

Love Your Neighbor

Rescue Mission International Incorporated

Summer 2023 Medical Mission Trip to Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria

INTRODUCTION



Mabel Okungbowa,
Executive Director
Vice Chairperson

Our mission trip to Nigeria was quite an undertaking. We arrived in the beautiful city of Benin City, on June 21, 2023. On June 24th, the leadership, and volunteers of Love Your Neighbor Rescue Mission International visited our school children at Oba Ewuare Elementary School where we have 30 pupils that Love Your Neighbor support. We also visited our farmland of plantain and palm plantations. On the first day, we drove through the bush of ungraded and unpaved road to access our farmland of 25 Acres of land. Love Your Neighbor's mission also includes giving of micro-loans to families in abject poverty for creation of small businesses, and medical outreaches to the College of Nursing students at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (U.B.T.H.).

OUR TEAM



OF VOLUNTEERS

LYNRM Members

Charlene Y. Douglas, Ph.D., MPH, RN – Chairperson, Board Member

Mabel Okungbowa, CRNA, BSN, RN, – Executive Director, Vice Chairperson

Pastor Charles Omoregbee – Board Member

Peter Prince, MSA, MBA, BSF – Treasurer, Board Member

Olufunke Abiose, MD, FACOG – Board Member, International Liaison, Medical Mission Director

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Jonathan Lohrbach, MD, FACS – Board Member

Edilma D'Avilar, RN, BSN – Board Member, Policy Committee Member

Chris Sealey, ME, BE, CSM – Director of Technology, Board Member, Policy Committee Member

Reverend Julius Omorogieva – Director, LYNRM-N Chapter

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Oba Ewuare Elementary School Project



“Please Help Us Replace Our Tattered Uniforms.



30 Pupils Supported by LYNRMII

We had fun singing and playing with the children. After addressing the staff and pupils, we distributed their school supplies that included soap for hand washing, uniforms, backpacks, pencils, crayons, pens, notebooks, erasers, and monthly milk supply for their nourishments.



Tattered Uniforms

During our school’s visit, it was so heart-breaking to see the school children wearing tattered uniforms. LYNRMII’s Executive Director, Mabel Okungbowa, delivered hope-filled admonition speeches to motivate the children. Subsequently, the children vocalized their career dreams, such as becoming a medical doctor, so that they can live better lives and to give back to their communities. Upon receiving their school supplies, the faces of the children were filled with smiles, joy, and hope for a much brighter future.



Gratification of Impact

We left our school children very happy. On the other hand, it was so gratifying for Love Your Neighbor volunteers to see the impact of our show of love to our neighbors and the school children who are our future leaders.



Current and Newly Established Businesses

2022 ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES

Corn Seller/Wholesale Village Marketing



Restaurant Business (Family of 5)



Tailoring Business in Progress



Love Your Neighbor’s Mission also includes giving of micro-loans to families in abject poverty. These loans are given without any interest paid. The only requirement from the rescued families is the return of their capital funds which they personally hand over to the next poor family in need. In addition, these funds are gradually paid into the bank in installments after their own businesses have grown and they are able to sustain their families.

Throughout our stay in Benin City, we visited the various business centers that LYNRMII established. We interviewed the families who received the micro-loans and assessed the progress and growth of their businesses. Many of these families were very satisfied with their business growth and profits. In addition, they were very grateful and referred to Love Your Neighbor Rescue Mission Int. as angel sent by God to deliver them from their predicaments.



NEW BUSINESSES IN JULY 2023

During this mission trip, two new families were also rescued. One was a woman from a family of four whom we established chicken/turkey poultry for in 2019 and now she expanded her farming with one hundred and fifty thousand naira (₦150,000.00) for the addition of goat farming to her business.



The second person was a man that is recovering from stroke whom we rescued with five hundred thousand naira (₦500,000.00) for selling clothes and curtain fabrics.

University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) Medical Outreach



Photo with the Heads of Nursing dept UBTH and Mrs. Abieyuwa Eweka (Provost College of Nursing, UBTH Left).

HEALTH EDUCATION

Mabel Okungbowa, (Executive Director/Vice-Chairperson) was invited by the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (U.B.T.H) to give health education on Ethics of Nursing to the staff of U.B.T.H and the students at the College of Nursing, U.B.T.H.



Photo with Mrs. Aghahowa (2nd from the right) retired professor from the College of Nursing, UBTH and her students from the 1980s.

This teaching hospital is doing everything to elevate their standard of nursing practice to international standards. Mabel was very honored and humbled to be given this opportunity as the Chief Medical Director, Professor Darlington Obaseki and the CMAC were in attendance to the two sessions.



PRESENTATIONS OF DIABETIC SUPPLIES TO PATIENTS IN UBTH

Love Your Neighbor Rescue Mission International, Inc. presented Glucometers, test strips, lancets, and lancet holders to thirty diabetic patients at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital. These patients were also given brief health education on diabetes and management. This in-hospital medical outreach was conducted with Professor Darlington Obaseki, the Chief Medical Director of U.B.T.H., Mrs. Abieyuwa Eweka, the provost of the College of Nursing, the medical unit nurse managers, and the attending physicians.



Photo with Diabetic Physicians and the Provost, College of Nursing, U.B.T.H.



Photo with Students, Staff, and the Provost, College of Nursing, U.B.T.H.



Love Your Neighbor Farm Project

Love Your Neighbor Farmland
is in Urgent need of:

June/July 2023

We visited our farmland of plantain plantation and palm plantation. We drove through the bush of ungraded and unpaved roads to access our farmland of 25 acres of land. A bulldozer created a road to and around the farm. However, rainy season created deep, mudded roads, trapping our transport vehicle. We walked 1.5 miles to the farm for the remaining 10 days and transporting crops by hand.

- 1. Building 3 farm huts within the farm settlement where our rescued farmers and LYNRMII’s farm workers need to stay to attend to the crops.
- 2. Building a borehole system to supply water for the farmers who live within the farm settlement. The borehole system is the only feasible way to get water to the farmers.
- 3. The purchase of a pickup truck with offroad tires to navigate the graded, deep rutted, muddy farm roads:
 - a. Provides transportation for the farmers and equipment from the city to the farm, and back.



Bus Offloading and
Recovery Nightmare



Vehicle Stuck in Need of
Divine Help



Conclusion

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR RESCUE MISSION INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED

On behalf of all the recipients of our donors and supporters’ hard-earned monies, we want to express our profound gratitude to every one of you for your cash, in-kind donations, prayers, and unwavering support of the vision of Love Your Neighbor Rescue Mission International Inc., for without your sacrifices and generosity, the vision of Love Your Neighbor would simply be a mirage. To this end, our continuous growth, collaborations, expansion, restoration of hope to the hopeless, and transformation of poor lives rest on every one of us. Thank you so much for your partnership and Love.

ProHealth International for giving Love Your Neighbor the platform to fulfil our vision of medical mission.

Clean the World for supplying us with the soap that is highly needed to promote good handwashing techniques among our people and hopefully this will help to decrease the incidences of common infections like typhoid fever.

The Brother’s Brother Foundation for their generous donation of medical supplies and medications for our medical care of the patients during this trip.

Media: We are grateful for our event media coverage by the Newspaper, Nigerian Observer and the ITV.



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