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**Annual Report of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission Schools Liberia
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Rev. Dr. Emmett L. Dunn
Executive Secretary-Treasurer. And the
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We bring greetings from the administrative team, faculty, support staff, and student body of Lott Carey Mission Liberia to all our global Lott Carey Family. We are grateful to the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention for the immense level of support we have received over these many years. Your generosity, prayers, kind gestures, and support are making a big difference in the lives of our administrators, teachers, field, and maintenance staffs, as well as students. With a great deal of gratitude, we remain thankful. May God continue to bless your hands and increase your service. As the old book says in **Proverb 3:27** "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in your power to act". Thank you for living up to the teachings of our Lord Jesus on sharing.

Lott Carey Baptist Mission, Liberia

We are grateful for the extremely exciting, marvelous, and congenial partnership of one hundred and fifteen years, which began in 1908. The years have been truly magnificent with the transforming love of God through your generous contributions, which continue to impact the lives of many. Lott Carey Mission in Liberia has thrived through its impact mission of Educating Liberian Children since 1908 and continues to make remarkable and resounding gains in the education sector of Liberia under our stewardship.

Lott Carey Mission Liberia operates **Educational Institutions** in two different counties in Liberia, Gbarpolu and Montserrado. Lott Carey Mission rural campus in Gbarpolu County have a total number of **225 students (boys:138, girls: 78)** from (Nursery to Grade 9) and Urban campus in Brewerville with **314 students (boys: 137, girls: 177) from (Nursery to Grade 12), totaling (512)** students from both campuses. Lott Carey Mission Liberia continues to make a huge difference in the Education sector of Liberia. The evidence of our work is seen through the success stories of our students who are enrolled at higher institutions of learning and through their contributions in their communities, Liberia, and the world at large. Lott Carey Mission, both in Brewerville and Bopolu, remains committed to its mission of building character and industriousness as well as promoting scholarship. We have through the years maintained our place as the best secondary school in Liberia by the standards of our academic programs, which range from highly qualified and competent teachers to our well-equipped classrooms and laboratories, as well as our safe and friendly environment. We work tirelessly to provide our students with the best learning experience possible. Academic excellence remains our primary focus, even as we evolve with the current dispensation of including extracurricular activities as part of the school's programs. Lott Carey Mission Liberia maintains high academic standards, which require our students to work harder.

At LCM, a few guiding principles influence who we are and how we contribute to our community:

Spiritual Emphasis: Sharing the gospel and teaching the basic principles of Christianity is an integral part of what we stand for as a Christian-based institution of learning. We develop our students spiritual lives through evangelism, regular daily devotions, and Bible teachings. These religious activities help them understand the guiding principles of Christ's teachings, building their moral knowledge and positively impacting their spiritual growth. We also support them in being witnesses to others in the community through our community

outreach sensitization program. Students go into selected communities, help provide sanitation services, and use the opportunity to share the word of God with community dwellers. They are made to understand the importance of caring for one another and winning lost souls.

Academic Excellence: Academic excellence is what keeps us the best secondary educational institution in Liberia. The high academic standards remain uncompromising. We continue to strive to ensure that the students at Lott Carey receive the best quality education. Academic excellence has been a successful gain because of our intentional efforts to stand out among learning institutions in the country. We have ensured that qualified teachers are in the classrooms, extra resources for learning materials are available, and the introduction of our multi-media teaching has made an even more effective contribution to covering all aspects of different kinds of learners. This is not just an end to making a name for the school but, most importantly, being able to make all the difference in the students' lives.

To improve our students intellects, Quizzing and Debate competitions are organized, allowing them to engage in extra-curricular academic activities outside of the everyday school life of the classroom.

Promotion of the STEM Program: In the 21st century, Science, technology, engineering, and math have become a blended curriculum that gives students the skills needed to succeed in the workplace of the future. With the advancement of technology in the world and Liberia being a country that is slowly developing, encouraging students to take on a career path in STEM is an opportunity to prepare them for the fastest-growing career sector of the future. This enables students to develop soft skills to think through problems, find solutions, communicate their thoughts, and explore new ideas. In this light, the science students of the science club, along with their supervisors, organized a Science Fair program, and the students led the presentations and experiments. It was a learning experience for other students, helping them to understand how important the sciences are in our lives as well as how much they have contributed to making life easy for humans. The event helped increase

students interest in the various STEM subjects. Also, during the year, science students with an interest in Information Technology participated in the Monrovia Tech Summit. The M.T.S. is an annual conference that brings together leading experts in the technology industry in Liberia and international speakers to share their knowledge, research findings, insights, and experiences with participants. The event featured panel discussions, presentations, and networking opportunities.

