

# Summer Newsletter



Summer 2025



CORNER VIEW - LARGE CLASSROOM BLOCK

## Kafanchan School Renovations...Can You Help?

Kafanchan School is home to over 700 students and boasts both a primary and a secondary wing. The campus consists of major classroom blocks that house grades K-12. In addition, multiple smaller buildings function in a variety of ways to provide services to students.

The entire renovation is projected to take several years due to the expanse of the campus and the number of buildings needing repair. The first phase, renovation of a 17-room classroom building with an administrative office, is now complete. Prior to the commencement of this large classroom project, a smaller structure, used as a makeshift dining hall, was renovated as a 3-classroom block and served as swing space as the main building construction work took place in stages. It now serves as additional classroom space while dorm students continue to eat in their rooms.

A group of small buildings, located in proximity to the main classroom block, are also in need of overhauling. These include a science lab, school store, and teacher workroom. These smaller structures will need \$4000-\$7500 each to be brought back to life. A generous donor has provided funding for the renovation of the library and computer lab building; repairs have just begun to that structure.

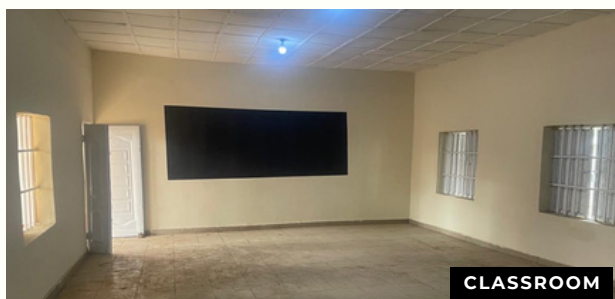
Lastly the girls' and boys' dormitories, along with the adjacent showers and toilets for each, are in dire need of renovation.

This will be a more costly project as the dorms are large, housing many students. The work will need to be completed during the summer months when the buildings are vacant. We hope to raise these funds so that the work can commence by Summer 2026 and be completed prior to the start of the 2026-27 school year.

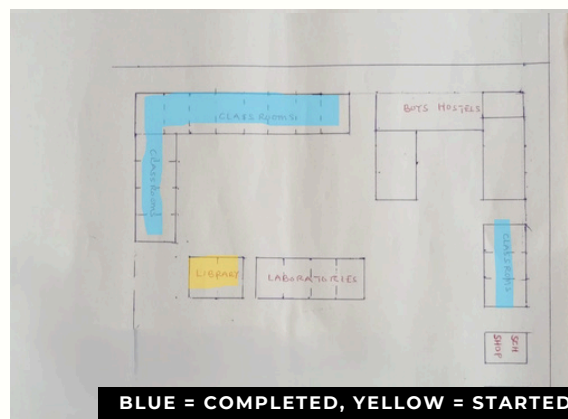
The accompanying sketch shows a general layout of the campus, minus the girls' dormitory, which is located behind the large completed classroom L. The portion shaded in blue is complete and in use. The library, shown in yellow, is currently under construction. The costs for completion are as follows:

- Dormitories: \$40,000 x 2**
- Showers/toilets \$15,000 x 2**
- Kitchen/dining hall: \$15,000**
- Labs: \$12,000**
- School Store: \$4,000**
- Teacher workroom: \$7,000**

Our next phase will focus on the student showers and toilets, with the hope of starting work on the living quarters as well. Any gift makes a huge difference in our ability to continue this important work. We are very grateful for your continued support.



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## Thank you to the Rotary Club of Avon/Canton!

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to this dedicated organization for their support through the International Service Grant.

Africa Education Partnership has enjoyed a lengthy partnership with the Rotary Club of Avon/Canton in Connecticut. Encouraged by Rotary's commitment to water-based projects, AEP has used club grants for the construction of boreholes and toilet buildings at 4 different schools. This makes a huge difference in the health of our students, especially since less than 20% of Nigerian schools have access to clean water and sanitation (UNICEF). In addition, the surrounding communities are also recipients of the clean water.

As we dig into the major renovation described on the front page of this letter, the issue of clean and safe sanitation facilities for students becomes critical. While it will take time to secure these funds, we could not do this work without the support given to us.

Our most recent grant award from Rotary Club of Avon/Canton will be combined with other gifts in order to provide new toilets and showers for the students of Kafanchan School. We are grateful!



## In Memoriam: Paul Frank

With fondness and gratitude, we remember Paul A. Frank, Jr., a valued member of the AEP board, who served from 2014-2019.

Paul, age 99, passed away on April 6th, 2025. An avid golfer and tennis player, he was born April 2, 1926 in Akron, OH, to the late Frances H. and Paul A. Frank. Following graduation from Deerfield Academy, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. After the war, he graduated from Babson Institute and later completed the 1st OPM Class of Harvard Business School.

Paul was active in the Episcopal Church. He served on the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, was Senior Warden, and also served as Chairman of the Church's Endowment Foundation. In diocesan activities, he was chairman of the Brazil Companion Relationship Committee, a member of Diocesan Council, Chairman of the Department of Finance, President of the Standing Committee, and a deputy to several General Conventions. In national church affairs, he was a member of the Standing Commission on World Mission, a member of the Executive Council, and on the boards of the UTO Committee and the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. He helped to establish the covenant process for assisting overseas dioceses in becoming autonomous, and also represented the National Church to Liberia and West Africa for 25 years.

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