



NEWSLETTER 06/2026

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

*Dachung & Stefanie Johns Newsletter
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Dear friends,

Greetings and blessings from the John Family. We hope this finds you and your family well.

In our last newsletter in November 2025 I shared that we need more financial support for us as a family, as the cost of living is higher here in the USA than in Nigeria. I want to thank everyone of you who increased their monthly support to us in this season. We highly appreciate it. Some of our supporting churches also responded with increased support or a one-time gift to us, which we are highly grateful for. We can see how God is providing for us on many levels and often from sources we expect the least. One example is that we got to know a couple, who have a local vegetable garden from which they supply local farmers markets. They invited us to come at any time and pick what we need as a family for free. What a blessing!

The children continue to do well. As schools are closing for the summer by the end of May, we're already in holiday mood. All of them have worked hard this school year and their improvement in reading and math is very evident. We are very grateful for that progress and for the support they receive at school.

At YWAM Orlando we have been working alongside young people who are interested in missions and we have poured into many of them through sharing about our experience. We feel valued by our co-workers for what we have to give, and we pray that we'll be a blessing to many more who are considering short and long term missions. One couple we are working with is planning to pioneer a YWAM campus in Michigan, USA. Although our work in Nigeria is very different, we still see many similarities between the challenges they are facing and ours. We're glad to be a resource and an encouragement to them and others in this way.

While we are glad for what we call the “relative peace”, please continue praying with us for sustainable solutions for the insecurities that have to do with tribal rivalries, religious motivations and political questions.

KIDS OF HOPE

In November 2025 several children in a neighboring state were kidnapped from a boarding school. This led to the government closing down all schools in our state from mid November until the 12th of January. On resumption to school one of our students expressed his gratitude for coming back to school “I’m happy to be back in school. Now I know I’ll have something to eat every morning.” On the 1st of January 2026 an attack on a village took place just 2km away from our school. Seven people were killed and threats of more havoc were made. So when schools opened on the 12th, one of our locations remained closed and the children started school in the two other branches. After consulting teachers, parents and local leaders, we decided to hire two more security guards and opened the branch two weeks later. We are grateful that it has been peaceful in our area since then.



In February, a new worker started at Kids of Hope, taking over my (Steffi’s) role of school director (overseeing all three school locations) . She is not only a trained teacher, but also an experienced leader and former staff of YWAM in South Africa. She is married and has four children. Together the family lived in South Africa for 12 years, which gives her a great international mindset as well as love for those who need it most. We feel having her with us for this season is an answered prayer. I have been working with her over the phone a lot and we can see the fruit of a fresh perspective on things. Please pray for her that God will fill her with His wisdom for daily decisions.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Give thanks with us for ...

- God's provision of finances and other needs. That God will bless those who have been a blessing to us.
- the new Kids of Hope School Director.
- God's protection over Kids of Hope.

Please pray for...

- our US visa application is still being processed. Please pray with us that it will be approved.
- the cost of living in the US is, of course, much higher than in Nigeria. Please continue praying with us for His provision of all we need as a family.
- peace in Nigeria, especially in our area.
- continuous wisdom for us and for our leaders in Nigeria in all the big and small decisions.

We are grateful to all of you for supporting us as a family and our work in Orlando and in Nigeria. God bless you richly!

Greetings,

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

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

