



## The STEEPLE

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*It is our desire to assist anyone who is seeking help, if possible, whether it be spiritual or otherwise. Please contact Pastor David or any Session Elder if you would like us to be of help."*

## LEPC NEWS

### Prayer Ministry

For the upcoming week I intend to pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

### New Members Class

Session is seeking individuals who would like to establish a deeper commitment to the local church by becoming members at Leicester Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

This "New Members Class" would provide "instruction in faith, worship, and the mission of the Church, as well as instruction for participating in the government and decision-making life of the congregation." (*EPC Book of Government 8-1*).

For those who desire to make this commitment, please talk with Pastor David who will be leading the class.

### Witness

**Missions:** Session acted to support the Jewish Voice Ministries International at a rate of \$75 per quarter to be disbursed from the Mission Fund.

Session also acted to disburse \$350 from the Pastor's and Session's Assistance account to a benefactor of Brad Tunngley to help offset the cost of a training program that Brad recently completed. This training was crucial for Brad to land his new job

with ACC Contracting Inc. in Rochester, N.Y.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Missions Fund specifically for assisting Brad. The donations will be used to help him meet expenses until he is fully self supporting. We also thank everyone who transported Brad to training, physicals, driver license tests, etc. A special thank you to Pastor and Carole Missel for opening their home to Brad so that he has a warm family atmosphere available during this time of adjustment.

**YCS School Supplies:** Session has established a special offering of school supplies for YCS. Donating items for needy students at York Central is taking place now. Their needs list is as follows: plastic tubs (totes) larger than 16 quart for students to put their backpacks in when they arrive at school, pencil boxes, pencils, pens, notebooks - bound or spiral, wide lines and college lines. You may bring items to church and leave them on the designated table in Fellowship Hall. Carol Griffen will see that they are delivered to school. The deadline for the items to be at church is September 6th. If you have any questions, or need access to the church, please contact Carol Griffen.

**Rummage Sale:** This outreach is scheduled for September 11 and 12. Some of the money generated from this sale goes into the Mission Fund Account. This outreach is also intended to provide people with some needed household items, while giving us the opportunity to serve others.

Help is needed to bring up the sale items from the basement on Saturday, September 5, starting at 9 a.m. In addition, anyone who wants to help set up, we will be working Tuesday through Thursday (8/8-8/10) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. The sale starts at 9 a.m. on Friday.

You are welcome to bring any donations to church and leave them in the designated area in Fellowship Hall, *not downstairs*. Please NO analog TVs, monitors or VHS or Beta machines. If you need access to the church, please contact Carol Griffen.

Face masks are required, and social distancing will be followed for the sale.

Thank you for your support.

### Present with the Lord



Joyce E. Morrison, a beloved sister in our family of faith, joined the Church Triumphant on August 2, 2020.

Joyce was a long time member of Leicester EPC, but had been a resident at the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in her later years.

Please keep her entire family in your prayers during their time of loss.

### Property

An update on the Church Priorities published last month in the Steeple are as follows:

1. The roof over the sanctuary needs to be replaced. Get quotes/options/session to evaluate **Results:** The roof was inspected by a qualified roofer and his report was that the roof is currently in good shape. There is no need to act at this time.
2. The galvanized pipes need replacing. Get quotes and replace. **Results:** Pipes are scheduled for replacement in mid October of this year.
3. The porch molding is in disrepair. Investigate and repair. **Results:** Gene Gregg is currently repairing and/or replacing this molding.
4. The basement is damp and moldy. Get quotes/options/session to evaluate. **Results:** Damp conditions cannot currently be evaluated because of inaccessibility due to the storage of Rummage Sale items.
5. The storage shed is in need of repair. Explore options. **Results:** Property Division's recommendation is to repair rather than replace the shed. The Property Division will be moving forward on this and **could always use some volunteer labor.**
6. The driveway is in disrepair. Get quotes/options/session to evaluate. **Results:** Estimate received from Valley Asphalt & Sealing: prep. for resurfacing, edge, sweep and clean, shim and level low spots. Install 1 1/2 inches of fine top on 14,400 sq. ft., stripe parking lines to original layout at a total estimate of \$21,500. Session is not

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taking action at this time.

