A great team!

Jim Saake, Carl Zvanut, Dr. Elizabeth ‘Lib’ Stanton, Rev. Joe Abu and Tom Power were joined by construction manager Ahmed Fullah and driver Sullay Kargbo, both been long time members of the LVP team. Everybody pitched in to get the job done with Joe, Carl and Lib visiting medical facilities in SL, completing an assessment of Mattru Hospital, and evaluating previous projects at CSS. This was Jim’s first trip and he jumped right in working with two students to make all the roof trusses. He also designed and built a much-improved system for pouring the cesspit lid. Sullay is officially is our driver but he also manages our safety equipment, provides security, arranges truck transportation, and more. A real team effort!

A Job Well Done!

It was a very busy trip but the construction was completed on time. Everyone was very happy with the new facility. There are three stalls with a shower, a squat toilet, and a sit toilet. There are also two hand washing sinks and a tap for filling laundry buckets. The installation included a cesspit that should last twenty years before needing to be pumped out.

We had great crew of seasoned tradespeople who were joined by seven students from Centennial Secondary School. The students had volunteered with us at the school on previous projects but now we were paying them for their work. It was also an opportunity for them to learn from professional masons, plumbers and carpenters - skills that are much needed throughout Sierra Leone.
Jim Saake had two student workers with him the whole time who helped build roof trusses and the support system for pouring the cesspit lid.

Unlike our early work at Centennial there was electricity and running water available. This made the job much easier as we were able to use some power tools although most of the work is still done by hand, including hauling the stone, sand and cement in headpans....

Here is Lib checking out the ceiling in International House....

Pouring the cesspit lid - all mixed by hand!

Great tile work for the stalls...

Carl lending a hand installing the roof
Admissions Toilet Facility
EWB installed a four stall toilet facility at the hospital admissions building in 2018. It’s in good shape and is being used by both staff and patients. The hospital is doing a good job of cleaning and maintaining the facility which is one of the key metrics in assessing previous EWB installations.

CSS update
CSS continues to grow with enrollment reaching 1800 (it was 1100 when we started) and now hosts 30 girls as boarding students. They’ve also been building - with a generous donation from the students of Parkland High School they added tow classrooms which are already **filled to capacity with 100 students in each room**. They’ve also added tap stands for students and staff to get water. The EWB installations are being fully utilized and maintained. The team also got to see part of the Centennial Games, they intramural tracked field competition held every year - it was very exciting!

EWB Fundraiser
Just a reminder that the LVP Silent Auction is April 7. Sign up or donate at ewb-lvp.org