

## **THE RESTROOM RENOVATION PROJECT AT RICKS INSTITUTE**

In a ceremony held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at Ricks Institute, the Ricks Institute Alumni Association-USA, Inc. (RIAA-USA, Inc), in collaboration with Ricks Institute Alumni Association-Liberia (RIAAL), turned over the keys of six newly renovated restrooms to the Administration of Ricks Institute. Housed in the William V. S. Tubman Building, the main complex for all classes, these restrooms will service more than 500 students and staff members at the school.

The need for the renovation of the restrooms was observed when RIAA-USA National Chairman Mr. John E. Scott, II visited Ricks in 2019. Returning to the United States, he brought this need to the attention of the RIAA-USA Board, and in the spirit of the Ricks mantra “Not for Self but for others”, this Twenty Thousand US Dollars (US\$20,000) Restroom Renovation Project was launched in March 2020.

The Project, which included a complete overhaul of the Sewer System of the Administration Building; overhaul of six restrooms (two girls, two boys and two staff); laying of new pipes; replacement of all restroom fixtures and painting, was managed and implemented by RIAA’s Resident Engineer Mr. Joseph A. H. Jones, of Design Group Inc.

During the ceremony, the Chairman of the RIAAL Advisory Council Mr. Walter B. Skinner who led the delegation to Ricks and represented RIAA-USA National Chairman Scott, received the keys of the completed restrooms from Mr. Jones and presented them to Dr. Olu Q. Menjay, Principal and Chief Administrative Officer of Ricks. RIAAL Chairman Mr. Mohammed Calico Lavalie and other Ricks Alumni attended the ceremony.

The Board of Directors, Officers and Members of RIAA-USA extend appreciation to all its donors and alumni for the financial support of this project that will positively impact the lives of students at Ricks Institute. Special thanks and appreciation are extended to Mr. Joseph Jones of Design Group, Inc. and the Advisory Council, Officers and Members of RIAAL for their coordination of this initiative. “Until we win the golden fleece, let toiling never cease.”