

## Todee Mission Update – June 2009



On Saturday, May 2, 2009, Bush Hill Presbyterian Church shipped its second container to Todee Mission School in Liberia. A tremendous amount of work, effort, and contributions were needed to accomplish this mission endeavor!

Todee Mission received contributions of funds from many; and also shoes, school supplies, typewriters, medical supplies and equipment, school furniture, beds, mattresses, bedding supplies, clothing, and other accessories. We cannot list everyone,

but we want to acknowledge the following:

- St. Stephen's and St. Agnes High School, for school furniture, blackboards, etc.
- Dickinson and Loyola College, for bunk beds and mattresses.
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev. David Milam, for medical supplies
- Susan Hall, for over 1,000 books donated and packed and categorized for shipment
- Wednesday Club, with the help of Wendy Miller, for school supplies and shoes

We also thank the work crews who collected and delivered all items to the warehouse storing items for shipment. We thank Pioneer Roofing at 7211 Telegraph Square Dr. in Lorton for the use of their facilities. We thank Pastor Carl Rush, John Watson, Gary Waitschies, Mike Broderick, Jim Voigt, and the Johnson family for their hard work in picking up items and unloading them in the storage warehouse.

On shipment day, May 2, 2009, twenty seven people worked to load the container! Our special thanks to Jay Belding, who shipped our first container, for sending Rob and Shirley Lomas from Pennsylvania to coordinate the packing of the second container. Kirk Sulier, Dick Szymanski's nephew, also helped in this important job. This could not have been accomplished without this total effort.

Finally, Mary van Son has done an outstanding job of coordinating all the paperwork and itemizing over 400 items to put on the manifest for shipping. In addition, Mary organized the packing, weighing, and sorting of all the items. The shipping company commended her on a job well done! The container arrived Thursday, June 4, and is being delivered to the mission school.

School is closing July 5, with the first 6<sup>th</sup> grade class graduation along with K–2 students. A second school building is finished and will be dedicated to the Todee Mission by the BHP Billiton Company, suppliers of the building materials and workers for the building. This dedication will be held the end of August 2009. Attending will be President Sirleaf of Liberia, members from the BHP Billiton Company, and Paramount Chief, Edward Goba, who is the Goba Town representative on the Presbyterian Todee Mission School (PTMS) Board.

Rainy season has started, but land was able to be cleared for future rice and rubber planting. By the grace of God and the generosity of many people, we have accomplished much for Todee Mission! Please keep the Johnson's and Todee Mission in your prayers.

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