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VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Graduation
CELEBRATION
AND Child Sponsor
APPRECIATION PARTY



Moving African children from the streets to classrooms,
changing the world through education,
one child at a time.



BIZAA Event Program

6:30 – 7:00

Enjoy Grad Party snacks and mingling!

7:00 – 8:00

Welcome – Sue Newburg

Introduction to Video – Okey Anyanwu

Video of Vocational School Graduation

Sponsor Testimonies –

Stillwater High School BIZAA Club Members
& Lee Halbur

Mission Trip Opportunity – Terry Provo

Final Sponsor Appeal – Katie Phenow

Vote of Thanks – Okey Anyanwu

*This evening is to celebrate YOU and the children we support!
Feel free to ask questions of any of our team members.*

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Interested in helping out with a future event?

We all have different strengths and experiences, and BIZAA
could really use yours!

*Assist with the Gala's Silent Auction, Gala-night technical support,
tracking data entry of Gala attendees...*

Stop by the BIZAA display table for more info.

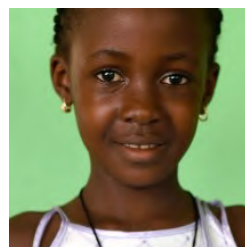
Thank You!

For helping BIZAA move 200 victims of child trafficking in Nigeria from the streets to classroom.

We've made tremendous progress but there are still more than 60 children hoping to go to school this fall and in desperate need of sponsorship.

All sponsors receive pictures and profiles of their sponsored child(ren), and can correspond with them and track their progress. A variety of sponsorship levels and payment options are available, and sponsorship is tax deductible. If the Holy Spirit is moving you to give a child a brighter future, please consider one of the options listed here.

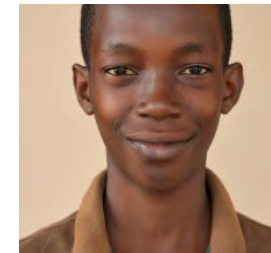
For more information, or to join us on the next mission trip (March 19–29, 2020), call our office at 763-762-7417 or email: okey@bizaa.org. Please make checks out to BIZAA.



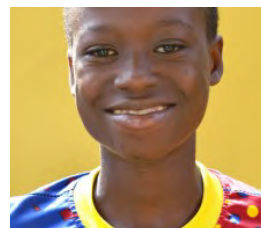
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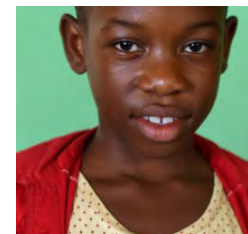
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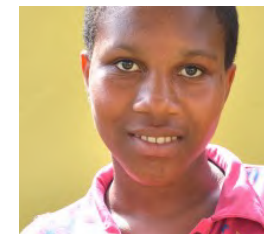
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Latest Update on Graduating Children's Job Placement

Appreciation/Acknowledgement – By Director of Operations: Chris Onyenucheya

Our gratitude goes to our generous American families who felt called to give a future to all our graduates today by sponsoring their education.

- Cyriacus Chisom Awiri: Will be joining the staff at BIZAA College of Technology and Nursing as the New Office Manager

- Maryann Nwaokoro is engaged to be married in September and has already assumed the position of a "Bookkeeper" at her husband-to-be's Computer Accessories retail store

- Emmanuel Dimma has gained admission into the University to complete his bachelor's degree in Information Technology through our local community sponsorship

- Solomon Uzodimma has secured a job with a Nigerian shipping Company based in Dubai as Inventory Coordinator. Solomon will be traveling to Dubai for job training on June 10th

*- Blessing Chinagorom and Emmanuel Chinagorom's extended family has officially notified BIZAA office that they will take over and continue to sponsor:
Emmanuel's higher degree studies in Engineering and,
Blessing's higher degree studies in Nursing*

We'll post more successful updates on the remaining BIZAA happy and grateful graduates as we get them.

Thank you, Lord!

Thank you BIZAA Team and Benefactors in the United States of America.

It's a new dawn in our communities and we appreciate you!

"This is the day the Lord has made, and we'll rejoice and be glad in it"
(Psalm 118:24)

Prayer for BIZAA Coalition against Child Labor and Child Trafficking

Gracious God, we thank you for our shared commitment to the youngest citizens of the world.

