



Liberia Dujar Association-Sweden

# Nyhetsbrevet

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**Bästa medlemmar, bidragsgivare och vänner av Liberia!**

**Liberia Dujar Association önskar Er alla en riktigt God Jul & ett Gott Nytt År!**

Det är med glädje vi vill avsluta året med ett stort tack till alla medlemmar, företagspartner, enskilda partner, fadderbarn och andra stora och små bidragsgivare. Inte minst tackar vi våra vänner som tagit ansvar för att sponsra flickor och kvinnor som går på Liberia Dujar High School och Liberia Dujar University College. Era bidrag har varit mycket värdefulla i vårt arbete och underlättar för studenterna att betala skolavgiften. Detta är vi mycket glada över.

*Valkomna alla nya medlemmar* som har kommit till LDA i år. Vi är väldigt glada att ni har valt att stödja Liberia Dujar Associations utbildningsprogram. Här finns det passion för utbildning. *Som ni vet är utbildning vägen till fred, frihet och utveckling.*



Karl-Axel Elmquist

## *Vi har firat en glad 93-åring!*

Kommer ni ihåg Karl-Axel Elmquist? Mannen som agerade döröppnare för Liberia Dujar Association och såg till att vi fick vårt allra första "startbidrag" på dryga 50 000 kr via Diakonia. Med de pengarna startade vi upp LDA i Danané, Elfenbenskusten.

Han fyllde 93 år den 20 november.. Vi säger en stor grattis på din födelsedag, Karl-Axel!

## Året som gått

- Trots att LDA har inte fått bidrag för att driva våra två skolor har vi klarat oss på ekonomiskt. Det behövs dock mer än gåvor för att vi ska klara ekonomin framöver.
- Vi lyckades hitta medlemmar som står för skolavgiften för några flickor som har det mycket svårt att betala sin skolavgift.
- Honoring of High School Teachers for their achievements, se vidare sid. 00.
- Hawa Keita är en 15 årig tjej. Hennes pappa ville att hon gifter sig med en 70-årig gubbe. Men hon vägrade och får nu 3 års skolavgifter betalda av svenska medlemmar av LDA.
- Samarbete med Israelska Ambassaden i Ghana och reparerade J. F Goodrige School i Barnersville Estate.
- Besök av President George Weah i Barnersville kommun där Liberia Dujar University College deltog som speciell gäst.
- President Weah har lovat att asfaltera vägen till University College.
- Med self-help initiative kunde LDA-Liberia reparera och måla om hela byggnaden på Liberia Dujar High School in- och utvändigt. Detta sätt att arbeta skapar en stimulerande miljö och stämning på skolan, som attraherar och motiverar både gamla och nya elever.
- Med stöd från LDA-Sweden har University College byggt om taken på de två skolbyggnaderna, målat om dem och reparerat andra delar på byggnaderna.



En 11 årig föräldralös flicka, Victoria Gongbe, blir nu sponsrad av en svensk kvinna och hennes dotter, Jolanta och Natalia Tellström. De kommer att stå för hennes skolavgift på Liberia Dujar High School tills hon tar studenten.



*Lois Hemgren, Generalsekreterare*

## Ord från Ordföranden

Kära medlemmar,

Ännu ett år är snart slut och förhoppningsvis kommer vi alla att få tillfälle att njuta av jul- och nyårshelgerna bland våra nära och kära. Jag vill tacka alla som bidragit till LDAs viktiga arbete, och speciellt till all ni – både privatpersoner och företag – som skickat gåvor till LDA. De kommer väl till pass för att ge stöd både till lärarna och eleverna på våra skolor i Liberia!

Vi ser fram mot 2023 med tillförsikt. Vi hoppas äntligen kunna komma igång med barnmorskeutbildningen och även att kunna fortsätta utveckla verksamheten både på University College och Grassfield School. Era bidrag är förstås värdefulla även i fortsättningen. Passa gärna på att tipsa om LDA till era vänner och bekanta – kanske ett medlemskap i LDA kan vara en bra julkapp?



*Bertil Oskarsson,  
ordförande*

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## Liberia Dujar High School



The Corona Virus has had a disruption to school activities in Liberia In the last two years. Because of the virus, activities in schools throughout Liberia were shortened. Instead of the regular 10 months, they were reduced to between seven to eight months.

But through concerted efforts and adequate measures put in place by the Government of Liberia, the situation was handled properly. This paved the way for the Government through the Ministry of Education to regularize school activities to the 10 months as was the case prior to the outbreak of Covid-19. It was therefore announced in April of the year that schools closed in July of this year and reopened in September 2022.

With this announcement, Schools throughout the country set the tone for the reopening of schools. But opening in September in honest wasn't realistic given. Therefore, all schools began in October.

A two-day workshop was held in the last week of September for the teachers to help upgrade them in various teaching methods needed to carry out effective teaching at the school.

