trainings, workshops for each Vocational department and with the tools and equipments needed; & building classroom for the 10th graders; before school reopens in September, it is impossible. But again, humanly speaking, BMI should have been impossible in the first place. However, here we are, from meeting in our small living room, and on the porch of a borrow house in Tewor, to a growing and developing 29 acres of land owned by Betty Memorial Institute, with buildings hosting almost 200 students and Staff singing songs of praise to God our Father morning and night. Truly, our God is faithful.

We are grateful to the Gregory's and to Brother Matthew Wissink and a team of professionals who are praying, seeking and following God's direction to equip BMI with the technical and trainings for trainers needed to begin in September. On the other hand, construction work have started on the building intended to host the 10th graders. Actually, the building is a 6 rooms upstairs building, when completed is intended to accommodate 10 through 12th grades, and computer room as well as a science lab and administrative office.

Now my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, sometimes last week, one of our students asked me this question: "Daddy, will this building be ready when we return from the vacation? My response

was "I am not sure". The young incoming 10th grader was not satisfied with my answer. So he asked another question: "where will our class be next year? I told him - here on the BMI campus, and both of us laughed, but I knew he wanted to hear something concrete. So I told him; "don't worry, enjoy your vacation". He was still not happy with my response, so he said these words to me: "Daddy, the bigger boys don't have to go for vacation. We can be stay here and help with the construction". As you read these lines, I'm not sure what's going through your mines. As for us, this is what keeps me going. The desire on the part of the children to learn. When we wake up each morning at BMI and see children who represent families that had never seen any of the family members earn a high school diploma- and we see the quest and energy on the faces of these children, how can we stop doing what we are doing?

The truth of the matter is that, God will provide a place for the 10th graders. And God will provide this classroom because His people will give; you will give for the sake of the children.

Firstly, the cost of the whole building is around US\$56,000.00. So far we have gone 95 percent with the foundation of the building. The Foundation should be finished in days. Our target between now and the opening of the next school year is to build pillars and Layout the top floor and at least partition a room for the 10th graders.

The following are materials and cost to reach out target:

1. Cement 430 bags @ \$8.50 a bag ----- US\$3,655.00
2. Steel rod 215 pcs @ \$15 a pc -----US\$3,225.00
2. Workmanship & transportation-----US\$1,250.00

I am asking each of you to allow the Lord to lead you into being a part to achieve this target. How many bags of cement (concrete) you are led to purchase? Just let us know. Whatever the Lord lead you to do will be appreciated.

The students start their vacation on the 24th June and return in September this year.

Thank you and may God bless the works of our hands,
For the King,
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For all the children