Poetry Writing: In our effort to ensure students are prepared for the world outside of our walls, we have continuously strived to give them opportunities to explore their interests. Arts students were also opportune to participate in a Poetry Writing competition, which was highly competitive. The program was organized to challenge arts students to use their pen to express their thoughts, feelings, and emotions. The program was held under the theme "**My Pen Says**" It was a showcase of their talents, which we believe will be unlocked through the **Writing Club**.

Agriculture Program: The Future of Self-Suitability for Liberia mission lay with the prospect of an effective agriculture program in Bopolu. On a much smaller scale, we have been able to produce **Farina (made from cassava)** for sale. The investment in agriculture holds great prospects for Liberia. The country continues to rely on large imports of food commodities from neighboring countries. We have been able to construct nurseries for cocoa on a small scale. For us to produce more on a larger scale, we will have to invest more in farming inputs and technical skills.

Installation of a Modern Water System: The campus in Bopolu now has a modern water system, which is a major accomplishment for the school. The water system (a 300 feet deep borehole) now provides clean and safe drinking water. This is a major accomplishment because safe drinking water is critical for human survival and socio-economic development by reducing the burden of diseases and promoting welfare. This is substantial for ensuring students are healthy and in school.

Menstrual Hygiene: Our female students are protected and covered during their special time of the month. The distribution of Menstrual Hygiene kits to our girls has helped keep them in school and has also helped reduce infections. The program has given them the confidence to feel normal during this time of the month. We have improved by making available a special room for them, which is referred to as the "**Pink Room**". In the pink room, they can feel free to change when they have a heavy flow. A bathroom is also in the pink room, and detergents, undies, towers, etc. are all available in the pink room.

Here are a few stories from the girls:

"I am a girl with a heavy flow when I am menstruating and usually feel embarrassed and ashamed. I am so thankful to the administration for providing us with a safe and comfortable space that I don't have to worry about looking weird. I can change my pad and underclothes and feel fresh during school. I don't have to miss classes just because I am a girl with a heavy flow". (Std. Pheobe E. Nagbe)

"The pad distribution encourages me to stay confident and not ashamed. It makes me feel needed and important because others understand what I go through. They support and value me". (Std. Valarie Caine)

"The pad distribution makes my month special and keeps me smiling. I am free from infections and move freely when I am menstruating. I feel protected and loved". (Std. Jackie L. Barclay)

This program has been a success through the generosity of many Lott Carey Churches, Sunday School classes, mission societies, families, and individuals. The kindness of gestures has been able to provide free menstrual hygiene products (sanitary pads, new underclothes, washcloths, soaps, creams, and lotions) to our female students every month, and we remain grateful.

There are several mission opportunities and special projects that individuals, families, churches, and Sunday school classes can consider for prayerful consideration and support:

- For short-term mission teams to come to Liberia and do VBS, sports camps, STEM camps, Music camps, and Spiritual Emphasis weeks with our students.
- Technical and Vocational education will enable our students to develop skills that may help create self-employment opportunities for them after high school while they look towards higher education.
- Volunteers to visit Liberia on short-term missions to work alone with our teachers and administrators to improve what we do by learning from one another.
- There is always a need for sanitary supplies, hygiene kits, and underclothes for our students (of all ages, male and female).
- There is also the need for a variety of school and teacher supplies, such as copybooks, pens, pencils, calculators, backpacks, book bags, etc.
- A school bus will assist in helping students get to school on time and reduce parents worries about safety. This will be a great help in reducing the cost of bus rental every time we have field trips.
- Expansion of our agriculture program in Bopolu. It will be of great help to the mission in Liberia if we can utilize the land we have in Bopolu by planting cash and food crops. Not only will it help the mission financially, but it will also help avoid similar issues of encroachment.

Prayer Concerns: We covenant to pray for and with each other. We share with you and covet your daily prayerful support for:

- Extension of the Lott Carey school in Bopolu from Junior High level to Senior High school. We pray that the needed resources will be available to successfully implement the project.
- The current land situation and the ongoing court process to be resolved soon, and we pray for resources to completely fence in our school property once all legal hurdles have been cleared.

- Financial resources to ensure that our school programs are sustained and improved.
- We are hoping to reintroduce Home Economics into our school program to give our students an added advantage over other schools.
- Real possibility of losing teachers to other institutions that are paying higher salaries because of the low salaries currently being paid to teachers.
- That our financial support and resources will increase so that we can take care of all our needs as an institution.

We are appreciative of the opportunity to be of service by nurturing, protecting, and caring for the priceless lambs entrusted to our care. We ask God's guidance as we work to care for the lambs entrusted to our care to produce fully developed, valuable, highly productive, and treasured sheep.

Thank you to Rev. Emmett L. Dunn and the office staff for their tireless efforts and support of Liberia's Mission. We ask God to bless you as you oversee this cherished institution.

In His service,



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