

Love Your Neighbor

Rescue Mission International Incorporated

**Spring 2025 Medical Mission Trip to
Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria**

INTRODUCTION



**Mabel Okungbowa,
Executive Director**



**A Mission of Compassion
and Impact**

**A Journey of Healing,
Empowerment, and Love Across
Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria**

From April to May 2025, Love Your Neighbor Rescue Mission International embarked on a powerful journey to Nigeria — bringing free medical care, farming support, small business empowerment, and educational inspiration to the communities we serve.



This year's trip saw us reach thousands of lives in **Ekiti State** and **Benin City, Edo State**, delivering on all four branches of our mission: **Medical, Farming, Entrepreneurship, and Education.**

“We came not just to give, but to serve, to listen, and to empower.”

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Oba Ewuare Elementary Support Program

🎓 Inspiring the Next Generation, Nourishing Minds and Bodies: 🎓 Support for Our Elementary Education Program

During our visit to Benin City, we also made time to **visit our elementary education center**, where children from poor families receive access to quality learning and mentorship. On this trip, we were excited to:



Distribute shoes to every child, ensuring they can walk to school comfortably and with pride.



Provide milk and nutritional supplements to help combat malnourishment and boost classroom focus.



Deliver motivational talks on dreams, goals, and the power of education

The smiles on the children's faces were unforgettable. For many of them, these gifts were their first new pair of shoes—and a sign that someone truly cares about their future.

“Our children deserve more than survival—they deserve the chance to dream.”



Entrepreneurship Program

Building Futures: Creating Jobs, Changing Lives Empowering Small Business Owners in Poverty

Interest-Free Microloans for Small Businesses: Our mission to defeat poverty includes **empowering entrepreneurs** through **zero-interest microloans**. During our stay in Benin City, we visited several **community-based business centers** that were launched through this initiative, and we monitored the progress in various small businesses we helped launch:

-  Poultry Farming
-  Goat Farming
-  Egg Sales
-  Clothing, Bags & Accessories
-  Small Restaurants
-  Grocery Kiosks
-  Tailoring Businesses
- Mini Provision Stores
- Mobile Food Vendors

We monitored their progress, offered business mentorship, and identified further needs for training and support. These businesses are not just sources of income—they are engines of dignity, purpose, and transformation for families who once had nothing.

These businesses are now helping families become **financially independent**.



♥ A Heartbreaking Reminder ♥

One family we visited left us shaken. *Mrs. Joy Johnson*, a restaurant owner and guardian to four grandchildren, lost one of her 9-year-old twins due to ignorance and poor healthcare decisions. The surviving twin was severely malnourished. We immediately provided **eggs and milk**, and we are committed to ongoing support for her remaining grandchildren



Hospital Outreach and Medical Supplies

🎓 University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) Partnership 🎓

At UBTH, we supported both patients and healthcare staff through meaningful donations and demonstrations:

Stroke Unit Incontinence Care

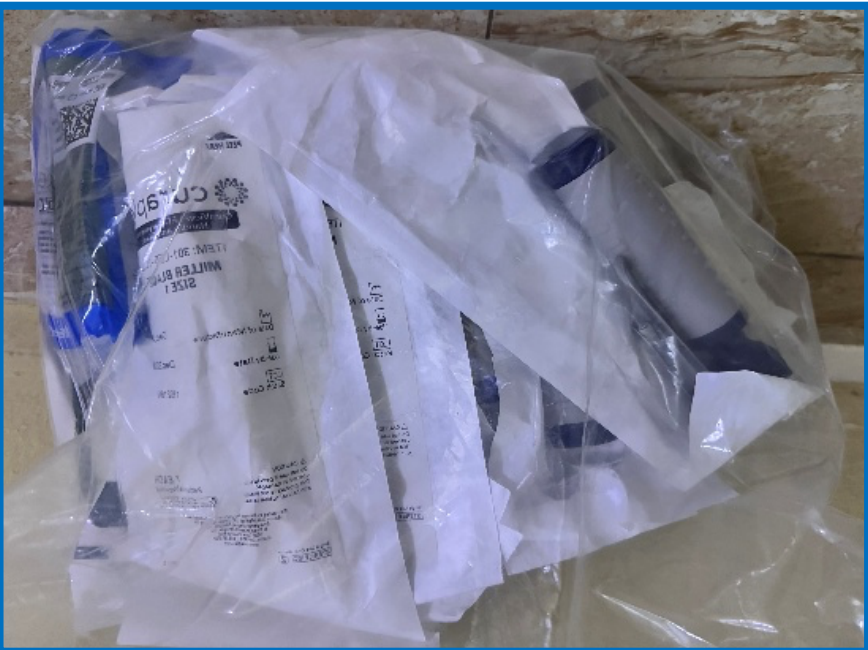
- Demonstrated use of **Zinc Oxide Barrier Cream**
- Donated **adult diapers** and **bed protection pads**

Accident & Emergency Unit

- Donated:
 - **Wrist restraints** (for violent/restless patients)
 - **Laryngoscopes** (for intubation)
 - **N-95 masks** (for infection control)
- Demonstrated proper restraint technique to staff



This partnership embodies our commitment to **improving healthcare infrastructure** and uplifting medical personnel.



