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Greeting to all,

I hope spring has not eluded you. Last week I joyfully looked at my green yard starting to grow and as temperatures rose would need mowing very soon. Just 2 days later, April 9th, I peered out my kitchen window finding over 2 inches of fresh snow now covered my yard. Go figure. Onion snow?

We have been working hard getting the 2016 / 2017 student picture profiles ready to distribute. We are looking forward to God's provision for another successful campaign.

Looking back at the last couple years Ebola has turned what was normal in Liberia upside down. In 2014, for the safety of the students, teachers and their families, schools were shut down. Realizing how contagious Ebola was, people were encouraged not to gather in large groups. In February 2015 conditions permitted schools to reopen. School years pre-Ebola ran from Sept to June but now our understanding was schools would run from February to November, as they had pre-civil war.

Partway through the school year we were surprised to learn the school year in 2015 was changed to a short year with an accelerated curriculum. The Ministry of Education wanted to get the schools back on the Sept to June schedule again.

While in Liberia recording the student info for the new year this past January I saw a large increase in failures for 2015. We monitor all failures and generally release students from the tuition sponsorship program if they fail three times. Our team agreed it would not be fair to wholly blame the student for that failure. We decided to pardon a student failing in 2015.

We were encouraged by the smiling faces we saw this year as our students excitingly are looking forward to a great 2016 / 2017 school year.

We pray that GPC will have a new DVD to share with you all those smiles.

We pray that you will join us again helping to find sponsors for the students in the 2016 / 2017 tuition sponsorship program. I will contact you in a few weeks to see how things look for you.

We echo the thank you that we hear from our students for all your continued help.

God bless.

Your friend in Christ, Gary

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through an education in the name of Jesus Christ***