



Joanne Chinkers--Nigeria!

Proverbs 24:11-12 "Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering towards slaughter. If you say 'But we knew nothing about this; does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person for what he has done?'"



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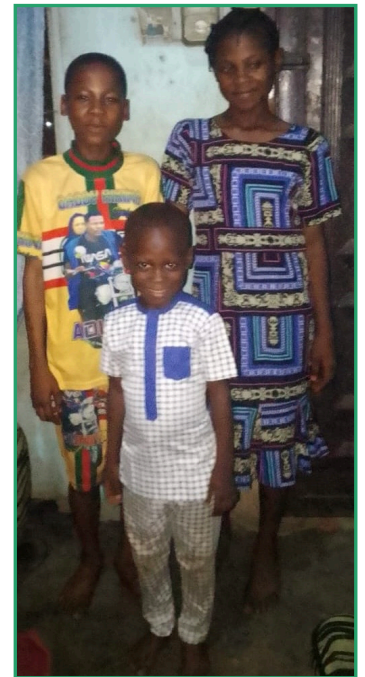
Greetings, Friends. I pray that you are doing well and that you are enjoying the long spring days. I love this gentle season.

In Nigeria, the heat remains harsh, as do the security, political and horrific violence situations. I am so grateful that we continue to offer the hope of salvation as well as practical relief to so many.

Thank you to our child sponsors. All of our kids have had their third term school fees paid for, as well as graduation fees for those moving up to Primary, Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary School. Your continued faithfulness in giving has impacted over forty lives for good.

Good News '26 is close to our goal, and we are grateful. Rapidly rising costs are causing us to remove some things, such as screens and projectors from our list of proposed purchases, but we can still run the program on our originally projected funding. Thank you to all who have given and to all who will help us cross the finish line!

Friends, we have a new, tragic and pressing need. Do you remember Gold, the young man who we picked up on scholarship several years back? He continues to make us proud in Senior Secondary School, both with his report card and his character. On Friday, May 1st, his seemingly healthy mom suddenly slumped and passed away, leaving him and his two younger siblings as virtual orphans as they had been abandoned by their father many years ago. Their mother was the younger sister of my dear friend and Head Mistress of the Word of Life Academy. She is the only one who can take these children, and they are now in her very small home along with her own three children. Thankfully, her husband has agreed to this arrangement and the children are safe with them.



Gold, Hope and Emmanuel

These children will need about \$150 per month to feed, clothe and educate. Currently, neither my general fund nor the Child Sponsorship fund can handle that additional monthly expense but, if you give to either one, I can guarantee you that these children will be taken care of. I just sent \$525 from my personal checking account to cover the first few months and to bring relief to the fear of not having enough to feed them as they walk through the shock and pain of sudden loss and adjust to an over-crowded house and grieving children. May God bring comfort, unity, love and peace to this newly created extended family. My heart is hurting for them, but God is so very good and all of His judgements are right.

Thank you for your love, prayers, encouragement and support.

God Bless You as We Reach Nigeria Together,

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