



Education in Liberia



Second grade students



Fifth grade students



Sixth and seventh grade students

Since the end of the Civil War in 2003, socio-economic progress has been slow in Liberia. The outbreak of Ebola in 2014 contributed to further economic decline, and now the current Covid-19 pandemic has struck another blow as businesses have struggled to stay open. There continues to be wide-spread poverty and, according to the World Bank's data, 54 percent of the population live below the poverty line. This means they live on less than \$2.00 a day.

Most Liberians depend on money from friends and relatives abroad. Hundreds of people in the Monrovia area stand in long lines at the banks each day, waiting four to five hours to collect their money. Imagine getting in line at 6:00am and waiting until the bank opens at 10:00am, hoping you will get in before it closes at 5:00pm. Often the banks will close as early as 2:00pm, and you may have to return the next day for your money.

It is within this economic situation that Liberia tries to educate its children. In 2007 Liberia joined the Global Partnership of Education. They spent over \$40,000,000 in grant money for the GPE Basic Education Project from 2010-2016. Even still, most public schools lack adequate facilities.

Poor learning outcomes and unqualified teachers have led many parents to seek private schools or mission schools. These schools account for nearly half of the enrollment in primary schools. Roughly 20 percent of children ages 6-14 are not enrolled in a school at all. Therefore, Embrace Liberia has made primary education a priority in ministry to our community.

We continue to need your support to keep our school running, as many students cannot afford our minimal tuition fees.



Conference Center Activity

A Report from Anthony Sackor



Rice distribution for Covid relief

I was in Liberia for over six months to focus on training our leadership team and expand our ministry at the Conference Center. We spent time following up on those who attended conferences in January. Many men and women are continuing to study and learn from those sessions. When the Covid pandemic hit Liberia, many businesses closed and restrictions for travel made it difficult to purchase food. The Embrace Liberia Fellowship church oversaw distribution of rice for relief in our community. A big thank you to the Independent Bible Church for the funds to purchase the rice.



Board meeting

We were not able to hold meetings at the Center for several weeks. When we were able to meet again, I spent much of my time with the Board of Directors discussing our vision for the Embrace Conference Center and how to implement plans for further ministry. Our priorities are to increase conferences for training ministry workers and network with ministries in Liberia. We will continue to improve and support the school and increase continued education for the teachers. We would also like to offer skills training that will provide for small home businesses.

Please pray for these dedicated men and women who serve our community:



Pastor Lampkins and Pastor Nyennepo

Director, Isaac Garkpe, Pastors, Joseph Lampkins and Alex Nyennepo, Women's and Children's Ministry Directors, Yassah Nyennepo and Nancy Wrotto, and Financial Manager, Winnie Wungko.

Support the Needs of Embrace Liberia!

- **School scholarships**, desks, supplies, and books: \$5,000
- **Monthly supporters** for the ministry and Anthony's transition to live in Liberia
- Purchase a used Toyota King Cab **4-wheel drive truck**: \$15,000
- Upgrade electrical usage through **solar panels**: \$10,000

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