### Students Enrollment:

Given the financial situation that has engulfed the nation because of Covid-19 and now the Ukrainian crisis, registration at the school began at a very slow pace as parents could not strike the balance financially. However, classes began as scheduled with the students registered and the process remaining opened up to the end of October. To this date, the enrollment stands at 725 registered students. Of this number, 400 are girls and 325 boys.

The first marking period has just been concluded and grade sheets are expected to be given by the 5th of December so that parents and students know the progress made.





## Teachers Honoured



As it is well known worldwide, teachers are the bed rock of any country. Due to their importance, the United Nations decided to set aside October 5th as Teachers Day.

Liberia Dujar Association in the conjunction with the administration of the school decided to honour teachers working with Liberia Dujar High School on November 25 on the campus of the school. The program which should have been on October 5th as recognized by the UN was put forward due to the late opening of school. However, on Friday November 25, the program which brought together students, parents and the Representative of the district in which the school is operated was held.



Stressing the importance of teachers, the Project Director of Liberia Dujar Association Dennis Toe, thanked the teachers for the sacrifices made throughout the years with their dedication to mould the minds of students. Mr. Toe admitted that teachers are

underpaid in our society but yet they remained dedicated and committed to providing services to students.

However, he noted that by recognizing the teachers, it was a way of giving them their flowers while they were still alive. He promised with time, improvement will be made to both their financial and social status.

In response, the head of the teacher's union Hamaralus Samson thanked LDA and the school administration for the recognition which he said was the first of its kind at the school and the community. He said, though there were challenges they are faced with as teachers, the recognition was appreciated and pray for better improvement in years to come so that they can have a sense of belonging.



The 40 teachers were each given a certificate in recognition of their tireless efforts in the school.

Jolanta och Natalia  
Tellström

Stefan de Vylder

Eva Hollström

## School Equipment

Given the importance attached to improvement for the students in their lessons and the performance of 12th graders at the national exams, the school laboratory has been improved with the purchasing of elements needed for the students to do practical. This will help enhance the learning process of students who have registered to do sciences.

I thank you.

Dennis Toe

Project Director

Liberia Dujar Association-Liberia

## Ännu en container till Liberia!

Trots svårigheterna med finansiering måste andra behov i skolorna uppfyllas.

De flesta regeringsskolorna har det svårt med skolbänkar och annan skolmateriel. Även Liberias Universitetet har det svårt med skolbänkar till alla eleverna.

Liberia Dujar Association vill ha en trivsamt skola där det finns bänkar till alla eleverna. Under många år har vi skickat skolbänkar, skrivtavlor och annan skolmateriel som vi fått från olika skolor.

De senaste åren har vi fått skolmaterial från Finspång genom Anna Hellerstedt och Fittjaskolan genom Åsa Wännström.

Vår Liberia Dujar High School har brist på matsalsmöbler. Detta bidrar till att eleverna står lutade mot väggen, när de äter sin lunch. De över 15 år gamla bänkarna av inhemsk tillverkning har gått sönder och behöver ersättas.

## Database

The school administration though with some technical glitches is working assiduously to digitalise the entire school system for easy access to information. Given the level of work being carried out and the expected signing of an agreement with an internet provider soon, the School is to go digital by the end of December, 2022.



Fittjaskolan har skänkt matsalsbord och stolar och annat som behöver skickas till Liberia. Till detta behöver vi stöd att skicka dem.

Varför matsalsmöbler till Liberia?

Jo, av många skäl:

- Alla gamla matsalsmöblerna är förstörda;
- Möbler från Sverige motiverar eleverna att lämna gatorna och sätta sig på skolbänkar;
- Skolbänkarna ger bättre skolmiljö och motiverar elever att gå till skolan;
- LDA High School har idag över 700 elever. Alla har inte sittplats i matsalen. Skolan räknar med att ännu fler elever kan tillkomma. Då behövs ännu fler bänkar. De fina svenska skolmöblerna frestar många elever att söka till LDA-skolan;
- LDA fyller 30 år efter jul och nyår. Med de nya möblerna kommer det bidra till flera elever.

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# Saxat ur rapport från Liberia Dujar University College

Skrivet av rektor Mr. Nathan Mahteh

Semester one of the Academic 2022 started on February 14, 2022 and ended May, 2022. The College operates the Lois B. Hemgren School of Nursing and the Grant W. Toe School of Business as approved by the governing body (National Commission on Higher Education). The enrollment was at 140 students, 117 women and 23 male. (Vi är stolta över det faktum att kvinnorna är så många fler än männen.)

## Examination

It was an exciting and joyous moment for the Liberia Dujar University College during the week of February 6 to 11, 2022 when she observed series of activities marking the 6<sup>th</sup> Commencement Convocation. The college graduated 52 students. One of the first activities held on Sunday, February 6, was the *Baccalaureate Service*.



