

DCF 2023-24 NEW YEAR YOUTH RETREAT: A Message of Hope and Love

We want to thank all our amazing Christian partners and donors who have been very kind to us and supported the work of the Displaced Children Foundation.

OUR journey of making an impact in the lives of traumatized orphans, displaced and abandoned children has been a remarkable journey of Christ's love and sacrifice. It's the love of God that has continued to strengthen.

For it is written, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress....." (James 1:27)

God's people are to seek the welfare of their community (Jeremiah 29:9) and to become a source of blessing to all people (Gen 12:13). God identifies with the poor so strongly that caring for them is akin to serving God. "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord" (Prov. 19:17). With these divine instructions, DCF seeks to follow this mandate and reach out to these vulnerable children.

DECISION BETWEEN TWO CONTINENTS

In November of 2023 I was contemplating how best to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Displaced Children Foundation. The question, "How could we celebrate God and His kindness and show our children that God truly loves them?" This led me to the idea of a Christian Youth Retreat during which a secular and biblical approach was used to bring healing and hope to our traumatized children in Jos, Nigeria.

Susan, DCF director, took the retreat matter to two wonderful church pastors in Jos: Pastors Ojo and Adesa. With many years of experience working with Stefanos Foundation, Pastor Adesa assured DCF of his availability to make our efforts memorable with the children. Pastor Ojo, a remarkable and loving family man who has been a pastor with the Redeemed Christian Church, also took the matter to heart. He was available almost every day to dialogue with Susan.

CHOOSING THE VENUE & LODGING

When you have such a high caliber of dedicated servants of the Most High in place, watch God's miracle. Susan approached the director of the Assembly of God's Theological School. They were able to reach an agreement to use their facility for the lodging and essentially, the Youth Hall. DCF would pay for the accommodation of all the 30 youths, provide food and pay the speakers. A videographer, Tom, was also present, as was the DJ and the caterer, Mrs. Joy.

WHERE IS THE LAMB FOR THE BURNT OFFERING?

Isaac spoke up and said to his father, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and the wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" (Gen. 22: 8)

Here is the budget of \$2,850 But Where is the money going to come from?

I received a budget from Susan and her team which includes education, feeding and accommodations for the year which must be paid in advance.

The answer Abraham gave is beyond comprehension: "God will provide." Apostle Paul says, "We live by faith, not by sight" NIV, 2 Corinth 5:7.

The truth here is that I must wholly praise God for miracles. We must be perceptive, resilient and engaged. Karen's prayer warrior heart never stopped holding vigil. My wife knelt down with me on the dining room floor and prayed. The miracle that happened the following week (mid - December) was just beyond human experience. A Christian couple from Hague sent \$2,000. We wept. Two days later, another couple from Hague sent \$1,000. My knees were and are shaking in awe. Another couple from Rosthern sent \$300, and a sister sent \$400, then all those who submitted their monthly commitment of \$45. God has signed, sealed and delivered our needs through God's people.

A heart touching message from a donor " You are very welcome! Honestly, I'm pretty sure the giving of the gift is every bit as exciting as the getting. Thank you for your kind words. It feels pretty great being considered as an answer to prayer. God is good and His Spirit moves in mysterious and wonderful ways!

May God continue to bless you and the work you do to meet the needs of His children. Merry Christmas to you & Karen!"

PHOTOS OF THE EVENT

Our Records speaks volume:



Susan DCF Caretaker (Left)



Volunteer staff





DCF kids in dancing competition



joy and love



Pastor Adesa, sharing the message “ Jesus the Greatest Counselor”

Olarewaju, sharing “ The Effects of Child trauma”



Children receiving gifts:





Jeniffer, a Jos community resident who attended our Retreat, experienced the power of Jesus. “ This retreat has changed me from the inside out” “ I can’t wait for another Youth program”



Mama Favour , visibly in tears, she remarked, “ I have never seen this kind of outpouring of Christian love on children in Africa”



Kids at a meal
DCF Christmas Outreach
DCF reaching out to the Victims of Boko Haram



Ms Haruna and her family received food donations from DCF (Maiduguri, Borno State)



**oko Haram Victims receives donat
y Displaced Children Foundation,**

Sarah and her family received food donations from DCF (Jalingo Taraba State

PLEASE DONT FORGET YOUR CONTINUE SUPPORT HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO EXIST.

Thank you for all the support we have received from you over these years

Your **donation** has helped our African orphans to experience the Joy of Christmas

May you have good health and the blessings which comes from God.

We look forward to your continue support .

Thank you

Duke & Karen Dueck Ogezi

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