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Hi everyone!

This summer update comes at a turbulent time for the school as inflation, lack of tourists and therefore employment, and food shortages with rocketing prices are causing many difficulties.

Nevertheless the school has had its end of school year graduation day with parents and dignitaries present, including, from the Government, the Minister of Communications as guest of honour. The Gambian TV were filming and there was an article in The Point, the Gambian Newspaper, and a copy of that article is with this newsletter.

Following on from our previous newsletter the Nursery desks were purchased in UK and have successfully been shipped out to the school and will be in use in time for the new school year. (See pictures)

Long discussions were held when we visited the school in March about building works to stop roof leaks and to maximize space. Richard has for years wanted to add senior school education and we eventually agreed to extend the build to include new rooms for senior students.

The work started at the end of term in July and it is hoped to be mainly finished by early September. (See pictures). The enormous increase in prices for building material has been a concern, with BACSECT funding about half of the building cost which is around £25,000 and the rest from our private donation. We pray that prices do not overwhelm the project, which is a bit of a leap in faith!!

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The school is registering lots of new pupils for the new school year and continues to help the local community with food distribution.

We are hopefully going out again in November to see the results of the building programme and to get a better feel for the impact of price rises on books and stationery, as they all have to be imported.

Here are a few pictures of the end of year celebrations and the building work.







Finally, on behalf of Richard, the teachers and all the pupils we give grateful thanks to all who help the school through both giving and praying. To know that people care is so important to all of them

John Baxter

Chair of Trustees