

Love Your Neighbor

Rescue Mission International Incorporated

November 2024 Medical Mission Trip to Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria

INTRODUCTION



Mabel Okungbowa, Executive Director

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On behalf of our board members and the poor families whom we serve, we want to express our profound gratitude for your unwavering support of our vision and mission in Love Your Neighbor Rescue Mission International. Without your commitment to support our cause, we couldn't do all the great work that we are doing. Our Fall mission trip to Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria was a huge success.

First, we partnered with Prohealth International under the sponsorship of Jennifer Etuh Foundation to deliver free healthcare services to the indigens of Gombe in the northern part of Nigeria. Second, we travelled to Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria where we assist and serve the Love Your Neighbor Rescue mission families. Upon arrival, we went to see our Elementary school children for our annual distribution of uniforms, writing materials, shoes, soap, and milk. Love Your Neighbor 26 acres of both plantain and palm farmland are thriving very well. The farmers who received free plots of farmland were very happy to harvest some plantains. Love Your Neighbor Rescue Mission interest free microloan initiative fights hunger and starvation in our assisted families by empowering and creating business opportunities for all families in abject poverty. Our annual family day event culminated our November mission trip to Nigeria.

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Oba Ewuare Elementary School Project

We travelled to Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria where we assist and serve the Love Your Neighbor Rescue mission families. Upon arrival, we went to see our Elementary school children for our annual distribution of uniforms, writing materials, shoes, soap, and milk. As we interviewed the children, their faces were beaming with smiles as they enthusiastically expressed their future careers.

Thereafter, we moved to visit our after-school hours elementary school computer training program. It was very interesting to see how fast these children are growing and becoming computer literate. Having experienced their excellent performances in using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, our leadership is more determined than ever to extend this training to our entire thirty-one children and move this program into the Junior Secondary School (JSS) to leverage this technologically advanced times.



Distribution of Uniforms, Writing Materials, Shoes, Soaps, and Milk for the School Children



Junior Secondary School Students



Gratification of Impact

The children gave Love Your Neighbor leadership a gift of hope for the future, to continue with their care irrespective of the obstacles that the organization may encounter. Leaving the children after the visit was very difficult because of their clinging, love, and never-ending questions. They are truly the hope of our future.



Established Small-Scale Businesses

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Microloan/Business Project

Provides the opportunity to learn about trade as small-scale businesses of their choices depending on their capabilities. These businesses include groceries, mini-retail stores, laundry, tailoring, chicken/turkey/goat poultries, and restaurants. Our mission at LYNRMII is to give those in peril hand UP and not a hand OUT.



Growth of Current Businesses

We are so proud of these families, and they made tremendous growth, and they are able to feed their families, pay their rents and assist their children with school fees. Their show of gratitude was so overwhelming and their overall health and living conditions have improved.



Contribution of Donors and What it Means for these Families

We assisted five more families, and they have established their new businesses. The model is to give them three months grace period for their businesses to take roots. Thereafter, they will begin to pay back their capital funds within their comfort level that is pressure free. In addition, when they finish paying back the loan and if they need more loan to expand their businesses, LYNRMII will grant them the money.