7. The narthex switches need replacing. **Results:** Switches have been replaced.

8. Increase hours and pay for Pastor David for 40 hours. **Results:** No action by Session at this time.

9. Full or part time organist? **Results:** No action by Session at this time.

**Miscellaneous**

**Puzzle Exchange**

Have you been jigsaw puzzling the last 5 months? Do you have puzzle boxes stack to the ceiling? Are you looking for a new puzzle and panicking because all the store puzzles are back ordered? What is one to do?

Come to the LEPC Puzzle Exchange! Starting on September 20, in Fellowship Hall by the book library, you can bring in your old puzzles that you are done with and exchange them for someone else's puzzle. When you are done with their puzzle, just bring it back to church so that others may borrow it too.

If you don't have access to the church, please contact Shirley Matthews or Leo and Sharon Richardson to arrange a time to check out the Puzzle Exchange.

The Puzzle Exchange will be on a trial basis. If it doesn't spark any interest, the puzzles will be returned to their owners. So, please put your name on your puzzle box.

**Women of Encouragement**

WOM autumn start up will begin in September on Wednesday afternoons. They will be meeting in Fellowship Hall on 9/2 and 9/16 and each Wednesday after that. WOM will meet from 1-5 p.m. All women are invited.

**Monthly Celebrations**

September Birthdays:

- 21 Gene Gregg
- 30 Sam Maggio, Jr.

September Anniversaries:

- 28 M/M George Briggs

If you see a need for corrections to the Monthly Celebrations, please contact Leo Richardson: grichardson001@rochester.rr.com

*From the  
Pastor's Heart*



In Psalm 139, David expresses God's intimate knowledge about him and mankind in general. I wish this psalm was a required reading in the realm of academia because it reminds us of the realization that God knows everything about us and of our need to invite God to continue to search the depths of our soul.

The psalm begins with these words: "LORD, you have searched me and know me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways" (vs. 1-3). This psalm ends with these words: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me; and lead me in the way everlasting" (vs. 23, 24).

In contemplating these words, I can't help but wonder how life would be so different if everyone realized how familiar God is with every aspect of their life. Would we then, like David, ask God to continue to search the depths of our heart or, would we want to flee from His presence. Of course, doing so would be impossible, as David reveals in verses 14-16.

It's impossible for the creature to escape the watchful eye of the Creator. It's no wonder then that David asked God to continue to search his heart. I believe David's request should be the request of everyone who professes to be a godly person; i.e. a follower of Jesus Christ.

It's spiritual suicide to live as though God isn't mindful of our anxieties, our evil desires and actions. Becoming a new creation in Jesus Christ means we take every thought, word and deed captive to the obedience of our LORD. After all, if our chief purpose in life is to glorify God by the manner in which we live, and it

is, then we must invite God to examine our motives, actions, words and attitudes. Failure to do so, will only lead to frustration, further anxiety, misery, evil, heartache and worse.

On the other hand, when we invite God to search and examine every area of our lives, to see where we are falling short of the glorious image in which we are created, then and only then, will we be on the path to becoming the new creation God has purposed.

People are searching for a life that is worth living but will never find it until they first invite God to search their heart for the purpose of bringing about the change only God can bring.

As followers of Jesus Christ, may the life of abundance that results from living "in Christ Jesus" be increasingly evident as we all invite the Holy Spirit to help us become more like Jesus. As you invite God to search your heart, may you experience His transforming power working in and through your life.

May the beauty of Jesus be seen in each of us,  
Pastor David \_\_\_\_\_

**A Call to Pray  
For Our EPC Global Workers:**



*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests... Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel."* —Ephesians 6:18a, 19

**Missionary Prayer Network (MSN)**

EPC's World Outreach  
praying for our global workers.

