



GAAP In Action

July 2010 trip to Nigeria

GAAP returned to Nigeria in July to monitor the progress of the bore hole we are commissioning for an orphanage in Abeokuta. So far we have installed 2 large water tanks totaling 8,000 liters, and drilling of the bore hole is in progress.

Thank you to all those who supported our Kamikaze run which help to make this possible. For further donations please visit

<http://www.justgiving/gaap-appeal>

We also revisited the home where Funmi lives and we gave Complian, Aqueous cream, Canestan cream, and Calpol, plus clothes and educational items.

Funmi was taken to hospital for a medical check-up and the outcome was her condition cannot be cured because she suffers from Cerebral Palsy and other health complications. The doctors have advised us that the best we can do is to provide Funmi with a good quality care plan. GAAP is in communication with the home in order to develop and implement this plan.

Whilst in Nigeria we held our first official GAAP trustee meeting.

The following trustees were appointed officers:-

Trustees

Abbey Orebanwo – **Founder**

Professor Majekodunim – **Chairman**

Mr Kolawole Orebanwo – **Vice chairman**

Dr Deji Ownole – **Secretary**

Kiki Pender – **Treasurer**

Douglas Elom

Legal Advisor

Bidemi Soneye

Member

Yinka Delanz

Sunday 30 May 2010 Kamikaze Run Fundraising Event

GAAP members and trustees took part in this fun run some dressing in fancy dress to help raise £10,000 for our Funmi and Bore Appeal. To donate please visit our JustGiving page at

<http://www.justgiving.com/gaap-appeal/>



Sunday 23 May 2010 Trinity Church

GAAP was invited to attend an exhibition at Trinity Church. We raised awareness and gained supports and funding.

April 2010 trip to Nigeria

6 GAAP trustees travelled to Nigeria in April 2010 to see the challenges 6 orphanages caring for around 350 abandoned, orphaned and disabled children face; and more importantly to see how we can provide effective direct aid.

What we achieved over the 10 days follows:-

Day 1

We arrived safely in Nigeria in our promotional GAAP T-shirts which worked brilliantly as several people asked about our mission.

Day 2

Visited our 1st orphanage - Heart of Gold Foundation

We met the founder Mrs Theresa Adedoyin, who shared her story of taking her home from 4 to 48 children. We were moved by her story and dedication.

Case studies

Petra is a young blind child born with both legs folded over her shoulders. An operation to correct this went wrong resulting in one leg twisting and facing the wrong way as surgeons brought

it down. Theresa will fly her to Saudi Arabia for a correction.

She has another child, 8yrs old who was born with no anus. A corrective procedure failed and she now wears nappies. She cannot go to school because of this problem. A correction is required.

Heart of Gold Hospice is a fantastic building we viewed the city from the expansive roof top and said we would put on a fund raising event there next time we visit.

We noticed staff sweeping new carpets with brooms – GAAP agreed to donate 2 Henry Hoovers and a VAX carpet cleaner.

Day 3

Visited our 2nd orphanage - Foundation for Hope in Disability

Today was very hard to deal with. In honesty we were disturbed and deeply moved by what we discovered here. This orphanage is set in a remote location on an unmade road. An emergency vehicle would struggle to get there in a hurry.

We met a child with hydrocephalus (enlarged head normally caused by fluid on the brain), a 23 year old girl with a deformed body, disabled children, kids with skin infections. Staff need training, an auxiliary nurse and access to a doctor. Blessing (founder) told a sad tale of one of her children arriving near death because the child was made to drink bleach in an attempt to kill her.



Their school is unfinished, desks and chairs are broken. A goat and chicken roamed freely. Animal mess was visible.

Blessing cares for 35 children in this 3 bedroom property. Overcrowding is an issue. Some kids sleep on the floor in the front room on mattresses each night.

Despite this there is clearly much love and care within this home. Blessing is doing the best job possible with the limited resources available to her. During one conversation she said “ I have been praying for you to come”.

This home is unregistered and could be shut down. GAAP has been following this up and will continue to monitor their progress. We aim to find ways to help on a long term basis especially with their accommodation problem.

We donated children’s items delivered from the UK. They were very gratefully received.

Day 4

We visited our 3rd orphanage - Gideon Orphanage Home

A home run by Toyin Banjo a UK resident. Clearly the children are well looked after. GAAP team members decorated a playroom for this home. We were really pleased with the end result. We painted the entire room and finished it off with educational posters and stencils on the walls and ceiling. Handed out clothes and toys. Took photos with Toyin’s babies. Although she only has 6 babies now she has capacity for close to 60, but

low funding prevents them from expanding presently. See link for more:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5rNwLm1cVw>

Day 5

We visited our 4th orphanage - Stella Obasanjo

GAAP distributed clothes, toys, clothes and other children’s items donated in the UK.

This orphanage cares for around 35 children including 17 with special needs, it does not have a constant supply of running water. GAAP has agreed with the home to commission a bore hole and install two large water tanks totaling 8,000 liters. We need £6,000 to do this work which will cover the cost of the survey, bore hole, water tanks and pump. GAAP will project manage the work to ensure your valuable funding is spent exactly as we promise. We are also in talks with the management of the home to provide continuous care for the disabled children.

We visited Sowo – a village in Ogun State (Poverty and desperation)

During our visit in 2009, Abbey visited this village and took photos. One of the photos ended up on our 2010 promotional GAAP T-shirts which caused great excitement as many wanted one. We distributed some clothes, pencils and colouring pencils to the children. GAAP would love to help with the educational needs of the children from villages like Sowo.



Day 6

Introduction meeting to GAAP members and potential trustees in Nigeria

Yinka Delano, lawyer hosted an Introduction to GAAP meeting in Lagos. In attendance Mr Lawal, Bidemi Soneye, Olayinka Delano, Toyin Banjo, Segi Olawoyin, Tolu Olaiya, Chioma Olorin, Kola Orebanwo, Professor Majekodunmi, Kiki Pender, Abbey Orebanwo, Terry Lewis, Douglas Elom, Tony Snow, Mike Roberts. A positive meeting.

Day 7

Salsa awareness party at Ember Creek, Lagos

About 30 attended this informal gathering put together at short notice to create awareness of GAAP's activities in Nigeria. Positive feedback from those who attended, some decided to join as volunteers, members and trustees.

Day 8

General activities and meetings to set up GAAP Nigeria

Trustees

Abbey Orebanwo – Founder
Professor Majekodunim – Consultant
Mr K Orebanwo – Retired Engineer
Dr Deji Ownole Medical Doctor
Kiki Pender – Banker
Douglas Elom

Legal Advisor

Bidemi Soneye

Members

Yinka Delano – Lawyer

Mrs T Adeyoyin – Founder of Hearts of Gold Children's Hospice

Volunteer - Muyi Pender – Banker

Day 9 and 10

We Visited Nigerian Red Cross.

Saw new school. They have 35 kids. Took photos. Distributed clothes etc brought from England. They care for 0-5yr olds

Visited Modupe Cole Memorial Child Care Treatments House School

Still use typewriters! Care for handicapped kids and adults. Oldest was 57. They care for 257 in total. Not all are boarders. Craft shop was good. Some art created by disabled using feet and mouths. Need PC's. We left clothes donated in the UK. Next year we should bring items suitable for 6yrs old into adulthood. They recorded the items we gave and gave a letter of thanks. They loved the educational aids especially. Akeem is a teenager 'on wheel's' and will join us on Facebook. He loved his GAAP T-shirt.

Returned back to the UK