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New School Building Project Newsletter

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Construction Begins...and a New Home!!



Mrs Ruth Bakia & her students

On 20th September, Buea School for the Deaf (BSD) turned a new and exciting page in its short history. We made the transition from our cramped, rented school building to our new permanent home!!

Immediately, on completion of our first building—a beautiful yet unpainted 3 classroom block—we opened the new school year... two weeks late.

With each classroom measuring 7m x 9m, the dimension meets our government requirement but is too large for our classes, which average 10 students. The 3 classrooms were partitioned to make 5 classrooms and a temporary administrative office.

A latrine and a second building comprising 4 classrooms were completed in October which gave us additional classroom space. A third building which will serve as temporary dormitories will be completed by the end of January.

Like every new beginning, the transition was quite challenging. Our campus is located in a new development area which is very rural and far from the main road ..and our nearest neighbour. Campus surveillance is being provided by a security firm.

Mr. Bibum has been using his 4-wheel vehicle and Mr. Nkongho his motorcycle to ferry some staff members. Cooking and maintaining good hygiene, requires large quantities of clean water which cannot be obtained from the well that was constructed in July but which needs further deepening. Currently, the water is only fit for construction work. The students take turns in fetching clean water from a source some 2000 metres away. There are no electric lines to the school. A generator is used at night for students to navigate campus and study.



Dormitories block under construction

However, we are seeing very positive benefits. The most pleasant is that we are no longer burdened with monthly rent payments! Returning students and parents arrived with beaming smiles on seeing the new campus. More parents are paying school fee on time! Fewer students are getting sick. Additionally, some students are exploring building as a career option as they observe at close quarters the construction going on.



Generator for night time electricity

BSD is extremely grateful to our donors for making a 7 year old dream of building our own campus a joyful reality! With construction of dormitories in progress and problems with water, electricity and transportation to contend with, the school continues to search for assistance in our efforts to give our students the best possible education.

WISHING EVERYONE A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR!

Mr. N'JOK BIBUM Aloysius, FOUNDER/DIRECTOR

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