Find out more:

<https://www.epcwo.org/pray/>

## Posted on The Preachers Word

–Ken Weliever, The Preacherman

8/23/2020

<https://thepreachersword.com>

Honor Jesus using these meaningful metaphors:

**AND HE SHALL BE CALLED...**

ADVOCATE-1John 2:1 LAMB OF GOD-John 1:29

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE-John 11:25

SHEPHERD & BISHOP OF SOULS-1 Peter 2:25

JUDGE-Acts 10:42

LORD OF LORDS-1 Timothy 6:15

MAN OF SORROWS-Isaiah 53:3

HEAD OF THE CHURCH-Ephesians 5:23

MASTER-Matthew 8:19

FAITHFUL & TRUE WITNESS-Revelation 3:14

ROCK-1 Corinthians 10:4

HIGH PRIEST-Hebrews 6:20

THE DOOR-John 10:9

LIVING WATER-John 4:10

BREAD OF LIFE-John 6:35

ALPHA & OMEGA-Revelation 22:13

TRUE VINE-John 15:1

MESSIAH-Daniel 9:25

TEACHER-John 3:2

HOLY ONE-Mark 1:24

MEDIATOR-1 Timothy 2:5

GOOD SHEPHERD-John 10:11

LIGHT OF THE WORLD-John 8:12

IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD-Colossians 1:15

THE WORD-John 1:1

CHIEF CORNERSTONE-Ephesians 2:20

AUTHOR & FINISHER OF OUR FAITH-Hebrews 12:2

THE ALMIGHTY-Revelation 1:8

EVERLASTING FATHER-Isaiah 9:6

LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH-Revelation 5:5

I AM-John 8:58

KING OF KINGS-1 Timothy 6:15

PRINCE OF PEACE-Isaiah 9:6

BRIDEGROOM-Matthew 9:15

ONLY BEGOTTEN SON-John 3:16

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR-Isaiah 9:6

IMMANUEL-Matthew 1:23

SON OF MAN-Matthew 20:28

DAYSRING-Luke 1:78

THE AMEN-Revelation 3:14

KING OF THE JEWS-Mark 15:26

PROPHET-Matthew 21:11

REDEEMER-Job 19:25

ANCHOR-Hebrews 6:19

BRIGHT MORNING STAR-Revelation 22:16

THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE-John 14:6

JESUS CHRIST-1 Pet. 1:3

## Lost Keys

found at <https://truthbook.com>

After a meeting several days ago, I couldn't find my keys. I quickly gave myself a personal "TSA Pat Down."

They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot.

My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the



parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, can you come and get me?"

He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your car!"

Welcome to the golden years...





## What Do You Want? Rediscover Your God-Given Dreams

by Bob Goff from "Dream Big"

<https://www.faithgateway.com>

August 18, 2020

When I was in junior high school, I went with my parents to Hawaii. I was immediately smitten. Blue skies, crystal-clear water, white sand beaches, chocolate-covered macadamia nuts, and shaved ice with rainbow-colored syrup. My ambition at thirteen years old was to someday get a small place on the water in Hawaii. It seemed doable enough, right? I mean, how many puka shells could a beach house cost anyway? When I grew up, sadly, I found out how much a small place on the water in Hawaii costs: slightly more than a ship full of hundred-dollar bills.

Our dreams are birthed in childlike innocence, but as we grow up we discover more information that can be a buzzkill to our ambitions.

When I found out what a small place on the water actually cost, I wondered if I should abandon this dream. This is something we each decide at some point. We have an ambition and then face the headwinds that discouragement and reality and failure bring our way. That's when we need to decide if our ambition is still worth it.

It turns out millions of dollars will only get you a surf shack a block from the water in Hawaii. At the time, I didn't have ten bucks. You'll need to decide what you're going to do when you get some reality pushback on your dreams. If the front door is locked, you can walk away or look for a window that's ajar to crawl through. Some of your ambitions are going to take time or a little creativity to figure out. Don't quit on them. Wake up to new ways to get there, then do what it takes so you're ready when your time comes.

