

# Goderic Waldorf School

## NEWSLETTER

**September-December 2015**

The Goderic Waldorf School reopened after Sierra Leone was declared Ebola free but with cautious effort to implement the Ministry of Education's two years emergency health protocols in schools—this will affect children's play and teachers have to device play activities devoid of physical contacts and ensure regimental washing of hands and temperature checking to identify the sick as quickly as possible. Below is the statistics table of the total number of pupils this school year:

### **Students**

CLASS	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
1.	16	20	36
2.	23	30	53
3.	12	18	30
4.	21	24	45
5.	23	21	44
6.	22	18	40
	<b>117</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>248</b>

*'We are glad to say that the school had no fatality except that children had extended family members who were affected. But communities were quarantined for months during the epidemic' says Peter Yagbaji (class 6 teacher)*



In September, the school prepared and sent 40 students (boys 22 and girls 18) to participate in the National Primary Examinations conducted by the Ministry of Education.

*'Despite the time constraints, the teachers were committed and prepared our class 6 students for the NPSE'. Robert Bendu, (School Head Teacher)*

Extracurricular activities that require physical exercises and large social gatherings (sports, school parties and thanksgiving) have been suspended.

In December, dry food ration was provided to the children to carry home for Christmas and share with their families and siblings –Meanwhile families continued to struggle for living as the Ebola crisis affected local employment and food security in the Country.

### School garden

During the rainy season, the school garden blossomed and provided cassava and sweet potatoes leaves which are widely eaten as sauce with rice. However, in the dry season, plants do not grow in the sandy soil which becomes dry and hot. Our school water well which was manually hand dug five years ago no longer provides adequate water to support the garden.





### Appreciations:



*We wish to express heartfelt thanks and appreciations to all schools, individuals and foundations for your donations which helped to keep our school running in 2016. We must thank you also for your dedicated prayers and meditations which sent us rays from divine light and gave us protection from the Ebola disease.*

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