

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE DIVINE FACE!

Peace to you from the Lord of the Love that saves! Once more, I greet you in the name of those in whom you have helped to restore the hope for a meaningful life in Nigeria. Your sustained generosity is, indeed, a sure witness to the redeeming Presence of God (the Divine Face) that shines in the gloom of worldly selfishness. I can assure you that those words describe **very accurately** the Mission of the Divine Face Organization in Nigeria that you have helped to keep going **all these years!!** Your **love** has truly kept our **boat afloat** on the sea of avarice and stinginess.

OUR SCHOOL MAINTAINS SUCCESS RECORD

Since I wrote to you at Easter this year, I have visited Nigeria. That was at the end of April. I am glad to share some news of progress in the Mission. Again all our students who took the West African regional graduating exam this year passed very well. This is the third consecutive year that our school has recorded 100% success in that exam.

PROGRESS ON THE AUDITORIUM

I did tell you about the auditorium building in my Easter Newsletter. The roofing has been completed. We had the graduation celebration in it at the end of last academic year. The long reading tables are gracefully in place, and the students have started making use of it for their studies after school. **They love it!** And we do, too, because as we hoped, it makes supervision a whole lot easier.

HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY



Some members of the Divine Face Org., the head teacher and myself cut the 20th anniversary cake.



Some of the Nursery/Primary school children during the graduation celebration.



Students hauling the tables up with ropes.



The tables in place inside the auditorium.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year is the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Divine Face Organization and the school. Before I left to go back to Nigeria in April, we had our **benefactors' appreciation luncheon** in Arlington, TX. Many of you attended and made the day magnificent. We remain ever grateful. On that occasion, too, many signed up as members of the Organization. **Awesome!** Also, as part of the celebration, we have twice had a **Talent show/Silent Auction** and they were very successful. At the school, we combined the anniversary celebration with the graduation of our students.

BACK TO THE US

I came to the US on September 3, before school reopened on September 10 for this academic year. I have been informed that we got more students this academic year than we had last year. There is no doubt that this is due to the good performance of our students. In all, we now have 280 children in the school. We see this as quite encouraging because parents are showing more confidence in our efforts to educate their children rather than buying into the gimmick of the state government's offer of *free education, free uniform, money for lunch, with next to no teaching nor training.*

THIS UPLIFTING

With the increase in the population of our school comes the demand for more work. We need more desks for the children. We need a higher occupancy bus to replace the one we have. Presently, we have a bus that sits 14 people but it carries more than 24 children. As it is, that is too small for the job. A fairly used bus close in size to what we need (a 24-sitter) is said to cost about \$8,000.00 (eight thousand dollars). This is rather an urgent need, since we do not want the children and their parents to become discouraged for lack of the means to bring the children to school.



This is the school bus we have now.

SOME WAYS YOU CAN HELP US FURTHER WITH WHAT YOU DO FOR YOURSELF

Providentially, there are a few suggestions about how you could improve your support for the Divine Face Organization without any extra strain on your finances, even while taking care of yourself:

- 1. IGNITE POWER MARKETING COMPANY for Stream Energy: Contact Mr Paul J. Denning 817- 5487688 or cel # 817- 412- 1389**
- 2. MARKET AMERICA: See insert.**

I am in the US till the end of October, then I go to Nigeria again to see how things are going. As usual, please feel free to contact me if need be. My number is 682-208-0605.

May the Lord give you a **reassurance** of His promise of a **rich reward** for reaching out to His very poor ones with so much love, sharing His gifts to you with them!

Rev. Fr. Gerard Mary A. Anyanwu