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Let your light shine so
people everywhere may
see your good actions
and praise God in heav-
en because of it.

Matthew 5:16

Happy Autumn!



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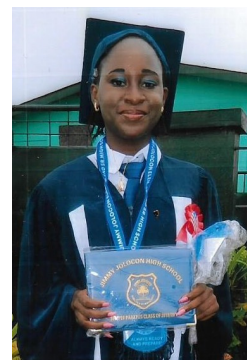
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Grateful Thanks to the Sponsors for giving the students a productive future. PIMIL supports the graduates for an additional year while they navigate in the post High School World. Your generous financial support allows this to happen for the students. More graduates in next issue.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020 – PIMIL is sponsoring 189 students, six more than last year's. The goal is to support 200 students and even more given the financial resources! The support of a student is group graded according to the educational division; for example:

Kindergarten to Primary grades (1st-3rd), the tuition amount is \$100 a semester, \$200 per year. Elementary (4th-6th grades), the amount is \$125 a semester, \$250 per year. See the web-site www.pimil.org on "Sponsor A Student". In addition, PIMIL's financial support of the students is primarily through these initiatives:

1. Sponsors, Individuals, Families, Congregations, Organizations, and Diocese (primarily ours)
2. Annual Fundraisings with the July event being the primary source when the most funds are raised at a setting. PIMIL is grateful for these means of opportunities!

PIMIL's START-UP MEETING & FAREWELL– PIMIL's start-up meeting is September. PIMIL meets 10 months in the year with August and December off. PIMIL is governed by an 11 member volunteer board styled the PIMIL Council. At this meeting, PIMIL bade farewell to her indefatigable Book Keeper, Mrs. Bernice Gruel. Bernice, who is also the Office Manager of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Westerville has served PIMIL for five-years. Bernice will surely be missed. The Board wished Bernice well in the next chapter of her "seemingly endless journeys of retirement."



NEW FUNDRAISING CYCLE MUSINGS – The PIMIL Council voted **\$20,000** as the fundraising goal for 2020! **The new fundraising “cycle” begins In August 2019 and ends in July 2020.** The new fundraising cycle was kicked off by raising funds by participating in the “4TH Friday” Westerville’s Street Fair in August. Here is an account of one of the two members who supervised the display.



A beautiful warm windy afternoon in Westerville, Ohio, brought many residents and friends to the monthly street market. Finding a parking space AND traffic access to the downtown venue was difficult, yet these were good omens of the evening ahead. I found Mother Abby outside the parish house setting up the PIMIL Booth for the evening ahead. The evening began close to 6:00 PM when shoppers strolled past and stopped to look at the treasures we offered for a donation of at least \$1.00. A Westerville resident with two beautiful grandchildren (age 3 and 5) stopped. She said the children’s mom was from Liberia. (Mother Abby is originally from Liberia). We talked a while and learned that the little girl had just started kindergarten; she liked school a lot! As the children were choosing something to take home, a house neighbor snuck in and put a five dollar bill in the cup with instructions to let the children pick whatever they wanted. When Grandma tried to pay for her two necklaces, we said, “No, that gentleman just gave us \$5.00 toward your purchase”. Grandma smiled and then put another five dollar bill in the cup! The wind whipped through the booths all night long, and our treasures needed constant rearranging. I wrapped a tent canopy rope around our wooden coat rack and sign to keep them stable. Soon a young man (a doctor from a neighboring booth) appeared and handed me a bungee cord. It was a welcome solution to our problem. Mother Abby and I had quite a laugh when a little boy, about seven years old, came by and handed us a dollar. He said, “This is for nothing”. That was true; he did not purchase a thing! Our final surprise guests arrived about the time we were thinking of “closing shop”. A young family with two teenage girls came to treasure hunt. The mother spied our most unusual piece, a handcrafted necklace (complete with tag) made in Peru. All night long I admired this colorful piece made by hours of wrapping yarn. The woman was so excited to find this. She told us that she and her husband had just received results of their DNA TESTS. Her test showed that she was part Peruvian and part African! I was shocked. They asked if we took credit cards, and of course we did not. They were not carrying cash, so I said, “Just take the necklace and you can take a dollar to the parish house across the street the next time you are in town”. She was very appreciative and assured us that a nice donation would be made. Mother Abby then invited them into the parish house to meet Father Joseph. (Fr. Joseph is the priest at St. Matthew’s.) I’m sure he was surprised to learn their story! All total we reaped **\$78.08** for our night’s work. (The eight cents came from the little preteen age girls, one of whom put a handful of change in the cup and said, “That’s at least a dollar”.) The people we met and the stories they told are precious, but the lesson we learned about God’s grace was priceless. (Kathy Hall, St. John’s, Worthington).

The MISSION of PIMIL - PIMIL’s Mission through education is the following:

Demonstrating God’s love through Jesus

Restoring Hope

Transforming lives

Enabling Dreams

Helping to rebuild Liberia

Fulfilling the UN Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church 2014.



Donation to PIMIL - Make check out to: St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 30 E., College Avenue, Westerville, OH 43081. **Indicate PIMIL** in the Memo area. Thank you!

Mother Abby and the PIMIL Council are available to collaborate with your congregation or Outreach Committee as determined. Contact: 614-901-2960.

The newsletter is published four times a year in the last month of the quarter. Your advice and letters are welcome!