While a small home in the Hawaiian Islands will always be out of reach for me, a small boat wasn't. There aren't many marinas in Hawaii, and the few that are there don't have many slips. But get this — I found out that it was possible to rent a small boat slip for two hundred dollars a month if one became available. So I got on the waiting list at a marina in Honolulu. It's a pretty long list. I've been on it for over two decades now and guess what? I'm only two dead people from the top, and I'll have my small place on the water in Hawaii. Your ambitions are worth all the attention you're willing to give them. Be patient. Get creative. Give it some time. If you can't buy the house, get on the waiting list for the slip.

So, what do you want? I mean, what do you really, really, really want? Get it out there.

It's not like you're removing your own appendix to say it; it's just not that hard to speak the words, and it will take less gauze. Get a starter list going. We'll revisit it later and build it out with more focus and intention. If you want a convertible Porsche, don't say you want world peace. Just get real about it. Wherever you are right now, just shout out as loudly as you can, "I want a Porsche!" You're not trying out for Miss America, and nobody is going to give you a crown and a bouquet of flowers for saying you want to end world hunger if you don't. Don't pretend to be noble. Be real and it will be the most noble thing you'll do all year. Trust me, heaven will be doing cartwheels if you will finally get real about what you really want.

What do you want for your life? If you're like me, you want love, joy, happiness, meaning, purpose, and a more courageous faith. The trick to finding these things is discovering what ambitions you already have that will lead to them.

Guess what? For years you've already been quietly curating your life without knowing it. You know what works and what doesn't. What lights you up and what bums you out. What lasts and what disappears. We need to figure out what you've come up with so far so we can figure out what to do next. Trust what you've learned already; let it be your Sherpa.

Once again, the best engine to drive our ambitions is a strong sense of purpose. There's nothing really important about the vacation or the new pair of kicks or the convertible. These are things we might want for a time and might even enjoy for a while. They're the short game though. Don't confuse them with your ambitions. The long game is where your best ambitions reside. When you think you've found an ambition you want, figure out why you want it and whether you want it badly enough to do what it takes to get it.

We're all looking for meaning, but it's often lost behind a hedge of distractions, hurts, and disappointments. Figure out what these have been for you. Merely existing doesn't satisfy most of us, so we pursue inputs that ultimately distract us from our lack of direction. At some point, though, even the distractions aren't enough. Or someone else screws it up for us, and we end up wounded and lost again. The fix isn't easy, but it's this simple: We need to replace what we've settled for with what we've been longing for. We need to find ambitions worthy of our time and the effort it will take to pursue them.

For some, tremendous purpose will be found in a deeper expression of their faith. For others, it will be the accumulation of wealth or notoriety or adventure. Do whatever blows your hair back if you're playing the short game. If you're in it for the long haul and want to live a life steeped in purpose, a better long-term approach is to figure out who you want to be and let that inform what you do.

Don't settle for what you're simply able to do; figure out what you were made to do, then do lots of that.

As we get into the process of identifying and working toward your ambitions, don't be too hard on yourself, okay? Going under the ice cap is hard work. It can get cold and lonely down there. Getting real is hard work too. If it were easy, you would have been there and back a dozen times already. Just ask Pinocchio. His ambition was to become less wooden and more real. It didn't happen overnight or without a couple of setbacks and a lot of wood shavings. Rather than lie about it and have your nose grow, get real and watch your faith explode.

A long time ago, a friend told me there's a difference between whittling and carving. One is just killing time, the other is laden with purpose. Keep carving. Engage the process; don't stifle it. Go ahead and want the corndog and the surfboard and the date to prom. There is absolutely nothing inherently wrong with wanting those things. Just be sure they're not the only ambitions you have. Take a look at what Jesus had on His list of ambitions and lift a few onto yours. His list wasn't very long, but it changed the world forever. He was a master at choosing ambitions that were worth it.

