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## **The Bailey Institute Welcomes Liberia's Minister of Education, Dr. Joseph D. Z. Korto to Hagerstown**

**Hagerstown, MD/USA** – On Sunday, August 25, 2008, The Bailey Institute welcomed to Hagerstown, Dr. Joseph D. Korto, Minister of Education, Liberia, for a meeting on ***“Sustained Technology-Driven Education for Liberia-STDE.”*** The Bailey Institute, in partnership with African Methodist Episcopal Zion University (AMEZU), Liberia, West Africa, has been leading a strategic initiative to implement digital education to accelerate the process of training 17,000 Liberian teachers for high school diplomas and national certification and educating girls in Mathematics and Science

Dr. Jennifer Bailey, President and Founder of ***The Bailey Institute***, stated, “Dr. Korto’s visit confirms the support of Liberia’s Ministry of Education for our initiative to develop a technology-driven approach to meet teacher education needs in Liberia where 65% of teachers lack high school diplomas.”

Representing the Bailey Institute were Dr. Delois Powell, Dr. Charles Supernavage and Dr. Jennifer Bailey. Dr. Korto’s delegation included Mrs. Margaret Korto and Mr. William T. Wheway, Staff Assistant to Dr. Korto.

Following a presentation by Drs. Powell and Bailey, Dr. Korto commented, “Your STDE proposal aligns well with Liberia’s urgent need to bring teachers up to the standards of readiness for national certification and beyond. STDE fills a missing link and aligns well with our teacher preparation needs. I look forward to coordinating your efforts with my staff at the Ministry of Education in Liberia to support this timely approach for improving teacher education standards in Liberia.”

Dr. Korto was honored during a luncheon with the U.S. team in Hagerstown, and the Liberian delegation left for Baltimore, where Dr. Korto is residing during his brief stay in the U. S.

In June 2008, during a 10-day visit to Liberia, The Bailey Institute and its partners at AMEZU, presented the first STDE proposal to the Ministry of Education, visited an agricultural field station and conducted 889 assessments in Literacy, Mathematics and Science among teachers, principals and girls.

The Bailey Institute-AMEZU partnership plans to build a model for IT-driven education to eradicate illiteracy and implement the model globally, including key areas of need in the U.S.A.

The Bailey Institute is a 501c3 Global NGO located in Hagerstown. More information is available at [www.baileyinstitute.org](http://www.baileyinstitute.org) and [www.hagerstownmagazine.com](http://www.hagerstownmagazine.com) ***“People to Watch”***, July 2008.

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### The Bailey Institute's IT-Driven Education for Liberia

#### Where is Liberia?



[www.worldatlas.com](http://www.worldatlas.com), July 2, 2008

#### Brief Biographies

**Dr. Jennifer G. Bailey** is Founder and President of "*The Bailey Institute*," a global NGO and 501c3 organization, established in 2000 to nurture future leaders and improve lives through technology and education. Since 2000, Dr. Bailey has led projects to improve education and resources for institutions in the United States, Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago, Liberia and Sierra Leone. In June 2008, Dr. Bailey led a US-Liberian delegation to Liberia and launched Phase II of a Technology-Driven project to educate the 17,000 primary and secondary school teachers who do not have a high school diploma, initiate Mathematics and Science education for girls, and bring technology and training to Liberia's Central Agricultural Research Center. Dr. Bailey is seeking funds to launch 6 computer labs at AME Zion University-Liberia and four other locations to cost-effectively provide digital education and Internet access to thousands of undereducated Liberians. For more information visit [www.baileyinstitute.org](http://www.baileyinstitute.org) and [www.hagerstownmagazine.com](http://www.hagerstownmagazine.com) – See cover story, "*People to Watch*," pages 50-55.

**Dr. De Lois Powell**, a trained Microbiologist, is a research fellow and project manager in the health field at the United Negro College Fund Special Programs (UNCFSP). She has served UNCFSP as Partnerships Coordinator for the USAID funded International Development Partnerships Activity (IDP Activity), managing and coordinating the successful implementation of capacity building and development partnerships between Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the U.S. and Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) in Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Latin American and the Caribbean. She served the Division of International Programs (DIP) in the capacity of researcher, trainer, and documenter. **Responsibilities:** Training/GED Administration; Participate in administration of Servant Leadership Workshops; Report writing/program documentation for Science program; disseminate project outcomes.

**Dr. Charles Supernavage**, is a Hagerstown physician and a member of The Bailey Institute's Board of Trustees.

## Photos

The Bailey Institute's trip to Liberia (May 31-June 10, 2008) to launch Phase II of its project: *Sustainable Technology-Driven Education for Liberia (STDE)*.



Students in Grade 1, take a test at King Elementary School, Monrovia Liberia



A teacher at King Elementary School uses a worn plastic bucket to haul drinking water from a broken well—the only source of drinking water for students.



Dr. Jennifer Bailey (center), with the principal (left), and teachers at Newport Junior High School, Monrovia, Liberia; Dr. Bailey and Dr. Harold Heatwole of the US, toured Newport Junior High and administered standardized test in Mathematics and Science to students.



A teacher points to broken desks in a classroom at King Elementary School, Monrovia, Liberia

**The Bailey Institute's US-Liberian Team**

Since 2006, The Bailey Institute's teams of US-Liberian professionals representing diverse fields have worked to launch and sustain IT-Driven Education in Liberia.

Core Area	US Team	Liberia Team
Leadership & Assessment	Dr. Jennifer G. Bailey (Principal Investigator)	Mr. Sayku Waritay (Proposed Project Manager)
Project Documentation & Report Writing	Dr. De Lois Powell	Dr. Benjamin Temple, Coordinator
Education Management	Dr. Zachariah Z. Gaye	Dr. Benjamin Temple
Organizational Skills	Dr. Deanna Caillier Mercer	Mr. Chapman L. Adams Mr. Andrew Whorway
Information Technology & Statistical Analysis	Dr. Azene Zenebe Ms. Elizabeth Oviawe	Mr. Christopher W. Kpodi Mr. Daniel Oviawe
Science	Dr. Harold Heatwole Dr. Beth Hawkins Dr. Betty Black	Ms. Patience Hill
Mathematics	Mr. Adugna Kebede	Mr. Jesse Cooper Mr. Sayku Waritay
Entrepreneurship	Dr. Jennifer Bailey	Mr. Prince Conway
GED Digital Education	Ms. Sheila Kirby- <i>Fill My Cup</i>	Mr. Sayku Waritay Others to be determined