Medical Outreach in Ekiti State

Healing the Sick 🩺 | Restoring Dignity ⭐ | Saving Lives ❤️

Between April and May 2025, Love Your Neighbor Rescue Mission International embarked on a transformative mission to Nigeria, reaching some of the most underserved communities with love, practical support, and hope. Our journey began in **Ekiti State**, a region where many indigent families lack access to even the most basic healthcare services.

With our partnership with Prohealth International, volunteer healthcare professionals and generous donors, we were able to conduct a **massive free medical outreach**, serving over **6,000 individuals**.



Services Delivered:

- 🧐 **Eye Care:** Eye exams, treatments, and distribution of reading and prescription glasses to those with impaired vision.
- 🦷 **Dental Services:** Teeth Extractions, fillings, free insertion of dentures, and oral hygiene education for both adults and children.
- 🩸 **General Surgery:** Emergency and elective minor and major general surgeries for hernias, hydroceles, Lipomas, uterine fibroids, enlarged thyroids, undescended testicles, lumps, orthopedic cases, Caesarian section deliveries, and other conditions that had long gone untreated.
- 🧪 **Laboratory Testing:** Screenings for malaria, hepatitis, HIV, and other critical conditions were conducted onsite
- 💊 **Pharmaceutical Services:** Free pharmaceutical supplies and medications were dispensed to all patients in need
- 🩺 **General Consultations:** Diagnosis and treatment of common illnesses such as malaria, typhoid, diabetes, hypertension, and respiratory infections.

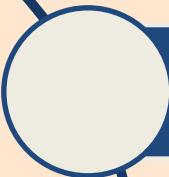
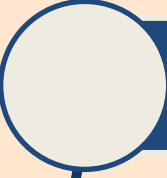
Our medical tents bustled with hope, our mobile clinics provided urgent care, and the gratitude from the community filled the air.

Many received life-saving treatments they would never have otherwise accessed.

 Fighting Malaria:
Awareness & Prevention Initiatives



In partnership with trained nurses from the **University of Benin Teaching Hospital**, Love Your Neighbor hosted a comprehensive **Malaria Prevention Health Fair** in Benin City. This event included:

-  **Health Education Sessions** on how to identify, prevent, and treat malaria.
-  **Free Distribution of Insecticide-Treated Mosquito Nets and Insecticides** to hundreds of households.
-  **A community-wide Street Walk** titled “*Malaria Prevention Awareness*”, where our volunteers and medical staff distributed informative flyers to hundreds of passersby.

Malaria remains a leading cause of illness and death in Nigeria, particularly among children and pregnant women. Our goal is not only to treat malaria but to stop it before it starts. This campaign reached hundreds of families and will continue through our local partners throughout the year.

Farm to Table Agricultural Program

Farming for the Future: Cultivating Hope in Benin City

Nourishing Bodies and Minds: After wrapping up our work in Ekiti, our team proceeded to **Benin City, Edo State**, where we visited our **Hope for Success Empowerment Farm**—a vital part of our long-term strategy to promote food security and community resilience.

With love and labor, we harvested:

- 🍅 Tomatoes
- 🌴 Palm fruits
- 🍌 Plantains
- 🥬 Green leafy vegetables

These fresh organic farm products were immediately distributed to **vulnerable families** in abject poverty registered with our organization.

This initiative is not just about food or only fights hunger but also fosters self-sufficiency. By employing and training locals in sustainable farming, we are empowering them to take ownership of their future. Therefore, our agricultural efforts are about **dignity, self-reliance, and nourishment**.



Conclusion

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This mission trip was one of our most impactful to date. It reminded us that transformation happens through consistent compassion, strategic partnerships, and the unwavering belief that every human life is valuable.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors, partners, volunteers, and prayer supporters. Your generosity fuels this work. Your kindness makes it possible. And your belief in the mission of **Love Your Neighbor Rescue Mission International** ensures that thousands of lives are touched every year.

Together, we are making a difference—one village, one family, one child at a time.

Testimonials of Transformation

Voices from the Ground — Real People. Real Change.

 **Mrs. Queen Okunega – Poultry Farmer**
“This microloan gave me a fresh start. Now I can feed my family and send my daughter back to school.”

 **Mama Uche Roseline – Grocery Seller**
“Before this help, I had nothing. Now, I make sales daily, and my home is stable.”

 **Mrs. Joy Johnson – Restaurant Seller**
“Thank you for standing with me even in my sorrow. Your visit gave me strength.”

 **Mrs. Christabel Efosa – Egg Vendor**
“Eggs bring profit, and profit brings hope. I am building something for my children.”

 **Bridget Omoegbe – Clothes & Shoes Vendor**
“This isn’t just a business. It’s my independence. Thank you for trusting me.”



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