*Baccalaureate program*

The Baccalaureate program was followed by the *Oath and Honor Day* program on Wednesday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The occasion honored one of the most financially struggling students, Miss Mary Zobo, who became the valedictorian of her class. Mary received two honors as the highest dux of her class. She was followed by a small body lady Cammelle Mansan as the second dux.

Also honored was one the most committed Instructor, Mrs. Elfreda Shamue. Mrs. Shamue's dedication was described to the extent that neither sunshine, rain fall, or getting hurt from falling from the motorbike could stop her from attending and teaching her class. She was beautifully decorated with flowers for her services.



*Oath and Honour Day*



*Mrs. Shamue*



*Students on Examination Day*

Concluding the entire ceremony was the *Commencement Convocation* held on Friday, February 11, 2022. Mrs. Glenada Teta Yealue, the college community-based resident, an aspirant for community chairlady ship, served as the Guest Speaker. The occasion was well attended with members of the College Board, Representative of the Commission on Higher Education, Principal of Liberia Dujar High School, Parents and family members of the graduates as well as well-wishers.

## Business School

Students of the Grant W. Toe School of Business in an appreciation mood went to the District office of Hon Richard Koon on May 10, 2022 to congratulate him for his decision to support them in school. They printed T-shirts in his honor.



*The students visit to the Representative's office.*

## Att stödja elever vid Liberia Dujar High School

**Victoria Gongbaye** is a student of Liberia Dujar High School. She's 11 years old and is in the 5th grade.

At age 2 Victoria lost her father and two years later her mother who had been sending her to school was suffering from a serious medical problem which had rendered her incapacitated to work. Whatever job she was doing for the upkeep of Victoria has been withdrawn from her due to the ailment. She has also passed away leaving Victoria become an orphan.

The situation has left Victoria wailing once she sees friends of her age going to school every day. A good Samaritan who stepped in to be of help also lost her job quite recently after enrolling her. She seems determined to learn but she was not sure what would become of her once the time reached for the collection of fees by the school.

Victoria was undecided on what she wants to be in the future. But for now she is curious about learning. She had hope that someone would help her to realize her dream to become someone important in the society.

Surely enough, Jolanta and her daughter Natalia Tellström has given Victoria the chance to realize her dream. They have become her new supporters. They have been supporting students in the Liberia Dujar High School for 25 years.



This is **Marie P. Quaye**, an 11 Grade student at Liberia Dujar High School. Marie is 19 years old and is an orphan who lost her parents at 16 years. Since then she has been living periodically with guardians either from the maternal or paternal side.

However, things from either side were not good for Marie. She would miss out on school for some days which hinders her progress. Again, her maternal aunty decided to step in two years ago. But again, fate struck her, and her aunt couldn't continue to support her.

Marie couldn't meet up with the demands from the school leaving her to do things on her own. She struggled and passed to the 11th grade through doing housework, cleaning, washing and other chores to raise the school fees.

Marie fought hard to enroll this academic year but is afraid that being an 11 grader she cannot continue the different housework she has been doing over the years as she needs all the time for study. She may not end the school year if she does not get the needed support to finish high school.

Marie's ambition is to become a professional nurse and would like to enroll in the Liberia Dujar Nursing School after completing the Liberia Dujar High School.

But she noted her dreams are hitting hard rocks already with the lack of support as she narrated her story in tears. In spite of the bleakness of her situation, Marie remains hopeful to pursue her ambition.

**Is anyone out there to take Marie on your budget? Her school fees are \$270 USD per term or \$540USD per year.**

Thank you for reading Marie's story.

**Familjen Roström**  
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**Anita Sundin**  
Enskild partner



## EN JULKLAPP?!

Barnen i Sverige har som regel överflöd av leksaker. Alla lever vi bland för mycket prylar. Tänk på ett skolbarn, en flicka eller en kvinna som bara vill ha sin skolvavgift betald.

Ge 100, 500 eller annat belopp till dessa behövande så de kan betala sin avgift.

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## Love, care & share

### Ännu en container på G

Vi har fortfarande inte kunnat sluta samla på skolmöbler som annars skulle slängas(!). Vi har en mängd skolmöbler som ligger i en flyghangar, där vi fått låna utrymme, och väntar på transport. Och vi har lika mycket liggande på vår tomt! Men det saknas pengar. Har du möjlighet att bidra med liten eller (helst) stor summa, blir eleverna i Liberia mycket glada. Summa kostnad att skicka container till Liberia ligger på cirka 70 000 kr.



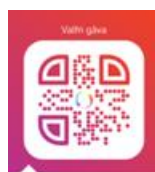
Orwar Alnesjö, nyligen avliden

Vi vill tacka borttagne Orwar Alnesjö's familj som i samband med begravningen tänkte på LDA-skolorna och inbjöd anhöriga och vänner att bidra med pengar till Liberia Dujars skolor i stället för att köpa blommor.

### MEDLEMSAVGIFTEN

295 kr för enskild medlem  
495 kr för familj.

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Vi behöver nya  
medlemmar.  
Kan du värva någon idag?

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