

Update on BMI Construction Work

On January 19, we broke ground for the construction of the boys' dormitory and also the cafeteria. Normally we will target to construct one building at a time each dry season given the scarcity of resources. However, due to the necessity of the boys' dorm as well as the dinner hall, I was convinced that constructing the two buildings will be ready amazing for the vision of BMI. At the same time, I must admit with a heart of thanksgiving to God that we now have more people, friends and partners who share in the vision of Betty Memorial Institute. The vision of BMI started with one major source of support- the Worthington. The construction work on the school building was supported by money received from Earl & Esther Worthington of Jonesboro. And the Worthington can tell you this-it was a step of faith through the entire work; believing God for one item or segment of the school building. Then at the end of the school building, Father Cliff and FBC Round Rock joined in the sharing of the vision. The girls' dorm started in early 2011, at which time FBC Church El Dorado in Village Church Planting partnership decided to support some of the work at the girls' dorm. My trip to the U.S also advanced the work on the girls' dorm, and prepared BMI for academic activities for 2011-2012 school year. To God be the glory!

Current construction work on the boys' dorm and the dinner hall have so far received financial support from Earl & Esther Worthington, Bob & Sherry Smith, The Graber Ministry (Pastor Wade Graber), Brushy Creek Baptist Church through Father Cliff Hobbs, FBC Round Rock and Burtonsville Baptist Church. The first money received for this current construction was sent by Bob and Sherry Smith. And that amount paid for 75% of all the mud bricks for the two buildings.

Below is a pictorial of the current construction work and status of the two buildings:

The welcome sign at the entry of BMI and the completed foundation of the boys' dorm below.



Below is the dinner hall & kitchen (one building) the first picture is the building at window level and the second and third pictures is the building almost to roof level.



A medical room has been added on the dinner hall which will serve first aid purposes for the students as seen below on the right from the entry facing before you.



Below is the boys' dorm- first picture is the boys' dorm at window level and he second building is the same building at roof level.



Below design concrete for the windows of both buildings.



Interestingly, it would have cost us up to 3000.00 U.S dollars to purchase all the timbers and planks needed for the two buildings. But with our own power-saw as seen below, we hire a saw operator to saw our timbers which drops the cost for timbers drastically.



The students of BMI come from Muslim background. With the examples they see, and the love they feel; they assembled in the absence of the campus Pastor, they prayed. On last Sunday morning, Varney Massaley, a student in the first grade class who is commonly call “Pastor Varney” led the students in a prayer for Zinc for the boys’ dorm and the dinner hall.



On behalf of all of our Students, we thank all of you for giving towards this current construction work.



However, we are at a crucial moment of the construction work. There are signs of early rain this year. As a matter of fact, few days ago it did rain here in Grand Cape Mount County. And so far, at this point we have made no payment on the zinc require for the two buildings. We need 24 bundles of zinc for the two buildings and the cost for the zinc is US\$130.00for a bundle amounting to US\$3,120.00 for the 24 bundles of zinc. An additional US\$650.00 is needed to pay the workers who are preparing to roof the two buildings.

Meanwhile, we still own a balance of US\$1,000.00 for the team of workers who are building the two buildings. So an amount of US\$4,770.00 will give this current work a major boost given that the rainy season is around the corner. Various Mission Committees may not have the opportunity to meet and discuss this update or this special request. But we can allow as many individuals to read this update and give specifically to save the boys' dorm and dinner hall from going into the rains which will be a major setback. It will be good for the Mission Committee to make a decision to help and we appreciate that, but sometimes and at a point like this, we encourage you as a person on the Committee or not, to consider giving to this urgent need. Thank you my friends for the opportunity you've given me to talk to you from my heart as the Holy Spirit leads and trusting that hearts will be led also.

May God richly bless the work of our hands in Grand Cape Mount County as you serve alongside us in this Kingdom building Ministry. Amen!