

2019 Annual Report, Agape National Academy of Music (ANAM)

Greetings! On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and students, I am pleased to provide a report on our 2019 activities. ANAM remains grateful for your partnership and generous support to our mission. The year of 2019 was challenging but rewarding. And thanks to you our donors, ANAM made significant progress this past year.

Results

First, let me tell you about how our **Music for Children Program** is impacting children throughout Monrovia. These children's involvement at ANAM is bringing them alive in a whole new way, they are building skills, knowledge, and most of all new relationships that will last a lifetime. This program allows children to improve their music skills while growing in faith. One activity that children in this program can be a part of is our Bell Choir, here is a link to one of their recent performances. (<https://youtu.be/q-cbfloKVEw>).



Students Enrollment, 2nd Term

Our total enrollment for the 2019 2nd Term was 123 students. Please see below a table indicating the number of students enrolled in each program.

AGAPE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC (ANAM) PROGRAMS ENROLLMENT ROSTER, 2019, TERM 2

No.	Programs	No. of Students Enrolled	No. of Females	No. of Males	Duration
1	Certificate in Music Education	39	12	27	Term 2: July. 1 - Nov, 30, 2019
2.	Playing Instruments by Ear	25	6	19	Term 2: July. 1 - Nov, 30, 2019
3.	Worship Art Leadership	6	5	1	Term 2: July. 1 - Nov, 30, 2019
4.	Music for Children (3-12 years)	39	21	18	Ongoing; Every Saturday Morning & Afternoon
5.	Music for Teens (13-19years)	10	4	6	Ongoing; Every Saturday Morning & Afternoon
6.	Private Lessons	4	1	3	N/A
7.	Total	123	49	74	

Students Fees

The total amount of students' fee collected during the 2nd Term in Liberian Dollars is L\$436,050.00 (Four Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Fifty Liberian Dollars) which is equivalent to \$2,295.00 (Two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five United States Dollars). This amount includes advance and or part payments made by many students. ANAM also awarded several need-based scholarships to some students.

ANAM is one of the few institutions dedicated to providing quality music education to the children and youth of Liberia. It is committed to becoming a preeminent school of music, and the first choice for music students in Liberia. However, one of ANAM greatest challenges is sourcing funds to assist underprivileged students. Given the fact that nearly three-fourths of the Liberian population fall below the poverty line, combined with current economic hardships which have increased the cost of living, it is difficult for many families to afford extra-curricular activities. Due to these facts, student fees are kept at affordable levels. ANAM must source additional funding by engaging in special projects such as benefit concerts, fundraising from churches missions' committees, supporters of the arts, philanthropic individuals and organizations. Grants and donations that are made to ANAM by individuals and organizations will be used to support needy students through ANAM's scholarship-fund as well as fund other priorities of ANAM.

2019 Christmas Concert

ANAM held its 2019 Christmas Concert on December 8th at the Royal Grand Hotel in Monrovia. During the concert, students demonstrated their musical achievements. The event was attended by many including members of the diplomatic mission, government, churches, and international organizations.



ANAM Presented a Concert for the Embassy of Brazil in Liberia

In May 2019, ANAM presented a concert for the Embassy of Brazil in Liberia where I and others presented music of the Brazilian Composer Claudio Santoro. The event was organized by the Brazilian Embassy in order to celebrate the music of Composer Santoro and was attended by members of the diplomatic mission, government, and various international organizations.