For inspiring us to respond in solidarity with BIZAA to educate child laborers and victims of trafficking - **We thank you, O God.**

For parents who do not want to send their children to work, but do so because of poverty - **Provide for them, O God.**

For those who exploit children in any way, and for the countries where children are being exploited - **Touch their hearts, O God.**

For hoping that someday, no African youth will be treated as a resource to be used, but as a child to be loved - **Hear us, O God.**

For the physical, emotional, and spiritual pain these children and their families have endured - **Heal them, O God.**

For children, who have lost either their lives or their future to forced labor and child trafficking - **We remember, O God.**

For inspiring us to be part of their journey out of poverty by listening more and assuming less - **We are humbled, O God.**

For loving them through us and loving us through them - **We adore you, O God.**

For opening our eyes to blessings we receive through the children and their communities – **We glorify you, O God.**

For the prideful attitude of the "wealthy us" helping the "poor them" - **We repent, O God.**

For our spiritual transformation and to overcome cultural isolation - **Lead us, O God.**

For awakening the spirit of gratitude, solidarity and service in our own children through BIZAA programs - **We are joyful, O God.**

For donors who make the education of these children possible – **Bless them, O God**

For strengthening the resolve of BIZAA's coalition partners to pray, give, go and do all for children - **We praise you, O God.**

We acknowledge you to be the Lord.

AMEN

Okey Anyanwu

Founder, Basic Institute for Zonal African Advancement (BIZAA)

Excerpts from the Graduation Video

Graduation Valedictory Speech – by Vivian Chinelo Nwaodini

Gooday our dear Parents, our beloved Program Director, Rev. Fr Remy Uju, our Director of Operations, Mr. Chris Onyenucheya, our School Administrator, Rev. Sister Dr. Joy, all BIZAA academic and nonacademic Staff, our Community Chiefs, distinguished ladies and gentlemen: thank you for being here for this special ceremony today.

My name is Vivian Chinelo Nwaodini. I am humbled to be asked to speak on behalf of the class of 2019 graduates from BIZAA College of Technology and Nursing. This ceremony reminds me and most of my classmates of the words of the Psalmist in the scripture: "When God delivered Zion from Bondage, it seemed like a dream. Their lips were filled with laughter, in their hearts, there was joy" Before we all had the privilege of becoming BIZAA students, the hope of becoming graduates of "Information Technology" was simply impossible.

For some of us, it was impossible to imagine, because our parents, who could have helped us have died. For some us it was impossible to imagine, because no domestic servant ever becomes a graduate.

For some of us it was impossible to imagine, because no child laborer ever becomes a graduate while hawking on the streets. For some of us it was impossible to imagine, because the only future we knew, was the one those who trafficked and exploited us showed us.

This (among many other reasons) is why today is special to us. Like the Israelites, it feels like a dream to us and our hearts are nevertheless filled with joy! Therefore, we cannot thank our big brother Okey Anyanwu and our generous American benefactors enough.

Our American benefactors have not only sponsored our education, they have also brought joy that is beyond understanding into our families. They have become family to us, because they have chosen to fill the vacuums that existed in our lives.

They gave us what seemed totally lost in our individual and collective world - OPPORTUNITY!

Yes, they gave us an opportunity that our families couldn't afford to give us! Yes, they gave us an opportunity that the government of our land has failed to give us. Yes, they gave us what we couldn't find on the streets and on the farms. Yes, they have given us the keys to unlock our future. They have given us Education!

Their friendship with our beloved brother Okey is a sacred friendship. That is the only way, we can describe that relationship. A lot of our uncles and aunts have travelled abroad for greener pastures, but not all of them have shared their friends and good fortunes with us like brother Okey has done.

One of our biggest regrets today is that our sponsors and brother Okey are not here to witness how proud and grateful we are for this golden opportunity. They have brought the light of hope into the darkness of our hopelessness.

Our promise to them and to our mentors and parents gathered here today is that we will keep this light burning, because to whom much is given, much is expected. Some of us will become computer teachers, some will become office managers, some of us will become tech engineers and so on, BUT all of us have become COMMITTED COMMUNITY BUILDERS today!

We will fight to save our younger brothers and sisters from suffering what we have suffered.

We will speak truth power.

We must give back, because everything we have today has been given to us.

We are committed to being great advocates of BIZAA mission in our land. To my fellow classmates, Congratulations!

While we move on wherever the pursuit of life will take us, let us keep in mind that our common bond is our shared responsibility:

- to be the best versions of ourselves in our different fields of endeavor.*
- to commit to making our community better than it has ever been*
- to keep living a grateful life by praying in season and out of season for our American sponsors and brother Okey's intentions towards his people*
- and finally to always look for an opportunity to help the poor and the uneducated, because what they are today, we were, and what we are today, they will become by the special grace of God to whom we give all the glory, adoration and Thanksgiving forever and ever!*

Amen!

Thank you all.