



(Clothes are hung out to dry wherever a place is found.)

At the end of the graduation ceremony, the bamboo structure was dismantled and the poles are to be used for border fencing around the campus. Seen here are the first year students. The ladies wanted a picture with me as did Solomon (*left*). Students consist of male and female (*women's ministries*) and are of all ages.

Ongoing Construction- Lodging



With three bedrooms, one with an ensuite bath, along with another bath and common area, the lodging is to house around ten people (*four visitors and six students*).

Joseph had hoped that the lodging on campus would have been finished for our visit but getting things ready for the graduation was higher up on his to-do-list of importance.

CRBC Board Meeting

The board of directors met with Dan Goodyear and me to discuss the necessary CRBC budget items for 2024. The final total concerning office supplies and equipment came to \$4,000; while the land purchase of 20 acres came to \$3,000. Dan, along with Cliff Fox, has acquired the funds for the office supplies while I was able to obtain funding for the land through the Carlisle Church of Christ (US). The land is for planting cocoa and coconuts, while raising sheep, goats and chickens on one acre. These, hopefully, are to produce the cash necessary for the self-sustainability of the CRBC within five to ten years.



Ladies' Seminar



Joyce Goodyear and Laura Yana conducted the ladies' seminar. Topics included women's health and hygiene along with their place within the family and congregation. A bus load of ladies hazarded the trip from Freetown where at one point they had to exit the bus and help push it through the mud.

Francis Amara of the Camp Hill (US) congregatiopn asked his wife Susan, who lives in Kenema, to have tailored these traditional welcome hospitality shirt, cap and dress as their gift to us. Francis is sending money home to Koindu to build a home for his retirement which includes guest quarters for visitors.



Family & Children



One of our fondest memories of the trip had to do with the children. We were able to get acquainted with our grandsons (*Joseph and Victoria's sons Gabriel, Caleb & Joshua*) who ended up knowing us as "Mimi" and Pappy", as well as others that came to have, more than likely, their first encounter with people who are 'different' than they are.

Gabriel (*who is 6*), upper far left, even visited Mimi after school all by himself. That made her day since she was all alone while I was at the school teaching. He continues to ask Francis Nyuma if Mimi is home, thinking we are still living there. That made the trip for her as we both left a piece of our hearts behind.

