

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE DIVINE MERCY ORGANIZATION,

Greetings to all of you in the name of our lord Jesus Christ. We want to thank you for your support so far in the advancement of this noble cause of helping widows and orphans of Obike in Nigeria. This mail comes as an update especially for those who were unable to attend our September 24th social event.

At this gathering we identified three areas of need and several methods of helping the widows and orphans attain self-sustenance.

PHASE1- TO BE REALIZED BY DECEMBER, 1, 2011

WIDOWS TRAINING GRANTS

Our initial idea was to raise funds to be given to the widows and orphans in order to meet their daily needs for food. However, at the meeting we agreed that this would only offer a quick fix leaving the root cause un-addressed. In response, we decided to raise funds to provide them training in acquisition and financial management skills to help them to establish and manage a small scale business to sustain their needs and those of their families. To do this, we have been able to identify an agency in Nigeria that will be able to train them at a subsidized rate. At the moment, we intend to sponsor approximately 40 widows through this acquisition skills training program. The cost is estimated at \$30 USD to be able to train one person. We are asking that you assist us by sponsor the training of at least one person with a donation of at least \$30 USD. In all we, are hoping to raise the sum of \$1,500 USD in order to realize the success of this foundation project. I am happy to share that Paula and Clem Ehoff have generously agreed to match up to \$500 the funds we receive by December 1st for this project. We pray that God to reward them abundantly. We ask each of you to consider a sponsorship gift of the greatest level you are able on or before December 1 so that we can realize Phase 1 success!

PHASE 2- TO BE REALIZED IN 2012

MICRO-LOANS/GRANTS

In this Phase, we are soliciting funds to provide micro financing revolving grants/loans to the “skilled” widows. Once they have acquired these skills, we intend to help them by extending small loans/grants to engage them in one trade or another. It may be some kind of petty trading, subsistence farming, sowing or whatever they get training for. This approach helps people to overcome the difficulties of not being able to borrow from financial institutions, caused by the lack of collaterals and high interest rates. It promotes responsibility such that people are enabled to establish small scale businesses to earn their living without waiting for “manna to fall from heaven.” Ultimately, your donations will help them put food on their tables as well as help them restore their self-dignity and self-worth. This approach has been described as a powerful tool that enables the poor to pull themselves out of poverty. One of its greatest merits is that at the end of the day, it leaves us room to assist as many people as possible even with very limited resources. Do consider a future gift in support to our 2012 Phase 2 Micro-loan/grant project.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

DIVINE MERCY INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS AND ORPHANS ORGANIZATION

To reach our goal of Orphan support and development, we intend to establish an education grant program to enable these innocent children have some basic education. This grant approach is not intended to offer them a comprehensive coverage by way of uniforms, books, health and other educational needs, nor does it involve seeing them through Colleges and Universities. Our plan is to fund their elementary through high school basic fees. **With a \$100 American dollars,** (Approx. 15,000 Nigerian Naira) our organization should be able to sponsor a child with the basic school fees for one academic year. Unlike loans, these grants shall be given on non-refundable bases. However, since the needs surpass our resources and ability to assist, it shall be made to be competitive. Awards will be given on the bases of merit and excellence. We have identified about 50 of these children in need of assistance through sponsorship. Do consider a future gift in support of our 2012 Phase 2 Orphan Educational Grant project.

Lastly, DMIWOO will collaborate internationally only with tested and proven local partners who will ensure the smooth and upright implementation of these projects. We shall also ensure transparent and honest disbursement of these loans/grants to enable us to submit an annual report in line with the United States Board of Internal Revenue.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to be an instrument of Divine Grace and Mercy. Help us sow seeds that will remain forever in the heart of history and in the hearts of mankind.

"He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not all that it means to know me?" Jeremiah 22:16.

DONATIONS TO OUR PROJECT CAN BE MADE TO:

Divine Mercy International Widows & Orphans Organization
P.O. Box 341
Garwood, New Jersey 07027

Please Note: The Divine Mercy International Widows and Orphans Organization is a 501 C (3) registered nonprofit – all donations to support the herein listed projects will be tax deductible.

For additional information regarding this request, email us at: info@dmiiwo.org.

May God bless you,

Father Kingsley

Fr Kingsley and DMIWOO Board Members