

DIVINE FACE NEWSLETTER

HONOR TO THE DIVINE FACE, IN YOU AND ME!



August 22, 2013.

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE DIVINE FACE.

May the peace and reassurance of God's tireless Love and Care be with you and yours, now and forever! That I can still write to you and greet you is, in itself, proof that you share those characteristics of our Father in your reassuring love and care for our brothers and sisters in need. You have been true witnesses of the Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Himself, the Manifestation of the Heart of God in human form. I greet you all in His name and on behalf of the poorest people to whom you continue to give reason to hope for a better life everyday.

UPLIFTING UPDATE

FACILITIES: We are deeply indebted in gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Roger and Del Iker of Arlington, Texas, who very promptly and lovingly responded to our call for help last year regarding the transportation of our school children. They paid for the purchase of the school bus in November of last year.



The parents, teachers, and students are overjoyed. This has further enhanced the image of our school, and has very much improved our services. May God continue to bless Mr. & Mrs. Iker for their joyful generosity. This is the kind of spirit I find in all of you that continues to both encourage and challenge us members of the Divine Face Community of Stewards.

In December of the same year, as if to complement to your unrelenting generosity, the Federal Government of Nigeria surprised us with the donation of 20 sets of computers along with computer desks, 1 big all-in-one printer, 1 back-up printer/copier, 2 split air conditioning units, two giant standing fans, one portable generator, 12 car batteries connected to solar pannels as power back-up, and a satellite dish for internet services. I believe our Father in heaven wishes to practically show you that your sacrifices will certainly receive their reward. The reward starts even from this life by generating in others the desire to join you in glorifying His name. Naturally, the students are thrilled by the opportunity this has given them to learn to use computers much better than before when they had only two computers to work with. And with the availability of **controlled internet** facility, they can do their homework and widen their scope of information.



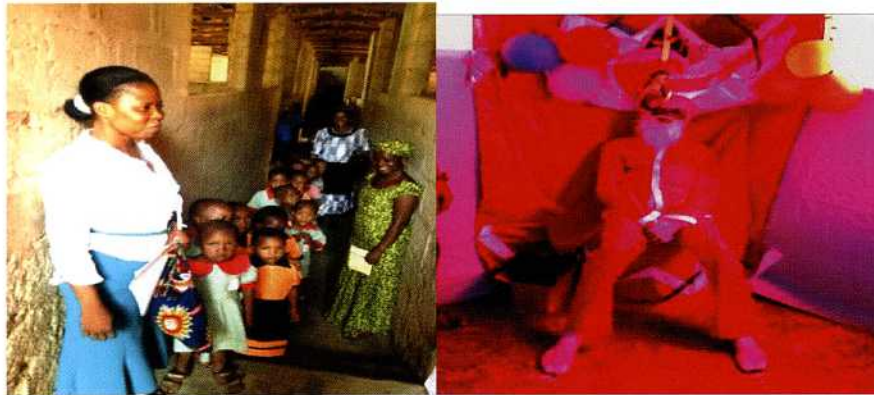
This was a surprise because we did not even know about this bonus. A child of God, Chief Emmanuel Ojinere and his wife, have been impressed by your sacrifices for the well-being of the poor and their children. So they were motivated to get this facility from the government for our school. They are still interested to give further assistance when they get the opportunity.

OUR STUDENTS: As part of the training we give the children in our school, we teach them to do farm work. Farming is done by manual labour. Only very rarely are machines used in Nigeria for food production, and that by government-owned corporations. Here you can see us at work. The children do it with joy.



We also teach them some handicraft. Some of you may have received, in the past, the hand-held fans the students made. They make them with grocery bags. The students also help with the construction work on the buildings. They as well work to maintain the access road to the school. All these help to fuel our desire to get completed the skills-acquisition centre we started, so that the students may continue to be productive after they graduate and be able to help themselves and society by honest work.

We had a Christmas celebration for the children in December last year. They got a visit from Santa Claus and it was a thrill for the kids to go and see him. It was such a joy to see them excited with the little gifts he gave them!



Six years ago we adopted one indigent child from each of twenty parishes in our diocese for the High school. Selection was based on their performance in an exam given to such children from all the parishes. Those students graduated this year with very good results, both in academics and character. Encouraged by that, we are taking 25 such children again next academic year starting September. We also have an amazing increase of 28 other students joining them in the first year of High School. This is the highest number we have ever had in one class. We will know how many we have in the whole school when school starts.

OUR FACILITIES:

We have succeeded in plastering the Nursery/Primary School building. The other buildings are in need of the same **procedure**. We need to have them done as soon as possible. Take a look at the buildings in this picture and you have an idea of what still needs to be done to make the Divine Face welcome our children with a **smile** when they come to school.



Thank you, **once again**, for the opportunity your generosity gives us to give witness to God's compassion and love to the victims of an unfortunate circumstance of greed who otherwise would be hopeless.

Rev. Fr. Gerard Mary A. Anyanwu.