

Ellen, Tyler, Others, Break Ground for School

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President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, over the weekend, led high-power Government officials to a historic ground-breaking ceremony in Klay, (Korlor Village), Bomi County.

House Speaker Alex Tyler, Bomi County District #2 Representative Haja Fata Siryon and Senior Senator Bahai Lassana were among officials who broke the grounds for construction of a girls school in that County.

The ceremony was

characterized by traditional dances and other cultural events by elders, women and youth groups of the village.

The project is to be undertaken by a non-profit entity, the Good Samaritan Discipleship based in the United States of America.

Addressing the gathering, President Sirleaf urged the elders of that area to support the good work of Good Samaritan Discipleship in an effort to afford their children a chance to acquire education opportunity.

She thanked the organization for their initiatives and called on others to emulate the good



President Sirleaf, middle, breaking ground for the construction of a girls School in Klay, Bomi County

example of the non-profit organization.

For her part, the founder of the Good Samaritan Discipleship, Madam Martha D. Daidii, challenged the parents of that district to take girls' education seriously by encouraging them to seek higher education.

She acknowledged a need for the children of Liberia to have free access to education and good health.

Madam Daidii said upon completion of the school, trauma healing, psychological and spiritual counseling would be provided to former child soldiers

and other traumatized victims of the country's civil war. She added that food and clothing would be distributed to children and other marginalized people.

The Good Samaritan Discipleship is a joint USA and Liberia aid organization launched on November 18, 2006. The purpose of the organization is to serve the needs of the vulnerable in Liberia and Africa through educational supplies and counseling to young people especially marginalized people.