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KAMASAYPAYNA

COMPLETION OF NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL BUILDING

Construction of a new building to house the St. Henry Primary School in Kamasaypayna, located in Kamakatheh Section, is now being completed thanks to a \$5,000 gift from donors.

Construction began in 2021, but halted due to lack of funding. With the rainy season approaching, the community felt a sense of urgency to finish construction—especially completing the roof. In response to a request from the Kalanthuba Chiefdom Development Committee, an online fund-raising effort was organized by a Houghton College alumnus, Honus Wagner, who participated in development research in Kalanthuba in 2018 and 2019. The \$5,000 fund-raising goal was reached on May 12, 2022. Established by the community in 1999, St. Henry has been staffed primarily by volunteer teachers. Now serving several neighboring villages, adequate facilities for the school have consistently been an issue. Community school facilities are frequently not weather-proof, making schools inoperable during the rainy season or causing sporadic attendance. Increasing school attendance throughout the Chiefdom is a high priority for Kalanthuba.