

BONG MINES CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

SECOND QUARTER REPORT

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Once again we greet you our BEC kins and friends in the blessed name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have ended the second quarter of this academic as well as the first semester. We ended the semester examinations on the 16th of February and closed on the 19th of February for a ten days mid-year break to return on the 5th of March 2007.

Students: We had a few dropped-outs, but a few students came in as well. The enrollment of students is pretty much the same that is, the number of students is still over eight hundred as stated in the first quarter report. When we return from the mid-year break, at which time the teachers will turn in their results, we will be able to give some information about the academic progress of students. They are generally trying in spite of studying with out text books.

Unfortunately, we lost one of our male students from the KG-1 class, He was ten years old. He had a sudden attack of malaria in December, just one week before we closed for the X-mas break. He was at school the day before, went home, roasted a corn which he shared with his friends. He asked his father to buy his uniform sock so that he could not be put of school. His father promised to do so.

And we are told by his father that at mid night the child woke up complaining about his head and his stomach. His skin was very hot. They tried to sponge him off and they put him in a wheel barrel to take him to the hospital. But upon arrival at the hospital, he was pronounced dead.

ADMINISTRATOR, FACULTY AND SUPPORT STAFF

We also lost one of our male teachers on February 6, 2007 after a protractive period of illness form January 2007 to February 2007. He was short of blood. He was given blood transfusion twice in January. Upon sign of improvement, he was discharged and given medication to continue taking at home and return two weeks later for check-up. He relapsed and died at home on the night of the

6th of February before he could return for check-up. He left a wife and six children to mourn his death, plus the school was responsible for the his family, his wake keeping and assisted with the funeral service all of which took place on the school campus. If you check the roaster, you will see the name Mulbah Dennis. He was the KG-1 teacher.

One of our female teachers from the lower primary level left without verbal or written notice. Therefore, we are on a search for two teachers to replace these teachers. We were fortunate to get a Liberian who lived in Guinea for over fifteen years to join our staff to teach French to the junior and senior high students. Hence our staff of thirty-three is now thirty-two. As soon as we can find replacement for the two teachers, the number will increase from thirty-two to thirty-four.

GOOD NEWS! Our Government, through the DEO, has added eight more teachers on the government payroll. Seven were there before and eight added makes it 15 out 23 leaves us with 8 volunteer teachers plus 11 support staff not paid by government. This means that the school still has more people to cater to than the Government. Nevertheless, we are happy that our burden is being lessened bit by bit. It takes time. We pray that next academic year the Government will add more teachers to the list by God's help.

FINANCI AL STATEMENT: with the Government giving stipend to 15 teachers while the school has 8 teacher plus 11 support staff make a total of 19, we have decided not to share the contribution you are sending to us evenly with all. Those that are not on Government payroll, we fell they should be given more because they have no other source of income. Your assistance is more than highly appreciated. The second quarter stipend breakdown reminded the same as that of the first quarter.

We shall furnish you with detail break-down in our next quarter report of a new adjustment in stipend. By then, we hope to have replacement for the two teachers mentioned above.

Administration has been quite busy with the matter of getting teachers pay check to come because the teachers put down their chinks for two weeks since they could not.

Get their pay. Again, we had to get the 6th, 9th and 12th graders registered for the national examinations. Next we were also totally involved in wake keeping and funeral service of the late Mr. Mulbah Dennis. Some of you might know him well. He used to work at the post office in Bong mines during normal days. Besides, all administrators have teaching loads to do because we do not have sufficient senior high instructors.

Right now, as I write this report, I must leave to go to Gbarnga to see about teachers pay because the Government Pay Team has been mandated not to go to substations. For each teacher to make a round trip to Gbarnga and come back, it cost \$900LD we are left with less than \$800.00 LD. This amount can not even buy a bag of rice (which is our staple food and cost (1,500 LD) for us. Teachers have no time to make farms for themselves. So you see, we are simply performing a humanitarian job for the society or community in which we live.

I pray that some of you people will hurry and come to take some of our places. It is not easy.

SCHOOL PROJECT OR NEEDS: Most of our school projects are still incomplete and some are not yet touched. Enclosed is a relisting of these projects which were forwarded in order of completion, near completion or not yet touched.

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SCHOOL PROJECT

1. Repairing of damaged desks continues more desk are being damaged weekly
2. Reading room –contains –not yet completed
3. Repair of front and back gates –completed
4. Instruction material textbooks mainly for teacher, stationary-still needed.
5. Computer lap set up.
6. Fencing of hand pump and pit toilets-not yet done
7. Production of more desks –not yet done
8. Setting up of mini-series lap not yet done
9. Teachers lounge –not yet set
10. Fencing of sport field in back of school-not yet done
11. Basket and volley bally court not yet completely renovated
12. No lacks yet for classroom and offices doors.
13. No desks, chairs, cupboard in classrooms for teacher.
14. No materials for sporting and Gala Day Activities such as football booths, jerseys, sneakers, marching band, etc.

NOTE: The first fine points have been touched or completed but the rest are yet to be treated or tacked.

MORE GOOD NEW: A computer Laboratory has been set up and opened in our school by a private local non-governmental organization called The Harvious Green Foundation Vocational & Training School from Monrovia. They came up with ten computers and a generator to operate computer classes. Our students and teachers are considered as compared to students and teacher from other schools. Adults of the community are taking advantage of this opportunity as well. This is the first of its kind in the community.

Despite the many challenges and difficulties we are encountering, thank God that by his grace and strength we are able to continue the struggle to promote education in Bongmines. By God's help and the help of kinsmen like you and friends we continue to exist.

We continue to say, to God be the glory, for great things He has done and continue to do for us.

May He (God) continue to richly bless you and all of us in the mighty name of his son Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Respectfully submitted:



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