

NEWSLETTER 11/2023

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

Dachung & Stefanie John's Newsletter
NOVEMBER 2023

*Dear friends,
greetings from a sunny and dusty Nigeria. After the
rainy summer (June to August is rainy season in our
area), we are now enjoying the sunshine again. Al-
though it was unusual for us to spend the summer in
Nigeria, we had a nice time. Besides preparing for the
next school year, we also had a family holiday that we
all enjoyed.*



KIDS OF HOPE

We had a great school year. In July we held our first Kids of Hope Spelling Bee, which encouraged all students to practice their spelling and was a great success. We also participated in a competition against three other



schools in the areas of English, Maths, Bible and General Knowledge: we won first prize!



In September we began the new school year. Just like every

year, we gave out scholarships to some three-year-olds in the community. One hundred families applied for a scholarship but we were only able to award 13 due to restrictions in space. We are currently looking for people/partners/volunteers who will sponsor one of these little ones for 30 GBP a month. In addition to these 13 scholarships, we enrolled 20 children whose parents will pay the



full school fee. With that our school is more than filled up!

We had a lot of families interested in joining three other classes, too, but unfortunately we didn't have enough space for them. We are excited about this development as it shows us how our good reputation continues to spread.

This school year is special for another reason. When we opened Kids of Hope School in 2016, we started with a group of four-year-olds. These children are now 11 years old and will graduate from Primary School this school year! We are excited about their progress and development and are looking forward to our first Primary School graduation in July!

KIDS OF HOPE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Next school year (September 2024) we want to open the first Kids of Hope Secondary School class.

In order to give some children an opportunity for a scholarship, we invited 11-year-olds from the community for an entry exam and we selected the three best for a scholarship. Out of the 40 children that wrote the exam, many could not read, or solve basic multiplication problems. This experience showed us once again how big the need for good education in our community is!



community is!

We are excited for Ethan, Zere and Mildred who won the scholarships and are now proud Kids of Hope students!



NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

In September 2024 we urgently need a new building in order to host the secondary school but also for the new intake of Primary and Nursery students. We are praying for a grant of 150,000 GBP. With that we could build 6 classrooms, toilets and offices. Please pray that we will soon find a donor. Because big donors normally ask the organization to contri-

bute 10-20% of the total cost, we would be grateful for any contributions to this project.

SCHOOL BUSES



In July we experienced a breakthrough in terms of school buses. After two years of praying, fundraising and searching, we were not only able to buy one bus, but TWO! We are grateful to all the donors and everyone who supported us in prayer. These buses reduce the cost of transporting students to and from school, and also contribute to their safety.

KIDS OF HOPE INTEGRATED SCHOOL

Since the beginning of Kids of Hope in 2016 we have had one student with disabilities (cerebral palsy). Two more joined over the course of the years. A specialized school trained our teachers to support them as much as they could. This year we went a step further and hired a special education teacher and an assistant and we enrolled five more children with special needs. Two of them use a wheelchair. Three of them had never been to school before. We are grateful for the opportunity to be a blessing to those children. We believe that having them is also a blessing to our other school children as they are taught that God loves all children, they learn that it is our responsibility to love them and care for them and they experience what a blessing it is to be around them and receive their joy and love!

HEART OF HOPE PROJECT WITH CBM



In May 2023 we started a project in collaboration with Christian Blind Mission (CBM), helping people with special needs in the community. It includes partnering with hospitals, doing awareness campaigns, supplying prosthetic limbs and wheelchairs, as well as providing training opportunities.

To date we have held almost 20 awareness campaigns that reached over 4,000 people. We also identified more



than 1,500 people with special needs in Vom. Next year we will start with practical help such as distributing wheelchairs.

We are excited to have the opportunity to be active in this area. Our prayer is that it will be a blessing to many.

TRAVELL PLANS

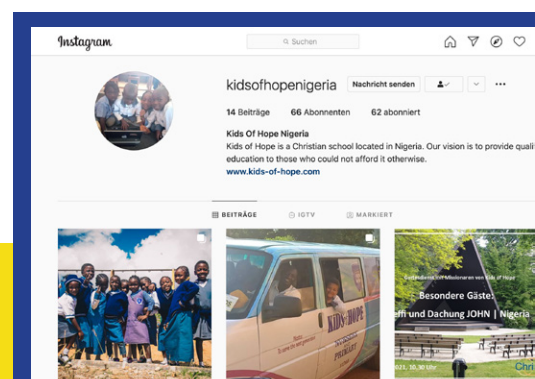
On the 24th of November we will be traveling to Germany. We are looking forward to meeting churches, friends, supporters and family members. We will also be spending our first Christmas in Europe after 9 years! Instead of the usual 8-10 weeks, we want to stay for at least 6 months this time. We want our children to improve their German and experience German culture on a deeper level. They will

be attending a local Christian school and Dachung will be attending German classes! I will be working as a teacher so



that I can contribute to our income, but also gain more teaching experience and make contacts with other educators. We are excited about this opportunity and new experience and believe that it will be a blessing to us as a family and our work in Nigeria on many levels. Please pray with us for a good apartment to rent and for the many other practical things that we will need (such as furniture, winter clothes and household items).

Thank you for being part of our ministry and for all your prayers and support. We appreciate it.



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FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM?

Be our friend (kidsofhopenigeria) and get more updates and pictures of us in Nigeria!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Thanksgiving

- many new students
- Two new school busses
- The project that supports people with special needs

Prayer Requests

- New sponsors that will support a child for 30 GBP monthly
- Wisdom for the preparations for the secondary school
- The process of handing over the school leadership for the time of my absence
- An apartment for us in Germany
- A teaching job for Stefanie in Germany

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!*

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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.

