



# Liberia 365

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Lott Carey Mission School

*For \$365 a year—just a dollar a day—you can support a child's education and make a difference in Liberia . . . and the World.*



FUTURE: Supt. Emile D.E. Sam-Peal, far left, poses with graduates of Lott Carey Mission School, which stresses spiritual side of service and citizenship.

Our Vision is to expand exponentially our educational impact in Liberia; and partner with people committed to creating a safe, stable and strong Liberia for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond.

What began modestly in 1908 as an oasis for education in a religious setting is today spreading light throughout Liberia and the world.

The Lott Carey Mission School is in its second century of providing quality academics in a dynamic environment that stresses Christian values.

“Education, like the rest of the country, was greatly affected by the civil war,” says the Rev. Emile D.E. Sam-Peal, Superintendent and Principal. “The process of rebuilding is long, hard and expensive. But it is an investment worth making.”

Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, agrees: “Learning history, the sciences, and the arts in a Christian atmosphere will contribute to a safe and stable Liberia.”

LCMS now serves 700 students in Brewerville and Bopolu with a staff of 120.

All 23 students who graduated recently from the 12<sup>th</sup> grade passed their standardized exams.

“LCMS is doing what it has done for more than a century—changing lives,” says Rev. Sam-Peal. “We never again want misunderstanding and violence employed in our grievances. Education helps in this process by providing a forum for new political, social, economic and artistic ideas for Liberia.”



#### Our Principles:

- Cultivate lifelong learners.
- Provide positive and meaningful educational experiences to all students.
- Develop creative and critical thinkers.
- Provide learning opportunities for physically challenged students.
- Treat all with respect and dignity.
- Manage resources effectively.
- Use creative teaching methods to help children learn.
- Promote ongoing professional development.





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## Local Mission, Global Vision

The Lott Carey Mission School provides the best education from nursery through high school in Liberia, and we have done so for generations. Our record of accomplishment can be credited to our dedicated faculty and staff. We continue to develop high-performing staffers by sponsoring their continuing education in local universities and deploying U.S. educators for short-term coaching. Lott Carey provides financial support and technical assistance to Liberian students, staff, and administrators.

Two education specialists recently helped school leaders develop a School Improvement Plan, which sets a course for progress as the school is rebuilt. “The issue of adequate, functional and appropriate academic facilities is a priority,” says Rev. Sam-Peal. “We need facilities that are up to acceptable standards and technologically relevant for today’s educational setting.”

Strengthening the capacity of teachers, improving the condition of facilities, providing high-quality instructional supplies, securing technology to connect the campus to the world, and developing a nutritional program will help ensure a healthy, safe, nurturing, caring and learning community for years to come.

The school is rightly proud of its impact on the special needs population. With few resources and little training, LCMS successfully welcomed and is schooling:

**Joseph, 7**, a kindergartener, who is an albino. He enjoys reading and is among the top five readers in his class. Though abandoned by his birth mother, a struggling relative cares for him and LCMS provides some medical care and a scholarship.

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**LEADERSHIP COALITION:** Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia, visits with (on left) Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Lott Carey, and Dr. Keith A. Troy, former Lott Carey President and Pastor of New Salem Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio.



## LCMS Mission Expands

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**Helen, 11**, who has Down syndrome, a genetic disorder that can lead to intellectual disabilities. LCMS, working with her parents, now reports her self-image is better and she is working with classmates, who were taught about her condition.

**Emmanuel**, a rising 12<sup>th</sup> grader with polio. What he lacks in physical strength, he makes up in brain power, and is touted by school officials as “one of the best and brightest.” He recently represented Liberia at the recent World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in Chicago. Emmanuel and students from 16 other countries also participated in various workshops and seminars around the U.S.

LCMS in Bopolu continues to advocate for girls’ education through community and Ministry of Education officials. Many young girls, age 7-18, are taken out of schools and placed in traditional schools, which represents a rite of passage into womanhood. Part of the procession is ceremonial female genital mutilation.

Says Rev. Sam-Peal: “We are encouraging the community to let the girls stay in our school so they can get a good education and be spared this practice.”

Dr. Goatley concludes LCMS is true to its local mission while embracing global challenges. “After all, LCMS students represent the future.”

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