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On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Ricks Institute Alumni Association, USA, Inc. (RIAA-USA) presented to the Athletic Department of its alma mater, a shipment of Sporting Goods Equipment of **Ten Thousand United States Dollars (\$10,000.00 USD)**.

Additionally, the Alumni Association U.S.A. Inc., launched a **Ten Thousand United States Dollars, (\$10,000.00 USD) Renovation Project** for the **Restoration of the Restrooms** in The William V.S. Tubman Administration Building, (the building which houses the school's main classrooms).

Mr. Joseph A. H. Jones, Design Group Inc. Architect/Engineer, is RIAA-USA Consultant in Liberia. Mr. Jones is also serving as Project Manager for the restrooms restoration project. The expected completion date of the above noted project is **April 30, 2020**. The scope of work to be covered includes, **A complete overhaul of the Sewer System of the Administration Building; the Restrooms; New Piping will be laid; all New Fixtures will be installed and a complete paint job** is expected to be done.

RIAA-USA has been working with the Administration of Ricks Institute since the 90's to restore the campus to its once glorious days, prior to the war. To highlight a few of the RIAA-USA most recent projects, **in 2016, RIAA-USA donated a New 100kv Generator** to the Institution, at a cost of **\$20,000 (Twenty Thousand USD)**. **In 2018-2019, RIAA-USA completed a \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand USD) renovation project** at Ricks. The scope of the work included **the painting of the entire Wm. V.S. Tubman Building** (inside and outside) at a cost of **\$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand USD)**. All 197 windows (104 single and 93 double) in the building were replaced with sliding glass windows, at a cost of **\$35,000.00 (Thirty-Five Thousand USD)**. More recently, **the Association established Two Scholarships** in honor of two individuals who are very important to the institution's history, **Ms. Johnette R. Minor, first female graduate of Ricks Institute and the first female principal** and **Mr. Moses Ricks, an area farmer** in Virginia, Liberia, who made the first large contribution of **\$500.00 (Five Hundred USD)** to Ricks Institute in the eighteenth hundred to secure land for the school expansion. The total cost of these two scholarships is **\$6,000.00 (Six Thousand USD) per year**. The scholarships were officially launched this semester, **2019 - 2020 School Year**.

RIAA-USA is committed to continue the partnership with Dr. Olu Menjay, Principle of Ricks Institute, the Board of Trustees, the Liberian Baptist Missionary and Education Convention, RIAA-Liberia, and all interested partners to restore the institute to its once glorious days, "Pre Civic Wars Liberia".

RIAA-USA is comprised of graduates and former students, including, supporters, in the United States of America and around the world. The driving force behind its endeavor comes from the Ricks Institute school motto "*Not for Self but for Others*". Each member of the Association demonstrates the spirit and creed of this motto by donating his or her time, talents, and treasures, during its Annual Reunion and over the course of the years.

The 2020 Annual Reunion will be held in West Virginia, U.S.A. during the Labor Day Weekend, September 4 - 7. You are encouraged to visit the website, www.riaausa.org and make a donation to the cause, "Restoration Ricks" and register for RIAA-USA West Virginia's Convention/Reunion. Thanks for your support.

RICKS INSTITUTE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION-UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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