



*Giving hope and perspective to children and families in Nigeria*

*Dachung & Stefanie Johns Newsletter  
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*Dear friends,*

*Greetings from Orlando, Florida, USA!*

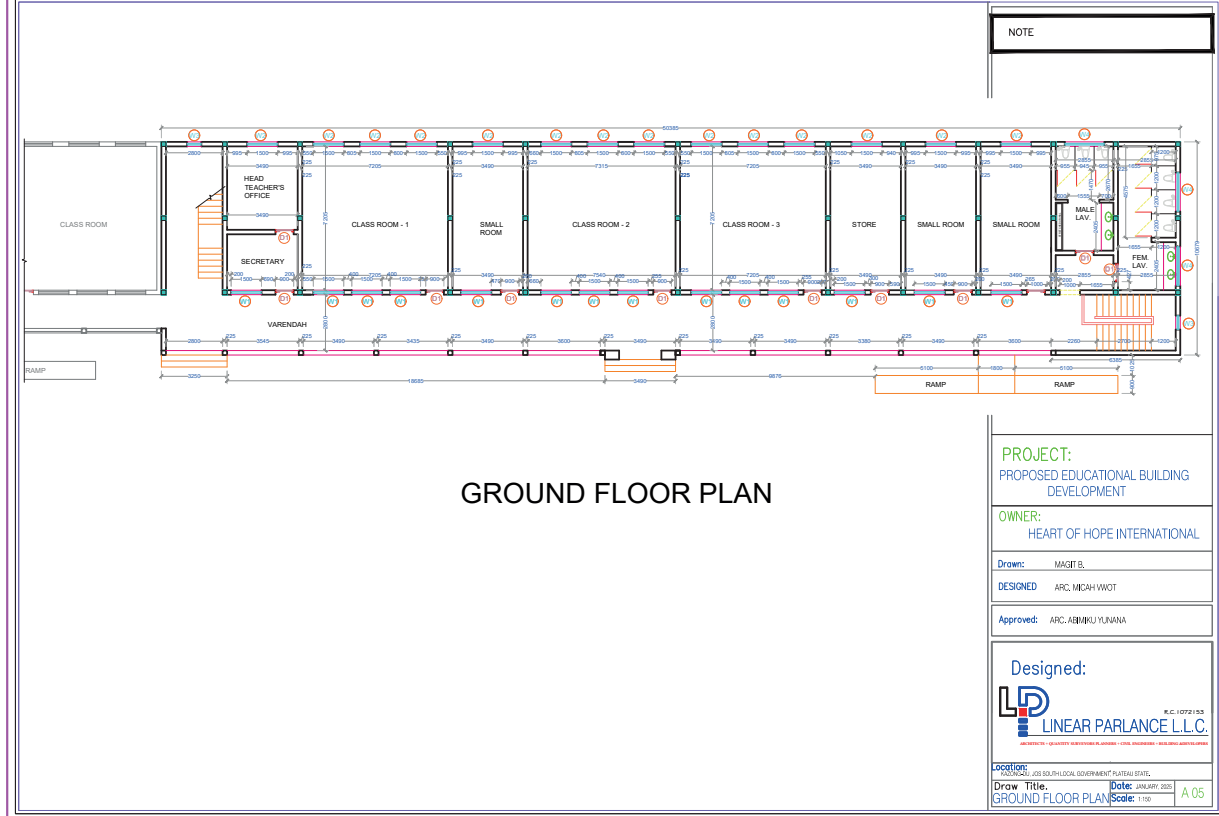
*At the end of March we arrived at the mission training center of 'Youth with a Mission' (YWAM) in Orlando and we received a very friendly welcome into the community ([www.ywamorlando.com](http://www.ywamorlando.com)). The training programme we are taking part in is called School of Ministry Development (SOMD) and has seven participants including us.*



*The campus is 74.5 hectares in size. It includes several class rooms, a dining hall, a chapel, and housing for about 120 participants and 50 members of staff as they usually run several trainings at the same time. There is also plenty of woodland, a lake and sports fields for football, basketball, baseball and beach volleyball, which are accessible at any time. After dinner the boys usually play football there with other kids. Among the staff there are several families with children of different ages who have welcomed our children with open arms.*

*After thinking we would have to homeschool the children until the summer holidays, we were able to enrol them in school after all. While the children are slowly settling in and making new friends, we as parents are very grateful for this option.*





## KIDS OF HOPE

Meanwhile, construction of our new school building in Nigeria has begun. We are delighted that it is finally starting. By September, we want to have finished building the ground floor with three classrooms, an office, three side rooms, a storage room and toilets. While we are still anticipating the result for the "Project 4 Awesome" grant, we pray for more funds to come in to enable us to continue building.

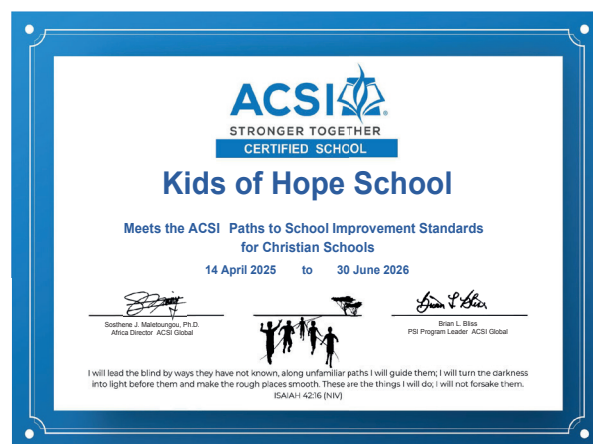


## ROUND HUTS

*Our huts were completed in March. Here the children can cool off in the shade during break and retreat for small group work during lessons.*

## CERTIFIED SCHOOL

In April, Kids of Hope was awarded the 'ACSI Certified School' certificate. The 'Association of Christian Schools International' is an American organisation that offers training for school leaders, among other things. Six of our leaders (including Dachung and myself) took part in this 'Paths to School Improvement' training over a period of two and a half years. They helped us to rethink and improve our teaching, our bookkeeping, our hygiene, our fire safety and much more. After a final inspection, we are now an ACSI certified school. We are proud of all the staff who poured lots of time and energy into making Kids of Hope an internationally recognised school!





## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Give thanks with us for ...*

- A safe journey and a good start here in Orlando
- Good teaching that equips us for further steps
- God's provision of school places for our children here in Orlando
- First friendships
- The start of the building project in Nigeria
- The further development of the Kids of Hope school in our absence

*Please pray for...*

- Favour with the 'Project for Awesome' where we have applied for funds for the construction. The decision should be made at any time
- Wisdom for our leadership team in Nigeria and for us here and for good cooperation over the distance
- Completion of the first floor of the building by September
- The victims of recent attacks in Plateau State, Nigeria and that God would comfort them

We'd love to hear from you. Please do reply, let us know how you are doing and how we can pray for you!

Greetings and blessings,

Dachung und Steffi  
mit Niri, Samdagwi,  
Tyang und Kim



*With 30 Pounds a month, you can make it possible for one of these children to attend our school. All our students get quality education, a Biblical foundation, and a warm meal every day. Please contact me, if you are interested!*

## WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Most of you know that Dachung and I don't earn a salary. Our monthly income comes from individuals who choose to support us and our ministry. If you are interested in being part of our work by supporting us financially, please contact us. We are grateful for every pound!

*If you are interested in supporting us as a family or our ministry please contact us for more details.*

