



FAMILY CARE

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IBADAN, OYO STATE PROJECTS

Our trip to Ibadan started earlier than our arrival as we had previously trucked 70 bags of rice to distribute to several centres and underprivileged families within Oyo State. We visited some very out of the way places that held basic hostels for cancer patients; these home's house a variety of old and young people, some homeless but most from rural areas of Oyo State who are receiving cancer treatment in Ibadan. In one hostel run by the Catholic Church, the Sisters serve a hot meal daily to a few hundred aged, homeless and destitute persons from the poorest areas of Ibadan. Our donation of rice was a tremendous help as they find it hard to purchase enough to feed the growing numbers who count on it daily.

We did the usual rounds and distribution of medicine, food items and various items that each centre and hospital needs. But the most fulfilling part for us was to continue our work with our local HIV/AIDS programme. We assisted another mother, who is HIV positive but healthy, and her child who is the same, in setting her up with a small kiosk from where she will sell food items, water, soap etc. Mrs. Bola Nkwocha was extremely grateful as she has been struggling and was in desperate need of assistance and encouragement to help her feel as if she can go on after the death of her husband. She will be supervised and assisted with the running and organization of the shop by CCHED (local NGO). She gratefully accepted our assistance and wishes to thank everyone for making it possible for her to regain a sense of self-worth and independence.



Family Care, in collaboration with Her Excellency, Chief (Mrs) Oluremi Tinubu, distributed 3 tonnes of rice and 180 litres of cooking oil to eighteen centres for the aged and the handicapped, orphanages, remand homes,



displacement and rehabilitation centres and transit homes situated throughout Lagos State.

The rice and oil which was donated by M T N Communications Nig. LTD, was highly valued by all the recipients and was

distributed under the supervision of the Lagos State Government. Her Excellency, Mrs. Tinubu thanks the sponsors of this programme and similar humanitarian ventures profusely as these donations make a lasting difference in the lives of the underprivileged in Lagos State. The food, even though it isn't a permanent solution to their nutritional needs, has a permanent effect and impact nonetheless. These acts of kindness encourage the destitute that God through our actions - cares for them and thinks of them and it encourages the caretakers of these many centres and homes that they are not alone in the task of making Lagos State a better place.



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Promises of Protection

-God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea (The Bible Psalms 46:1-2)

-Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. (The Bible Psalm 23:4).

-'I am with you to save you and deliver you,' says the Lord (The Bible Jeremiah 15:20)

-Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you (The Bible Daniel 6:16).

-I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (The Bible Matthew 28:20).

Food for Thought

I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you' (The Bible Isaiah 41:13)

*I do not know what the future holds,
of joy or pain, of loss or gain,
Along life's untrod way.*

*But I believe I can receive God's promised
guidance, day by day,
so I securely travel on.*

*And if, at times, the journey leads through waters
deep or mountains steep,*

*I know this unseen Friend His love revealing,
His presence healing walks with
me to the journey's end,
so I securely travel on.*