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**Summer 2009 Outreach Update**

Greetings! I pray this note finds you and yours in good health, peace and increasing prosperity. I am amazed but not surprised by the encouragement we received from a lot of you earlier in the year. This early commitment has been a primary driving force in our courage to prepare for the 2009 A.O.O.F. Outreach Events, even in the face of the worldwide economic turbulence. I thank you and pray that “God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion”.

The value of the A.O.O.F. Outreach Events has steadily gone up since our first outreach in 2004. This is particularly true regarding the scholarship awards as well as the free health fair offerings, and no year is this support needed more than in 2009.

***The Year in Review - 2008:***

2008 was an outstanding year! Our generous supporters donated nearly \$15,000 towards our very lofty goals. The Onikooko Primary School Project was successfully completed and the classrooms were opened for use by the students. We furnished the Onikooko Primary School classrooms, and awarded 42 scholarships (including two late additions for the Lead City University). Yet another one of our key supporters made the trip to Nigeria and attended the scholarship award ceremonies.



Sponsor presenting scholarship award to on of our students.



Eye Clinic healthcare practitioners and volunteers after a long day’s work!

Our local volunteer base grew substantially, allowing us to serve about 1350 residents of AFIJO at the 4-day health fair that, for the first time, featured a massively successful eye clinic where we attended to over 350 people. We hope to continue our health education series, and strengthen our collaboration with other entities with which we share a common cause.

***Lead City University Scholarship:***

After an extensive search spanning several states, two outstanding students were selected for the prestigious Lead City University Scholarship award funded exclusively by the grant from the university. This selection increased our scholarship award count for 2008 from 40 to 42. The first recipient is Ms. Elizabeth Akinsanya (Bachelor in Education with minor in English) with a one-year award and the second recipient is Mr. Abimbola Abiodun

(Bachelor in Education with minor in Economics), who received a two-year award. Both recipients were selected because of their scholastic distinction and their demonstrated commitments to community service. These great ambassadors will be featured in upcoming AOOFCConnect.



Ms. Akinsanya



Mr. Abiodun

### ***Proposal To Oyo SUBEB:***

Sporting activities are no longer present in the education curriculum at the local schools in Nigeria. Over the years, and with the deterioration of the public school infrastructure, physical education has taken a backseat to other instructional studies.

We are convinced that the education of children will be incomplete without equipping them with the fundamental skills and discipline only physical education can provide. It is with this conviction that we submitted a proposal to the Oyo State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB, funded through the United Nations) to help revive sporting activities in primary and junior secondary schools. We believe (and the SUBEB as well as the International Olympics Committee agree) that physical education will expand the development of these students, and lift up the community in ways that transcend sports.

The approval by Oyo SUBEB is still pending. We are hopeful that the project would take off, and will keep you abreast of any progress on that front. Although proposed to be administered by A.O.O.F., the project would be fully funded and sustained by SUBEB.

### ***Season For Change:***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our board members for their meritorious and selfless service over the past several years. We have done some outstanding work together and touched many lives in untold ways. Our work is not complete by any stretch of imagination, but you have put us on a path to continually making a difference in the lives of the people we touch.

The term for two of our original volunteer board members would expire in December 2009. Some of our most ardent supporters have already volunteered to serve on the next board. We expect to select and announce our new board members by November 18, 2009.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you again for your support of our vision. May God bless and enrich you greatly for your love and encouragement.

Thank you for your confidence and trust in the vision. Have a wonderful rest of the Summer!

Best Regards,

*Roland Odeleye*