Get this. His ambition was you. It was everyone else He created too. He made us with eternity in mind, sure, but also for tomorrow and the next day and the next, filled with touching lives with incredible intentionality. Identify what has captured your attention and what has distracted you. Fill your days with dozens of small, intentional acts of love. Take note of those ambitions you already have that Jesus also demonstrated and move them higher on your list.

God made us to enjoy each other and to reflect Him, and He derives tremendous joy when He sees us pursuing our unique desires with the skill sets He put in our individual tool boxes. I'm not really sure where He stands on corndogs, but I know He's inviting us into lives that are more expansive and expressive, more loving and unselfish. He wants us to reflect His character in what we want and have these desires dwarf anything else that gets in the way. I'm certain He's not asking you to mimic someone else's ideas, desires, and dreams. Sure, be inspired by the lives other people are living and riff on them if it helps you get clarity, but as Sweet Maria tells me all the time (and as we'll discuss later), keep your eyes on your own paper.

So, let me ask you again. What do you want? Jesus asked people what they wanted all the time. He didn't have problems with the people who messed up grappling with the issues in their lives; He didn't like it when people faked it. If you find yourself tempted to be artificial or disingenuous, find a new way to deal with your insecurity. Bite your tongue, swallow a goldfish, or shave off your eyebrows if you need to, but break the cycle. Look at Jesus. He sur-

rounded Himself with disciples who couldn't get the nets on the right side of the boat most of the time. At times they had desires that must have seemed superficial at best. But Jesus was kind, direct, and never mean to them.

When you're real and authentic with Him, He won't beat you up when you mess up because He's embarrassed by you; He'll embrace you because He loves you.

Remember the passage in the Bible where the blind man called out to Jesus so he could be healed? Jesus' friends tried to help out by telling the man to stop yelling, but the blind man just yelled even louder. Maybe you should do the same if people have been trying to get you to quiet down about your ambitions. Quit whispering them to yourself and, instead, start shouting them into the world. Jesus asked the blind guy the same question He asks all of us every day. "What do you want me to do for you?" The answer must have seemed pretty obvious to the blind guy. But just like God in the garden with Adam and Eve, I don't think Jesus needed to hear the answer. He wanted to make sure the blind guy was clear on his ambitions and knew what he wanted more than anything else. He wants the same thing from you too.

Where the story gets good is when the blind guy tells Jesus his deepest desire. "Rabbi, I want to see." I can imagine him saying this with pleading, outstretched arms. Jesus wants the same for you — to gain more clarity on your faith, relationships, and what He uniquely made you for. He wants you to really see. Quit merely asking for thicker glasses when Jesus has invited us to climb up on His shoulders for a better view.

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## Emergency fund launched for Beirut explosion relief

The EPC has launched an emergency relief fund to help relieve suffering caused by a massive explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, on August 4. The blast killed more than 180 people and injured an additional 6,000. An estimated 300,000 people were left homeless.

Donations to the fund will be sent to the Church of the Nazarene in Beirut and other key ministry partners of EPC World Outreach.

“The Nazarene Church in Lebanon has a long history of work among Lebanon’s poor and refugees, and is very well-positioned to provide emergency help in Christ’s name to victims of the blast,” said Phil Linton, Director of World Outreach. “Many of our Nazarene brothers and sisters there were sharing their meager resources with refugees even before the explosion. Our gifts will be a great encouragement to their faithful and generous outreach, as well as our other partners in Lebanon.”



To give to this relief: <https://www.epcwo.org/beirut-fund/>  
**Beirut Blast Emergency Relief Fund**  
Project ID: 522

This Emergency Relief Fund will provide aid to victims of the August 4, 2020 explosion in the Port of Beirut. Funds will be given to the Church of the Nazarene and other ministry partners of EPC World Outreach in Beirut, to alleviate immediate needs from both the blast and the ongoing economic crisis.



