



# GIVE TO EDUCATE THE POOR

## ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

### Visit to St, Mary's academy Ortese Village-Benue State-Nigeria

Dear Family and Friends,

We are thankful to all our "Give To Educate The Poor" donors who give sacrificially to support "Give to educate the poor". The past year has been a pivotal year for this community, as we have witnessed the generosity of our donors, combined with fervent prayers. This made a direct difference in the lives of the children we serve in Ortese village.

We received an increased number of requests to help more students. There were times we questioned how we would financially support these growing numbers. We can joyfully proclaim that God hears all our prayers and continues to graciously provide for the children.



### OUR TRIP TO NIGERIA, BENUE STATE

We made a short mission/humanitarian trip to Ortese village toward the middle of April. It was a blessing to be able to see, and formed relationships with the children and their families. Much of our time was spent working with children on school projects and completing some school repair projects. Meetings with staff, children and families were also held.

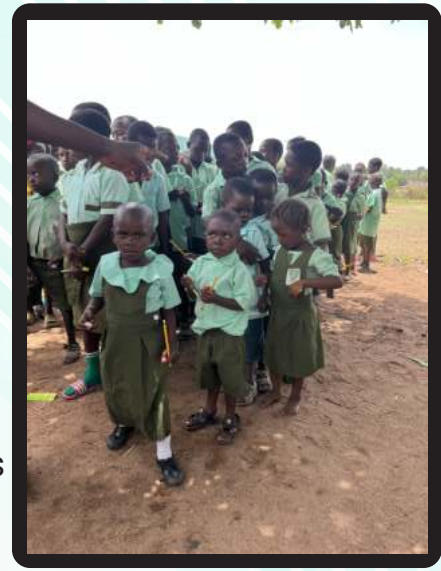
### INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS:

- 1) Two students who graduated three years back from Saint Mary's Academy came back to help as teachers after completing their Associate's degrees.
- 2) We organized and provided free lunch at the school throughout our stay there.
- 3) In the past, the villagers did not have access to clean water. We have been able to provide clean, portable water to the school and entire village. People come from two miles away to retrieve water from St. Mary's Academy. This is a great way for our community to touch and change lives of others



## YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT:

Many children's day-to-day responsibilities include contributing to the basic necessities for their families—food and shelter. Although parents know that a good education will make the lives of their children better in the future, their poverty-stricken lives discourage them from actively pursuing this path for their children. In most cases, those that can afford to pay for their children's education often send only one child to school so that others can work in the field to support the families. Through the support we receive from our donors, we are able to cover for the educational needs including tuition fees, uniforms and school supplies. We are able to continue to sponsor the children ongoingly through our donors who generously and faithfully support the children year after year.



## How can you help?

### **SOW A SEED OF LOVE— DONATIONS**

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## CONCLUSION:

We pray that God will extend this mission further so we can serve more children and their families. In addition we have pending school projects which include:

- a) Installation of solar electricity.
- b) Installation of school fencing.
- c) Development of extracurricular activities.
- d) Creation of school library and science lab.
- e) Offer at least one hot meal to all children year round.

If you would like, we encourage you to join us in supporting financially by obtaining one of our brochures or visiting our website ([www.educatethepoor.org](http://www.educatethepoor.org)). If you are already one of our donors, we sincerely thank you on behalf of all the children you have helped. For further information or inquiries, please email us at [givetoeducatethepoor@gmail.com](mailto:givetoeducatethepoor@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Give To Educate The Poor.

Dear Sponsors,

I would like to thank you for continual contributions over the years. Because of your generous donations, I was able to complete high school successfully, with your assistance, I am now committed and motivated to attend school regularly and to excel academically.

Respectfully yours,  
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