Currently Established Businesses

Roadside Roasted Plantain and Stew Seller



Laundry Business Owner

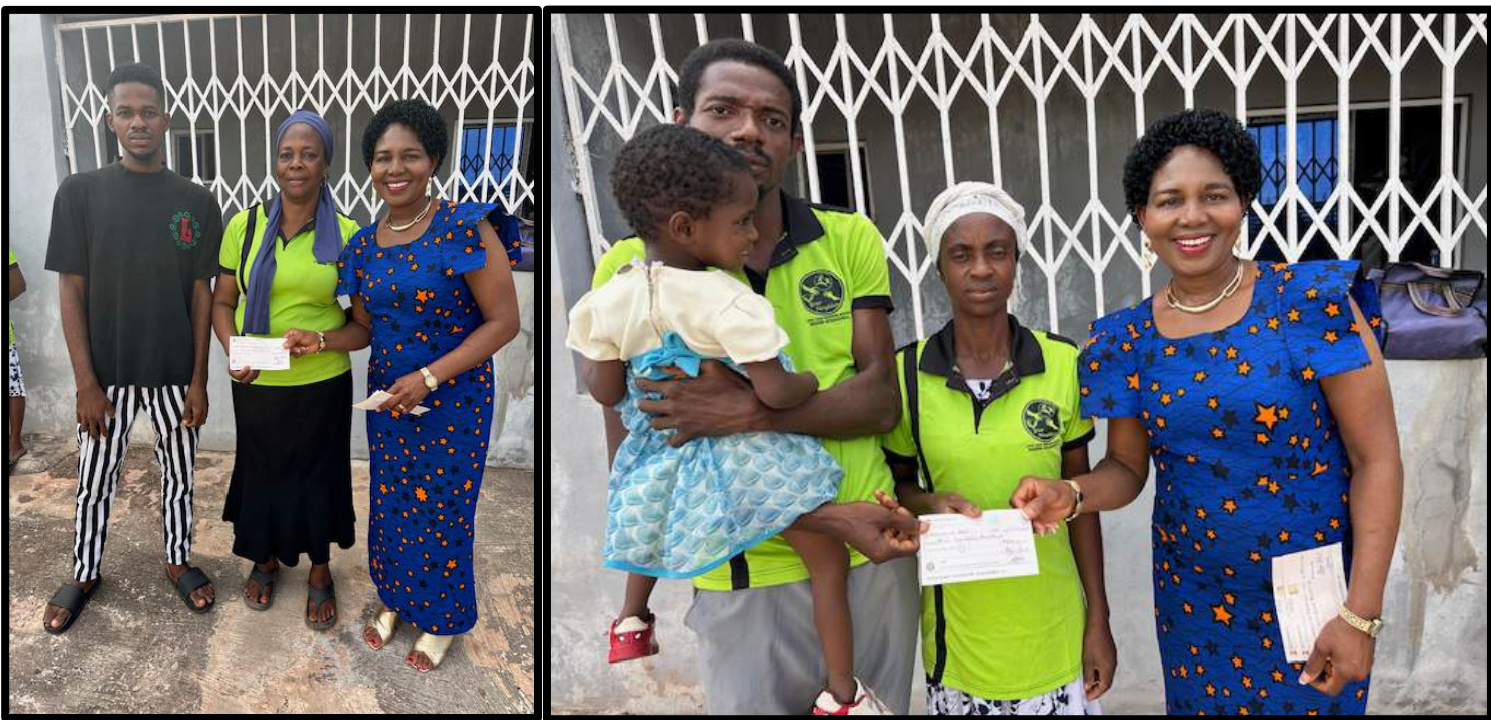


Mini Retail Store Business Owner



Five Newly Established Businesses

Signing and Receiving their Checks



Partnership with Uyiosa Orphanage Home

We went to Uyiosa Orphanage home where we extended our arms of love and compassion to the orphans. We gave to them a big bag of garri, a box of one hundred bar soaps, heads of plantains that we harvested from LYNRMII’s farm, clothes, toys and books.



Presenting these items and looking into their eyes, tears stream down my cheeks as I thought to myself:
“Definitely, none of us have control over our destinies at such tender ages; a home with a father, mother, and Love is a big blessing that many take for granted.



Annual Family Day Event

Our annual family day event culminated our November mission trip to Nigeria. During this event, the founder admonished the families of Love Your Neighbor to follow the law of humanity: “do unto others as you would want others to do to you” as the law is founded upon AUTHENTIC LOVE for our fellow human beings.



As we spread this love to others, we will build a community of neighbor lovers. Many families that we have assisted thus far bore soul-moving testimonies that left the crowd crying as many have been lifted from grass to grace; many had nothing, but now have much that they can share with other people.



What small world do we live in? What goes around surely comes around. The power of giving explains that nobody gets poor from giving to others.

We welcomed the five new families that we are assisting with microloans to start their own businesses; we supplied six-month worth of anti-seizure medications to our family whose son has epilepsy. This assistance has been ongoing for the past five years and he is very stable on medications and living a normal life. We distributed the heads of plantains that we harvested from LYNRMII’s farm to our assisted families. In addition, free soap for handwashing, lotions, clothes, shoes, toys, books were given to our families. Our elementary school children graced this occasion and sang for us. Their principal was present, and she testified to the biased-free method in selecting the children from abject poverty that fit into our school and microloan business programs.

DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHES & FOOD



FAMILY DAY PHOTO GALLERY



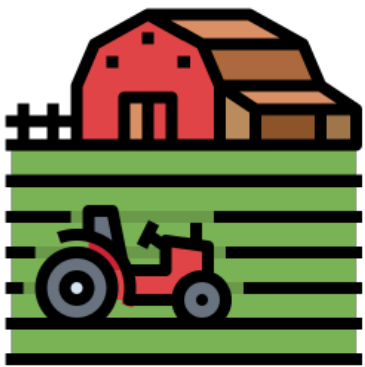
Love Your Neighbor Farm Project

November 2024

Love Your Neighbor 26 acres of both plantain and palm farmland are thriving very well. The farmers who received free plots of farmland were very happy to harvest some plantains. Altogether, we harvested about one hundred heads of plantains that we distributed free to our families who live below poverty guidelines. In addition, we started one acre of Tomatoes gardening.

Tomatoes planting decision was crucial to us because there is a scarcity of tomatoes in Nigeria. However, this is Christmas season when Nigerians celebrate Christmas with tomatoes stew, chicken, and rice. If we don't grow this at this time, our poor families will not be able to celebrate Christmas with their staple food. We want to take this burden off their shoulders so that they can enjoy their Christmas painlessly and in joy.

During this mission trip, tomato ridges were created and covered with mulch film, drip irrigation was constructed into the ridges, nursery was built to provide the right shade and temperature for the tomatoes that we planted in trays to develop into seedlings that were transplanted into the beds.



Conclusion

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In conclusion, we at Love Your Neighbor Rescue Mission Int. are doing a great job with humanity. However, we couldn't be doing all these wonderful things of changing lives without the unwavering support of our donors. We owe you eternal gratitude for your help thus far. However, we continue to look up to you and your generous donations as we have much work to do in assisting humanity in:

- Educational Project
- Farming Project
- Microloan Business Project
- Medical Project

Thank you all for your partnerships, prayers, and generosity towards those whom we serve.

Education: Our after-school hours computer training program needs to be expanded to our entire students from ten to 31 students. In addition, we are targeting the students in Junior Secondary School (JSS) to be recipients of this advancement in technology.

Farming: Our farm needs a borehole water system for the drip irrigation to water our tomatoes garden. In addition, more paid laborers need to be hired to clear and maintain the farm so that weeds will not choke our crops. Also, the farm needs a solar system to keep the borehole water system pumping water into the garden. Without a steady supply of electricity, our crops will die.

Microloan: As funds are available, our organization would love to assist and empower more families so that they can become independent and self-reliant.

Medical: The constant supply of anti-seizure medications is needed to maintain our seizure patient in a medically stable state so that he remains functional in society. Also, our ongoing participation in free medical-surgical outreaches require financial support with drugs and equipment.



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