**Through your Mission giving, support is provided to missionaries in this area.**

## WEBINAR SERIES: ISSUES OF RACE AND JUSTICE



The EPC is presenting a series of three webinar discussions on a proper biblical response to issues of race and justice. Designed for both Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders, the webinars are hosted by Case Thorp, Moderator of the EPC 39th General Assembly and Teaching Elder in the Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean.

- Session 1 was held on June 10: 2020: “Leading EPC Sessions and Congregations in Issues of Race and Justice: An Online Seminar on These Times and a Biblical Response.”
- Session 2 was held on August 12, 2020: “Specific Ministry Practices in Racial Justice and Mercy: Sessions, Staff, Congregation.”
- Session 3 is scheduled for September 9 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern): “Evangelism via Justice and Mercy Ministries: Moving from Charity to Connection.”

The 90-minute webinars are presented free of charge, but registration is required.

**Recordings of Sessions 1 and 2 are available at:**  
<https://epc.org/news/issuesofraceandjustice/>

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## **A Successful End to the Fiscal Year**

A Thanksgiving Note from our President, Samuel Sesay.

Every organization runs on a budget. At EduNations, the Board of Directors take their time each year to hold budget discussions, ask and answer questions, and approve the annual budget. Last summer, the budget for the fiscal year of September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020 was discussed and approved.

Then the COVID-19 global pandemic broke out. As the world changed rapidly, our Board of Directors met and discussed the potential impact this could have on our organization. We made some adjustments and put alternate plans in place in the event that we were not able to meet our annual budget.

But as always, the Lord is faithful. With all our expenses fully paid at the end of this August, we can truly say “The Lord has been our helper”. In the course of this budget year, we had donors reach out and say things like “I can imagine that your organization would have significant challenges during this pandemic so here’s a donation to help you fill in any gaps”.

We have had almost all of our student sponsors continue their sponsorship, including those who have been directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Surprisingly, we have had quite a few other people sign up to sponsor students in the middle of the crisis. We have received donations from other supporters who were made aware of a critical need and responded generously on very short notice.

We have seen checks in the mailbox and online donations which were completely unexpected but readily available in our time of need. Behind every one of those generous donations is a supporter who loves to see children in rural communities get access to quality education, someone who desires to see this organization continue its good work in Sierra Leone.

So, as we come to the end of this fiscal year, I do want to take a moment to thank you all who have supported the education of these students in these communities. While it is true that there could be no EduNations without our students, it is also true that there can be no EduNations without you. Between the students and our donors, we stand with hands lifted high in gratitude for another successful fiscal year.

### **Rokassa Senior Secondary School Completion - A “Dream Come True”**

Through the efforts of our board of directors, the generous support of our donors and the participation of the members of the Rokassa community, we are delighted to announce that the construction of the EduNations Hope Academy Senior Secondary School in Rokassa has been completed!

Back in 2014, Pa Alhaji Kamara, the principal landowner and most senior stakeholder in Rokassa village told us: “We have a huge piece of land, but our subsistence farming cannot bring us lasting development. Please build us a school.” At that time, the village of about 280 with about 200 school-aged children never had a school, nor had the six surrounding villages of over 1,000 population. The very few people that went to school from Rokassa, who Pa Kamara could count on his hands, had to commute eight miles a day to find the nearest school or live away from their families to attend schools in other towns. With so few people getting an education and no hope for a different future, life in Rokassa brought a high infant mortality rate, undiagnosed illnesses, and practices such as early arranged marriages, child labor, and female genital mutilation. Without schools to provide a catalyst for change, the outlook for the future was bleak.

But with Pa Kamara’s invitation, EduNations recognized an opportunity to help transform of the community. The EduNations board voted to build a nursery school and a primary school to prepare students for the National Primary School Examinations.

