William V.S. Tubman University Volunteerism Goes Beyond Campus - Reaches Out to Pedebo Community

William V.S. Tubman University Volunteers Steering Committee has reached out to Pedebo, a small town on the outskirts of Harper City, considered abandoned by residents. According to our reporter, the town lacks basic social services. Most facilities in Pedebo have been either down or deserted.

On Sunday, November 22, 2015, Tubman University Volunteers Steering Committee donated several assorted items to the people of Pedebo during its outreach. The President of William V.S. Tubman University, Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Russell, also re-dedicated one of the three hand bumps refurbished in Pedebo by the Volunteers Steering Committee for the people of the town.

Speaking during the outreach to Pedebo, Assoc. Prof. Patrick Vandi, Chairman of the Volunteers Steering Committee said, “the idea of formulating a volunteers steering committee was brought to birth in 2012 but didn’t materialize until now”. He said items donated to the people of the town were given to the committee by generous persons from the University. The items included clothing for women, men and children, copybooks, pens, pencils, and sweets, among others.

Chairman Vandi further stated “the TU Volunteers Steering Committee has adopted this town for a period of one year and decided to work with the people especially the youth of the town to restore hope to them.” The committee recently renovated three hand pumps in Pedebo in order to provide one basic necessity, clean drinking water, to the people, Chairman Vandi concluded.

Making a brief statement at the outreach program, Dr. Davis-Russell said, “the dedication of the hand pump and items donated complement one of the core values of the University which talk about
reaching out and caring” for others beyond campus. She expressed her satisfaction over the program and applauded all the faculty and staff of the University who started the process of reaching out to the community. She also called on other Divisions of the University, most especially the Colleges of Education and Health Sciences within the Division of Academic Affairs, to collaborate with the Volunteers Steering Committee in restoring hope to the people of Pedebo and other communities.

For his part, the Township Commissioner of Pedebo, Hon. Stephen Nyema thanked the University’s delegation for such gesture, but pleaded with national government to reach out to his town health wise. He said the town does not have a health facility, posing serious threats to its residents who walk for miles to seek treatments in nearby towns.

The program was climaxed with a football game between the University’s delegation and people of the town. The delegation lost the game by 2 nil, but rejoiced however on their way back because their mission to Pedebo had been successful.

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