To Boldly Go Where We’ve Never Gone Before!
(While Staying Where We’ve Always Been?)

Recently, I’ve been asked by some Methodist folks here in Indiana whether the “new direction” of the Enterprise Academy means that Operation Classroom will no longer be engaged in the “traditional” scholarship and grant programs that many UM churches and individuals have supported for many, many years.

So – let me make myself VERY clear about this. **If you, or your church or organization has been supporting a school or student (with scholarships), you can still do that!** The OC office here in Indiana (and our offices in Liberia and Sierra Leone) will continue to facilitate the OC Scholars and the OC Challenge Grant programs.

THOUSANDS of kids in West Africa have been able to go to secondary school because of OC scholarship support (what we now term the OC Scholars Program), and NUMEROUS schools have benefited from direct support (what’s now termed the OC Challenge Grant Program.) Those programs have been restructured, but they ARE on-going, and you or your church can continue to provide support as you have in the past.

We want to CELEBRATE what has been accomplished. Lives HAVE been changed! A difference HAS been made! Good things HAVE happened! It’s ALL GOOD! THANK YOU, friends for all you’ve done.

**But we’ve been challenged to do more – and maybe to do it more effectively.**

So – we’re hoping you’ll consider supporting the African Enterprise Academy pilot project @ Taiama - the Taiama Enterprise Academy. A different kind of school that, in the words of Ernest Dhomihina, Chancellor @ Njala University near Taiama, “Has the potential to change the face of a nation.”
Yes, Operation classroom is hoping to go where we’ve never gone before. **But we won’t abandon where we’ve been.** You CAN still support the students and programs and schools you have previously. But we’re going to challenge YOU to boldly go beyond that.

As Captain Kirk once said:

*Africa: the final frontier. These are the voyages of the school-ship Enterprise (Academy). Its five-year mission: to explore strange new opportunities, to seek new life and new situations - to boldly go where we haven’t gone before.*

(He didn’t actually say that, but he should have!!)