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Good Shepherd Academy - Bafut Celebrates 7th Anniversary As Citadel Of Learning



Good Shepherd Academy today stands as an academic monument with excellence in integrating a programme of sustainable agriculture and academic excellence.

The physical and emotional wellbeing, and spiritual growth of each student lies at the heart of the school's unique and diverse programmes!

Good Shepherd Academy is devel-

oping student's skills both within and outside the classroom to provide a well-rounded view of their world and the hands-on experience to prosper in times like ours.

Despite operating in a war-hit zone in the Northwest, the institution has braved all the odds and is the jewel of academics in Cameroon, today boasting a state-of-the-art campus with seven buildings harboring

50 students in residence, a dedicated faculty and staff with its first group of students ALL passing the GCE O levels exams with flying colors.

A dream which started in the hearts of Sister Jane Mankaa and the Reverend Canon Elizabeth Rankin Geitz has tackled the impossible and is grooming the most skillful youth in Cameroon in the domain of commerce, sciences, arts and agri-

culture.

Good Shepherd Academy co-founders, the Rev. Canon Elizabeth Geitz and the late Sister Jane Mankaa, developed the outline for the school they envisioned using the model of the Putney School in rural Vermont, USA. Good Shepherd Academy would combine academic excellence with real life work experience and the mission to help others.

Agricultural sustainability is crucial to progress in Cameroon, where 42% of the gross domestic product is attributed to food production. For this reason, each student spends a part of everyday in crop maintenance and animal care.

Accounting and entrepreneurial skill development assures that some students, who will enter the agricultural workforce, will be fully prepared for their future.

Good Shepherd Academy is among the rare secondary schools today in Cameroon to have received agricultural grants donated for the construction of two state-of-the-art Fish Ponds to be stocked with 6,500 fingerlings, as well as funds to feed the fish until they grow to maturity (8 months). Also, donations have been made to cover the cost of a Poultry Farm which includes a chicken coop, chicks, feed, and vitamins & the Only College of Agriculture in Cameroon with a Greenhouse.

*Good Shepherd Academy is simply unique among Cameroonian secondary schools.

Hip! Hip! Hurray! happy anniversary and many more prosperous years!!!

— Sidney Wache