

US Entrepreneur Kenneth W. Welch Jr. Transforms Liberian Community by Building First School Since War

How Kenneth W. Welch Jr. Answered Pastor's Plea, Building School That Transformed Community Without Educational Resources Since War

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, May 13, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A recent story published in [La Fenetre Magazine](#) has brought to light an extraordinary transformation taking place in Palm Farm, Liberia, where entrepreneur and philanthropist [Kenneth W. Welch Jr.](#) has answered the prayers of a community that had been without basic educational opportunities for over a decade since the end of the civil war. According to the article;



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Teacher at Palm Farm School

"The journey began when Pastor Williams, a humble community leader in Palm Farm, reached out to Welch despite having never met him. Driven by unwavering faith and a desperate need to help his community's children, Pastor Williams' plea found its way to the CEO of [Moxie Media Marketing](#). What followed would transform not just a village, but countless lives across generations.

Palm Farm, a rural community in Liberia, had faced the harsh reality of having no school for their children since the war ended. Parents were forced to make impossible choices – sending perhaps one child to a distant school

while others stayed home to work the fields or sell goods on the roadside. With families earning less than \$600 annually and school fees ranging from \$200-300, education remained a distant dream for most."

According to the article written by field correspondent Broc Foerster, Kenneth W. Welch Jr. was deeply moved by Pastor Williams' story and provided the funding necessary to construct a school that would serve as a beacon of hope for the entire region.

To document this ongoing transformation, Welch recently sent Foerster – known as "The Honey Badger" – to Palm Farm as construction begins on additional

buildings for the school. The school, now serving 150 students, has become the heart of the community. According to the La Fenetre Magazine article, the facility has attracted dedicated teachers who travel long distances on foot, driven by their commitment to break the cycle of poverty through education.



One teacher shared a particularly powerful vision with Foerster, as reported in the article: "Do you know how many lives will be touched by what's happening here? This school will educate thousands of children over time. And beyond that, in just two years, the entire city will be transformed."

The school's impact extends far beyond academics. In one touching story detailed in the article, a young boy who had witnessed the tragic death of his mother at the hands of his father arrived at the school traumatized and withdrawn. Within the nurturing environment created by the teachers and community, he has begun to heal.

The project has sparked infrastructure development throughout Palm Farm. According to the article, the construction of the school necessitated building the first proper road in the community. Additionally, Welch funded the construction of a well on the school grounds, providing clean drinking water not just for students but for the entire community.

The community's gratitude has manifested in deeply moving ways. As documented in Foerster's article, during his visit, teachers and students created handmade thank-you signs expressing their appreciation. In a particularly powerful ceremony, community elders presented Foerster with a folded Liberian flag to deliver to Welch, with Pastor Williams declaring, "This is for Ken, this flag is for his entrance into Liberia." The community has also honored their benefactor by naming the main road leading to the school "Ken's Street."

Foerster's journey became a personal odyssey. According to the article, on his first day, overwhelmed by difficulties, he found himself at a breaking point. It was then he remembered Welch's advice: "When you don't know what to do, ask for help."

This wisdom proved prophetic when a young Liberian man assisting Foerster revealed he was suffering from a life-threatening medical condition. As reported in the La Fenetre Magazine article, the man couldn't afford the surgery he desperately needed. In a remarkable turn of events, when Foerster counted the extra money Welch had given him before the trip – with the instructions to "do wisely with it" – he discovered it was exactly the amount needed for the life-saving surgery.

The transformation of Palm Farm represents something larger than infrastructure development. Parents who once faced the heartbreaking choice of which child to educate now see all their children in school uniforms. According to the article, the school has become a catalyst for economic development, with improved road infrastructure facilitating better market access for local vendors.

"The partnership between Kenneth W. Welch Jr. and the Palm Farm community exemplifies a new model of philanthropy – one based on dignity, respect, and mutual transformation. Rather than imposing solutions from afar, Welch responded to a community's own vision for their future."

For those wishing to see this inspiring story come to life, exclusive footage and interviews from Liberia will be featured in a special two-part episode of "Spilling Tea with Kiki" airing Saturday, May 17th and Saturday, May 24th on CNBC at 11 pm PST. You can also watch the full documentary here: <https://youtu.be/sE0DGHxZUm0?si=Dp0i3HjstP5GLs71>

The complete firsthand account by Broc Foerster is available in La Fenetre Magazine: https://medium.com/la-fen%C3%AAtre-magazine/a-miracle-in-palm-farm-liberia-7bb30a620682?source=friends_link&sk=d21984930a05688a0fc42ad8a2b6c477

As construction continues on additional buildings for the school, what began as one man answering a pastor's prayer has evolved into a movement that promises to touch thousands of lives for generations to come.

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