



VINE Initiative Inc

*Volunteering to Intervene for the
Neediest of the Earth*

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VINE Newsletter

VINE PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS

Earlier this year the VINE Initiative board of directors put in motion the steps in identifying needy students and distributing scholarship funds to the selected recipients. These students range from early elementary through high school.

The process began with finding a coordinator in the area. Chichi Agube agreed to fill this role and made arrangements for the leaders of each school to supply VINE with a list of students who displayed financial challenges along with the cost of annual tuition per student. The VINE board of directors reviewed and approved the list based on priority of the students' needs. VINE is now in partnership with six schools where 60+ students have received full tuition paid to their school along with a stipend for books and uniforms. Ms. Agube met with the school staff and parents to see that this transaction ran smoothly, and funds were distributed correctly.

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*Together
we can
do great
things.*

*-St. Teresa of
Calcutta*

A portion of the VINE scholarship recipients

See our website for more pictures and videos at www.vineinitiative.org



VINE TIMELINE

Aug. 2019-Vine Initiative board of directors established

May 2020-1st food distribution-7,500 lbs. of rice and beans

Oct. 2020-2nd food distribution to 500+families

Dec. 2020-1st medical mission-518 adults/children served

July 2021-students selected and receiving school scholarships

Dec. 2021-2nd medical mission planned

VINE PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS – CONTINUED

The VINE goal is to adopt 70 students through scholarships. A short list is being reviewed by the board to fill the final slots. The VINE plan is to provide scholarships to these students each year as they proceed through the education system. Father Levi Nkwocha, the founder and president of VINE, plans to meet with the adopted students on his visit in January.

For \$50 a year you could sponsor a child's education through VINE. If interested, please email vineinitiativewabash@gmail.com for more information.



Charity Delayed is Charity Denied

VINE BOARD APPROVES 2ND MEDICAL MISSION

Vine founder and president Father Levi Nkwocha plans to head up another medical mission in Nigeria while visiting his homeland in December 2021/January 2022. Last year Father Levi and his team of Nigerian professionals serviced over 500 people. Their efforts helped bring medical evaluations and medications to those who otherwise would have no means to these services.

Differing from the first medical mission, the decision was made to purchase medications and pharmaceutical supplies locally to avoid costly and somewhat unreliable ocean transit. This will allow more funds to be available to service a larger number of people, and the supplies to be readily available when the team sets up their clinic.

Please keep Father Levi and his medical team in your prayers.

VINE MISSION

VINE is committed to a 4 step strategic plan of identifying unfortunate victims of destitution in order to:

1. Provide staple food
2. Sponsor basic medical services
3. Support standard education
4. Empower skill acquisition projects with the assistance of trusted volunteers on site

HOW TO DONATE

VINE relies on your generous support to accomplish its goal. A \$25+ donation can feed a family of 5 for a week. Donate today and save a life, through the VINE Initiative Inc. Let us make the mission and vision of VINE work.

It is our goal to provide an online giving option in the near future, but for the time being we ask that you send your check to:

VINE Initiative, Inc.
1533 S. Riverwood Dr.
Wabash, IN 46992

The president and the VINE Initiative board of directors are so thankful for the contributions of our donors. These humanitarian acts could not have happened if it wasn't for their generosity. This is only the beginning of our efforts in Volunteering to Intervene for the Neediest of the Earth.



Father Levi Nkwocha

WHO WE ARE

At the invitation of Father Levi Nkwocha, six couples committed to the board membership of VINE Initiative on August 5th 2019.

Board members include: John Philippsen (treasurer), Linda Campbell (secretary), Steve Kroh (funds coordinator), Barb Smith, Bob Ross, Andris Ross, Melanie Philippsen, Michael Campbell, Lisa Kroh, Todd Shear, and Angel Shear.

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