

# Life Builders Ministries International



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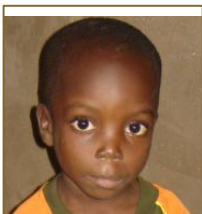
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*These boys pictured below are our most recently sponsored children*



**Olawale Oladapo**



**Boluwatife Agboola**



**Shina Oguntobi**

The months of September and October 2007 have been wonderful and challenging months for us in many areas. In all things we give glory to God who has been faithful to us in all areas. Here are a few highlights:

- We were able to send 23 children to school and provide other basic needs for their well being through our **LifeChild Sponsorship Program**. Without this sponsorship, some of these children would have been out of school, thereby becoming a nuisance to their guardians and their communities. One of them is a six year old boy who lost both parents to AIDS and was without any hope of making it to the school. His long prayers for sponsorship were finally answered when at the end of October, he was chosen for sponsorship by one of our board members. Reports coming from our Nigerian office show that all the sponsored children are doing very well and don't have to worry about school fees again. Thanks to our current sponsors for making a lasting difference in the lives of these children.

- We officially moved into a new office space provided to us free of charge by one of our partners: Vision **International Christian Ministries**. The office is located in the heart of Lagos city. Thanks to **Reverend Olubambi**, who is also a Nigerian board member of Life Builders.

- Our Nigeria field staff, **Bosede Ekundayo** did a marvelous job of visiting each of the children under our sponsorship. Some live as far as 260 miles apart from each other, and from Lagos. She was able to meet with their teachers and foster parents, most of whom are extended family members. We now have beautiful photos of all the children who are currently receiving financial support from our ministry.

- We praise God for providing basic equipment/tools needed for our ministry operations in Nigeria. We now have a computer donated by Emmanuel Ogunyemi. We purchased a digital camera for our staff to be able to capture the important events and activities of our ministry and the children we support in Nigeria. This has helped us to produce good quality photographs needed for our website and brochures.

- We are grateful for the impact this ministry is making among churches in Lagos and Ibadan, Nigeria (Ibadan and Lagos are among the top 10 largest cities in Africa). Many pastors got wind of what God is doing in the lives of the children we support and are calling for our help and partnership. We now have more applications than we can handle financially—more than 45 children have gone through our screening process and are now approved for sponsorship. May God send more sponsors to us this new month.

From the U.S. end, we have made great progress with our website, the brochures and other key materials to aid in increasing awareness of this vital ministry. With these tools, our ministry is better equipped to approach individuals, churches, corporations and foundations for funds. Thanks to all of our board members, who are strongly committed and devoted to the vision of this ministry, and are working toward that end.

In October 2007, I attended a seminar on fundraising organized by the Chicago Baptist Association. It was another opportunity to learn how to sell the vision of this great ministry to potential donors and partners. I was also introduced to other organizations and churches that might be interested in what we are doing. Praise God for this opportunity and thanks to Robert, the CBA Executive Director and David.B.Gray, the President of D.B. Gray Ministries in Springfield Illinois who organized the seminar.

### Life Builders Ministries Prayer Requests

I have several speaking engagements both in November and December 2007. Pray for God's wisdom and favor as I meet with some of the potential donors on our list.

Pray for our Nigeria staff member, **Bosede Ekundayo**. She has a very strong passion to see that the kids are doing well in all areas of life. Pray for safety as she travels around Lagos and other cities where Life Children are located.

Please pray for God's guidance in the planning for the HIV/AIDS Conference in March 2008. Pray also for God to provide the resources needed for the success of this very important Conference.

Pray for the success of my trip to Nigeria. This is very crucial as I will have to meet many agencies that are working on HIV/AIDS in Nigeria and work out the need to collaborate. This will help us in the planning for our March 2008 HIV/AIDS Conference organized for Nigerian key church leaders. I still need about \$500 for this trip.

Pray for generous sponsors for our new and regular orphans. We are urgently seeking immediate sponsorship for 38 children. Thank God for our regular sponsors, whose generous gifts have helped us meet our needs for our current child sponsorships.

Pray for me as I plan to finish up with my dissertation writing this month. This pressure has been very heavy. My upcoming trip to Nigeria will provide the opportunity to gather the remaining data needed to complete my dissertation.

Thank God for and pray for God's wisdom for our board leadership, that God would add new board members who would bring growth and a passion for our ministry.

Thanks and God bless you for being part of this great vision of  
 "BUILDING LIVES FOR  
 GOD'S GLORY!"

### Missions Week at Christ Church Lake Forest

I was invited to present the vision of Life Builders to the Missions committee of Christ Church Lake Forest on October 2. It was a great opportunity to motivate the committee members to begin to get involved directly in the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Through my interaction with the missions' director of this great church and with the persuasion of other ministry leaders, they have chosen the topic of AIDS as the focus of their next missions' week coming up in February! We are excited and grateful that Life Builders is one of the ministries that will be featured at this conference.

### Trip to Nigeria

As God would have it, I got a ticket to go to Nigeria for two weeks. Thanks to **Evan Hunter** who was instrumental in making this happen. This is a great opportunity to visit with our sponsored children, meet their foster parents and teachers, etc. I will also hold several meetings with our partner churches, and with the Nigeria Board of Life Builders and gather additional data needed for the completion of my dissertation.

Here are some of the children who are eagerly awaiting sponsorship.

