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PIMIL has a website!

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**And let all kings
bow down before
Him. All nations
serve Him.**

Psalm 72:11



A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS and a FULFILLED PEACEFUL NEW YEAR of 2016! – MERRY CHRISTMAS; HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our news includes three stories: a brief review of 2015, the vision of the next decade, and 2016 fundraising!

2015 was an extraordinary successful year! PIMIL made history on two fronts: fundraising and enrollment. PIMIL raised \$15,000 at the annual July program that celebrated PIMIL's 10th Anniversary. The fundraising is to augment the yearly \$11,000 donations of sponsors to support the ongoing education of indigent students in Liberia. In enrollment, PIMIL broke the record of not only having one hundred students but also exceeding that number - a hundred and seven students to be precise as of the new academic year of 2015/2016.

The increase in enrollment was due to PIMIL's compassionate desire to reach out to some of the over 2000 Ebola orphans from the Ebola epidemic in 2014. PIMIL is supporting sixteen orphans. Excerpts from an email from PIMIL's Ebola orphans' coordinator, Rev. John Sackie of the "miracle impact" (*my emphasis*) the funds had in creating more opportunities for the orphans: **"I was able to add three (3) [additional] orphans to the [enrollment] bringing the total to eleven orphans [supported] in Bong County by PIMIL."** PIMIL supports Ebola orphans in three other areas: Lofa, Mbaloma and Montserrado.



Some Bong Ebola Orphans

With the celebration of PIMIL's 10th Anniversary at the sixth annual event in July of this year, and with the challenge to respond to the educational needs of the Ebola orphans, it is befitting that PIMIL launch a **vision** for the next ten years: *"The Decade of Expansion 2015-2025."* The **vision** will give us the opportunity to do several things; such as: 1. Expand the sponsorship of the students. Presently the 107 students are sponsored by **only 36 sponsors**. The "Decade of Expansion" will give PIMIL the opportunity to seek more support of contacts at the congregational levels to promote the mission of PIMIL – **offering educational opportunities to indigent and Ebola orphans to attend school**. Meanwhile, we invite you, to tell others about PIMIL and how they might sponsor a student. Visit the website for information of the grade level and of the financial support of a student: www.pimil.org. Thank you!

To do good, and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. - Hebrews 13:16

SAVE THE DATE

The 7th Annual International Luncheon and Silent Auction Fundraising is set for Saturday, July 23, 2016! It will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Worthington from 12:30-3:30 pm.

The theme is "Seeking, Caring and Belonging" (John 10:16). The event will have a different format of speakers this year that we are styling, "Inspirational Vignette Speakers. We will have a total of three speakers. Other features include children's activities, educational and cultural experiences, such as interaction with the "Talking Drum of Africa" and lessons of the "African head tie or head wrap", the International Cookies and Tea Table, and *delicious food!* You don't want to miss this and the event! A few comments of participants at the 2015 celebration:

I come especially for the "greens"; referring to the Liberian style of preparing the spinach greens.

I do not know why I have missed attending these events; I do not want to miss any, again!"

The 2016 goal is to raise \$10,000. Last year the goal was \$7000 and we raised \$15,000. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$5 for children and youth; donations of any amount are accepted.



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Other Contacts are at some Episcopal Columbus churches. Call the office.

1. Wherever you are, PIMIL invites your participation in any way possible:
2. Submission of AD for the Souvenir Program Book
3. Items for the silent auction
4. Selling of tickets
5. Your inputs! Thank You!



Merry Christmas!

Mother Abby and the PIMIL Council are available to collaborate with your congregation or Outreach Committee for intercultural activities in your congregations. Contact: 614-891-2960.

PIMIL Newsletter is published four times a year in the last month of the quarter. Your advice and letters are welcome!