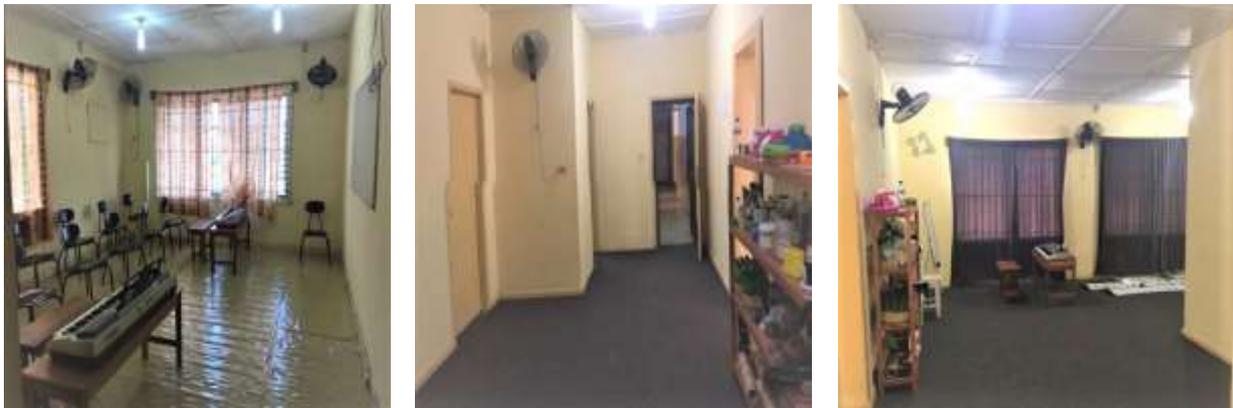
Instruments Donated to ANAM from Brazilian friends

Ms. Socorro Sena, a professional music teacher and wife of former Brazilian Chargé d'Affairs to Liberia, Mr. Davino Sena, was a Guest Teacher of ANAM in Liberia. During her stay in Liberia, Ms. Sena conducted several professional workshops for teachers of ANAM, and several vocal classes with our students. Before departing Liberia for their next mission in Canada, she donated a variety of instruments to ANAM's Music for Children and Teens program. These instruments are currently being used by our students. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciations to Ms. Sena and family for their support toward music and the arts in Liberia.



Embassy of Switzerland gives ANAM a substantial Donation

ANAM wishes to acknowledge and extend its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Embassy of Switzerland in Abidjan, through its Honorary Consul General in Liberia, Ms. Sandra Bertolo Abou Chacra. In 2019, the Embassy provided a substantial support (a grant award) to ANAM which helped paid for an additional floor (with 3 classrooms and 2 practice rooms), instruments and furniture. This grant-award supported ANAM to carry out major renovations of the two floors we are occupying, including; painting, cleaning, checking and repairing of the electrical system, some carpentry works, and provided some basic office furniture and equipment. We also purchased additional instruments including Piano Keyboards (portable synthesizers) and repaired an upright piano which are currently being used by our students.



Mamba Point Hotel Donated an Upright Piano to ANAM

The Mamba Point Hotel in Monrovia through its Manager, Mr. Chawki K. Bsaibes, has donated an “**Upright Piano**” to ANAM. Securing an upright piano for our students has been a challenge for our school. We are very happy and thankful to the Mamba Point Hotel for this generous contribution. The piano has been repaired and is currently being used by our piano students.



Music Professors from Sweden Conducted One Day Training Workshop at ANAM

On Monday December 9, 2019, a professional training workshop for ANAM teachers and students was conducted by two visiting professors from the Royal College of Music in Stockholm, Sweden. The event was beneficial to ANAM's teachers and students; they learned some pedagogical skills as well as performance techniques. Workshop presenters were: Torbjörn Gulz, a jazz pianist with extensive experience in teaching music theory, and Erik Lanninger, a classical pianist with long experience in teaching piano, as well as interpretation for violinists and horn musicians etc. They were accompanied by Sebastian Jonsson, a young fantastic Saxophonist.



2019 Vacation/Summer Music School

In July and August of 2019, ANAM conducted a vacation/summer music program for children and teens, providing musical training/teaching and counseling. The program served as a center for extra curriculum activities to over 100 children and teens during the school break. This provided them an avenue for enrichment and character building, and an alternative to turning toward violence, risk of coming in conflict or contact with the law.



Challenges

Please Consider Giving towards our Immediate Needs

- We need \$3,000 to pay the 2020 rental for the first floor we are occupying
- We need \$3,500 to cover the cost for travel and shipping of donated instruments and sheet music and other materials to Liberia
- We need \$950 to purchase a 5 KVA Diesel Generator to help provide electricity for our programs.
- We need \$1,980 monthly to cover our operational expenses. Will you prayerfully consider a monthly financial gift of \$20, \$40, \$80, \$100, or whatever you can give? Thank you for your support!

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