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"When I was hungry,
you gave me food.
When I was thirsty,
you gave me drink."
Matthew 25:35

Promoting the Clean Water for Schools Campaign, 2017



Yountville Kiwanis Club Delivers Safe Drinking Water To Liberian Schools

Kiwanis Club of Yountville in California, USA through Project Kind Initiative for Kids Shoes (PKIKS) has delivered a 500-gallon poly tank to the Special Project Elementary and Senior High School in Stephen Tolbert Estate in Gardnersville.

The acting executive director of PKIKS, Alimou Stevens said the intervention is in respond to the need expressed by students to have safe drinking water on their campus.

He added that with the shortage of safe drinking water along the Freeway as a result of pollution of ground water, the donation brings to nine the number of poly tanks that have been so far distributed to eight schools and a community along the Somalia Drive in Gardnersville.

In a brief keynote speech, Montserrado County representative aspirant in district 12, Samuel Worzie lauded the project for delivering safe drinking water to the school amid other challenges.

"The donation will go a long way as it is intended to provide relief to both the students and school administration. I commend PKIKS for looking in this direction to provide water. One who provides water is concern about decent health and it is a better opportunity for everyone," he said.

He used the occasion to call on the school administration to increase support programs and for the students to take ownership of the initiative and make the poly tank their friend.

"Be your own security, respect it, and do not abuse the water by using it to wash your faces or feet. Treat the cups with respect and a high level of decency to the school administration." Mr. Worzie maintained.

Worzie also used the opportunity to call on the government to help increase health and sanitation on school campuses.

"We are calling on the government to support health programs for students by increasing allocations to schools across the country," he added.

In separate statement, student representatives from the eight schools that have benefited from PKIKS bulk and clean water campaign to schools expressed concern that

the need for water is cardinal especially in the post-Ebola period when water has become essential element in the prevention of diseases.

Responding to the donation, the principal of the school Jolee S. Kollie lauded the project for the gesture and promised to use the poly tank for the intended purpose.

Constructed October 6, 1976, the school has current enrollment of 3,350 recorded students of which the ratio of boys to girls is almost the same.

The school which is a World Bank project operates morning, afternoon and night sessions with a total staff of 73.

Earlier, Mr. Stevens also added that this dedication is sponsored by the Kiwanis club of Yountville, California in the USA, in conjunction with the birthday of Joseph Jenkins Roberts on March 15, 1809-February 24, 1876 for the Republic of Liberia when the country became independent on July 26, 1847. He was elected again to serve as Liberia's seventh president in 1872.

"Serving the children of the world, the Kiwanis Club of Yountville has been an avid supporter of PKIKS mission to Liberia since December 11, 2011. The club started in 1990 as a way to raise money and to give back to the community and support regional and worldwide initiatives," he added.

The club is small but it is mighty with 28 very dedicated members. "We would like to thank the Kiwanis Club of Yountville for their donations in support of our Ebola prevention activities in Liberia. Our clean for school campaign and bulk water initiative, our just for KIKS shoe distribution program, and our Rice Brigade which collected thousands of pounds of rice which we shipped to Liberia from Oakland, California. We remain eternally grateful for your dedication towards improving the quality of life for our poor, orphaned, homeless and disadvantaged children of our beloved country Liberia, God bless you all," the acting head of the Liberian team said.



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"Those who bring water, bring life."

