

Report No. 1(Dec 12, 2023) from Michael Kamara, Kontha Community School, Sierra Leone

After a long trip via Toronto, Europe, and Conakry/Guinea, I have safely arrived in Freetown/Sierra Leone. By car I drove to Kontha Village where I met with local youth and elders. Many were busy digging the pit latrine at the back of the school building. I explained the school project to the community people, including some parents who happened to be around. They were happy to hear about the progress of the school project from me. I told the village people about the concern, love, and kindness that their friends from Westend Baptist Church Halifax have for their community. The weather is sunny, around 30°C, with high humidity and dusty roads. I'm no longer used to the tropical climate - too hot for me!



Digging the latrine pit.



The school building can be seen in background.



Classes are being taught in the unfinished school building.



I bought 100 boards to build desks and chairs. 100 bags of cement are headed for the construction site.



I went to the solar store and asked about the cost of buying solar panels, batteries, and controllers.

As the project moves forward, I will continue to update you, my friends.

Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Best wishes to all, Michael