When the first students began to graduate and pass these exams, Junior Secondary Schools were started for these students to continue their school-

ing. Since Sierra Leone operates a 6-3-3-4 system of education (6 years of Primary school, 3 years of Junior Secondary School, 3 years of Senior Secondary School and 4 years of university education), these students had 3 years to prepare for another national exam called the Basic Certificate of Education Examination (BECE).

Planning on their success, EduNations started evaluating options to build a Senior Secondary School.

Given there are other EduNations Hope Academies in Fintonia, Mapainda, Mayatta, Makump, and Gbenekoro and Rokassa was the most central location for all, it was decided to build the Senior Secondary School in Rokassa as a boarding home school for boys and girls which will cater (at least for its first three years of operations) for only students from the EduNations Hope Academies. Our objective was to continue to provide a completely free education in a safe learning environment to these students (some of whom have been with us for over 8 years).

As the students prepare for their first BECE exams in September, we can now turn to the second phase of the project which is to complete the construction of the dormitories and furnish both the classrooms and the dormitories. This is a huge undertaking with a fairly short time line as everything is to be in place by January 2021 but we have come this far by faith that God will provide and he has yet to fail us. There are many needs still to be filled: desks, chairs, and school supplies for classrooms; shelves, books, desks and chairs for the library; science equipment for the laboratory; computers, desks and chairs for the computer lab; bedding for dormitories; equipment and supplies for the kitchen and dining hall.

But we reflect on God’s faithfulness to bring us to this point as a reason to trust him for all these needs. Today we chose to rejoice in the blessing of a completely built Senior Secondary school in the village of Rokassa. And the best part of all this is that Pa Kamara has lived to see his dream fulfilled and a different future forming for Rokassa thanks to your support.

## ***The Steeple Newsletter***

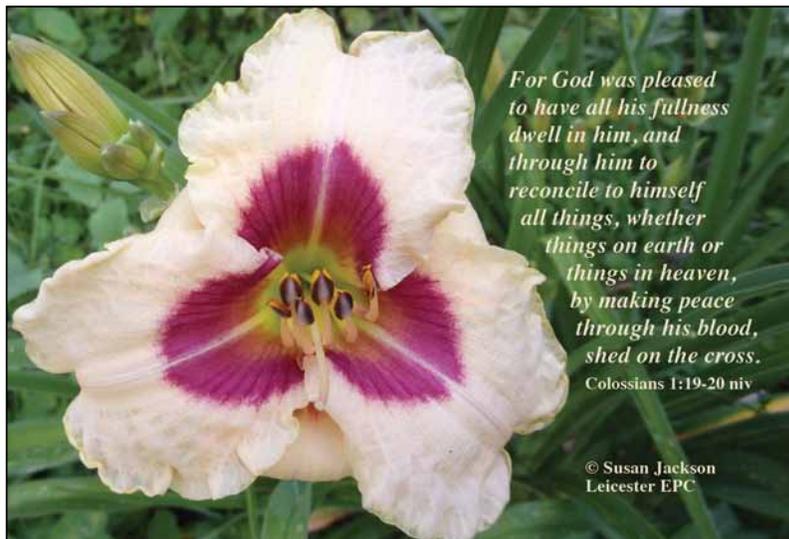
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### **Submission Deadline:**

The 3rd Sunday of the month.

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*For God was pleased  
to have all his fullness  
dwell in him, and  
through him to  
reconcile to himself  
all things, whether  
things on earth or  
things in heaven,  
by making peace  
through his blood,  
shed on the cross.*

Colossians 1:19-20 niv

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**If you're happy and you know it,  
clap your hands.**

**If not, count your blessings.**

### **For Emergencies or Personal Matters**

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*"I have come that they may have life  
and have it abundantly."*

John 10:10

## **LEPC Supports Our EduNations Child**

### **Margret Conteh**

Margret lives in Sierra Leone,  
Africa, where the Presbytery of the Al-  
leghenies reaches out with the Gospel  
in several villages. Margret attends the  
Mayatta Hope Academy in Makump.

Please remember her in your  
prayers and in your giving to the  
Missions Fund.

