

Liberia: Kanio Helps Storm Affected Schools

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The project director of TrustAfrica-Liberia, a pan African foundation with headquarters in Dakar, Senegal, has extended assistance to the Revival Temple Assembly of God Mission High School in Wood Camp and the Royal Christian Foundation Institute (RCFI) in the 72nd Neezoe community.

Attorney-at-Law Kanio Bai Gbala presented five bundles of zinc to both schools that were recently affected by torrential rains and heavy windstorms which damaged three schools in Electoral District#3 in Montserrado County.

The donation was in response to an appeal for help from the principal of RCFI, Siaka Wilson, after a storm had damaged the right wing of the school near his office.

Wilson said an earlier appeal to some of the stakeholders and other prominent residents did not materialize.

He further explained how the damaged section had delayed their instructional period by two weeks, but expressed gratitude to Atty. Gbala for his timely intervention, through which the damaged portion of the school has been repaired.

"The project director for TrustAfrica-Liberia, one Kanio Gbala, came to our rescue. He gave us two bundles of zinc. The national principals association came with some funding," Wilson told reporters over the weekend.

He called on other well-meaning Liberians to emulate the good example of Atty. Gbala by at least visiting the campus to identify with the administration of the school during its predicament.

While RCFI has repaired the damage and strengthened the roof against a recurrence, Revival Temple AGM is appealing for more assistance to complete the renovation works.

Six classrooms were affected. Vice president for instruction Edwin Kalama said the incident has led to the merger of two classes in one room.

Kalama said the situation is hampering the delivery of sound academic instruction to the students and noted the contribution of Kanio.

"We have been communicating with other philanthropic institutions. We wrote them for assistance, but only Atty. Kanio Gbala came to our rescue. We were really surprised by his donation on the morning of the incident because we didn't write or call him," Kalama told reporters recently.

For Atty. Gbala, the gesture is his "little way" of contributing to the country's education sector. He then urged the authorities of the Ministry of Education to raise some support for schools that are still struggling in the aftermath of the storm in District #3.

Atty. Gbala, a resident of District #3 is the founder and chief executive officer of the Friends of District #3, a philanthropic, educational and developmental group working to build unity in the district.