



Good Shepherd Sustainable Learning Foundation

2017 Annual Letter

Dear Friends of Good Shepherd Academy,

Four short years ago, several friends met to discuss how we could support Sister Jane Mankaa's vision of building a secondary school in Cameroon, West Africa. Soon the "Cameroon 100" was born. By reaching out to 100 individuals, each of whom we hoped would contribute \$1000, we began the process of building her long-awaited school.

Thanks to you, how far we have come! The "Cameroon 100" has grown exponentially! With your generosity and the support of many, Good Shepherd Sustainable Learning Foundation joyfully celebrates the completion of Phase 2 construction of Good Shepherd Academy, on time/on budget.

In 2017, we witnessed the completion of The Calvary Centre, a dining hall with full kitchen, worship space, and performing arts stage. Our second dormitory, Monica Neba Hall, is completed and fully furnished as are the Sister Jane Mankaa Student Lounge and Ruello Health Center, attached to it.

Our capstone project now begins with the construction of a wall to fully encircle the campus. In keeping with Cameroonian tradition, we will enclose the school to indicate to all that what is within is of great value – not just buildings, but the dreams and aspirations of our students.

Our Board of Directors and Leadership Council have grown as have our partners. Joseph Fonlon, Esq., Sr. Vice Counsel of Hewlett Packard in Houston, Texas joined the board this spring and brings not only his legal expertise but also a richness in the history and heritage of Cameroon. Beth Gramigna, Esq., a practitioner in the field of labor and employment law in NJ, joined our Leadership Council and is our liaison to Durga Tree International.

We are thrilled to announce that we are now also in partnership with the Himalayan Institute of Cameroon and Moka Origins Coffee, grown in Cameroon and roasted in Pennsylvania. In addition, we are in discussion with GreenHouse Ventures of Cameroon regarding an organic agricultural partnership, and our Good Shepherd family of American churches has grown as well, with the advent of Good Shepherd Outreach Sunday this year.

In 2018, we will turn our attention to operational aspects of the Academy. We plan to supplement the learning environment by providing a computer lab with full internet access and are in discussion with a Cameroonian internet provider for a full grant. Further, we hope to purchase

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a multi-passenger van to transport students to sports and cultural events in Cameroon when school re-opens in 2018. The Good Shepherd Academy Band will then commence with the 33 instruments collected and donated by Jonathan Langberg for his Eagle Scout project. An exciting step forward!

As a member of the Good Shepherd family, you are an important companion on our journey and we are truly grateful. Thank you for your commitment and support as together we “Build a School, Build a Future, and Change Lives!”

Faithfully,



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