

# **Report from the Future BCN-Liberia**

## **Children Vacation School Closing Program**

This report is comprised of the beginning of the Power of Faith Evangelism Team's struggle to where it came from to its present status as Future BCN-Liberia. This report also includes resolutions and programs to be undertaken in the future.

The future BCN-Liberia as it is called today came to being through the following process. Before July 2010 program of the kids-Free Vacation School, this local group was known as the Power of Faith Evangelistic Team headed by **Preston P. Jackson (aka. Singbah), Thaepan Rufus Jarbo, Pastor John Sumo, Sis. Joan K. Porte and others**. This group did street evangelism that led them to the grave site where most youth and adult were living due to hard cause of Living. We provided food for them on most of the Saturdays and Sundays of the week during the past years. Unfortunately as the demand for assistance grew for the beneficiaries, the group could not continue to meet their demands so we were unable to continue the program physically but kept praying for partners that would help us carry out this ministry.

We went in search of assistance from other sources such as the pan African Orthodox Christian Church through **Dr. Sophia** and **Cardinal Mbiyu** a minister of the gospel from the above church that is involved in holistic ministry. Our team's main focus at the time was to have the young people leave the streets, including older ones who made the grave sites their homes. This ministry has come a long way. We see our selves as role models in the society; a new generation after 14 years of civil strives which destroyed the fabric of our economy, the tradition and the morals of the society, the love that ones existed amongst Liberians, our parents, relatives and friends.

During the war in Liberia, loved ones perished, properties were damaged, and children became orphans, while others are left with single parents who are finding it difficult to feed and support their children in school. As officers of the future BCN-Liberia we deemed it necessary of conducting a Free Vacation School for needed children during their regular break. During the Free Vacation School, we were able to provide two months salaries to Five (5) Instructional staff to teach the children. Our initial target was hundred children to begin with but due to the demand for education, the number increased to about three hundred and twenty five kids ranging from the ages of below four to sixteen because most parents wanted their children to go to school. We took into consideration age of four however parents begged to have their kids become a part of the program thus creating another class for the little ones below four years. The principal of the elementary school was able to allow us used additional classroom to the ones earlier requested. The vacation school lasted for two months from July 5 –August 31<sup>st</sup> 2010. At the end of the Vacation school, many of the kids joined the school according to the principal. She mentioned that during the past academic year enrollment dropped immensely but due to the **Free Vacation School** that was conducted, the enrollment has increased making it to be the first of its kind since the inception of the School.

At the closing program, student *Brandalyn Wallah* delivered this Statement unbehalf of the Kids;

*“It is indeed an honor for me to be chosen among the many children who attended the FREE VACATION SCHOOL organized by the Future BCN-Liberia Officers. I will like to first of all thank God for the Brilliant ideas of having us kids in a preparation during our regular vacation school break. My thanks go to the able leadership of the future BCN-Liberia for the idea to have us learning while most of our friends were moving about without doing anything.*

*I want to appeal unbehalf of the children of Liberia to the Future BCN-Liberia and that of the USA, also to all well meaning Liberians who have come to witness this all important occasion, to come to the aid of us children by Providing FREE EDUCATION for us in Liberia. Many of us do not have parents because of the 14 years civil war, while others have single parents to care for them.*

*Before I take my seat, Ladies and gentlemen, mothers and fathers, government officials and NGOs representatives here present, we will like for you to support the BCN-Liberia so that they can continue to help us in School”.*

In our quest to empower the Future BCN-Liberia members and others through capacity building, the women groups has agreed to sustain themselves through local skill training programs in soap making, tailoring, agriculture, head dressing, tie and dye and community development initiatives program.

In addition to the women groupings, the children ministry has also been reinforced with approximately **80 -85** kids meeting on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays in** Gbengbar’s Town, Sea View community at the home of Pastor Elijah Debah, Sr. The distance is about 20 Kilometers away from E.L.W.A Community.

Our constraint is meeting place. We do not have a place of meeting regularly, except in the living rooms of people or sometime on porches. Presently our membership has grown from ninety to about one hundred and fifty plus. Some of the children that participated In the Vacation School Program parents have expresses interest of becoming member of the Future BCN-Liberia.

Therefore, we wish to call on all of the BCN/ PAOCC Shrine Churches in the USA and philanthropist to come to the aid of the future BCN-Liberia.

We must confront the enemy, **poverty, social injustices, marginalization, unemployment, greed, corruption and unfairness** into working institutions as we look in the direction of the **BLACK NATION**. We must devote our time, energy and God given talents to the glory of his name.