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VINE Initiative, Inc.

*Volunteering to Intervene for the
Neediest of the Earth*

VINE Newsletter

VINE MEDICAL MISSION 2021

VINE Initiative founder and president, Father Levi Nkwocha, organized another medical mission while visiting his homeland of Nigeria. The latest mission took place at St. Peter Catholic Parish Onyeaghalanwanneya, Owerri, Nigeria on December 28-29, 2021. Both days began with prayer led by the assistant priest, Father Collins, along with Father Levi. Over the two day span, the medical team of 5 medical doctors, 6 nurses, 4 lab scientists, and 4 pharmacists evaluated and treated 574 patients. Patients who were suffering from medical conditions and/or illness were given exams that led to a diagnosis, prognosis, and if needed, drug administration.

Also assisting the team were 2 recorders and a bus driver. All involved in assisting Father Levi with the medical mission received a polo shirt with the VINE logo embroidered on the front to show their representation of the VINE organization.

Over-the-counter medical supplies, prescription drugs, and test kits were purchased locally in Nigeria to cut down on shipping costs. 7 automatic blood pressure monitors along with batteries were purchased in the United States and transported by Father Levi.

The beneficiaries of this medical mission expressed their sincere gratitude to VINE Initiative and in appreciation promised to pray for donors and board members.



*FAITH in
action is
LOVE—
LOVE in
action is
SERVICE*

*—Saint Teresa
of Calcutta*

Left photo: Medical mission '21 team wearing VINE polo shirts.
Lower photo: Service of two patients through the VINE medical mission.



View more medical mission '21 photos on our website -- www.vineinitiative.org



VINE INITIATIVE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

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

VINE Initiative successfully filled the final slots in the scholarship program. 70 students have officially been given funds to cover his/her school tuition and a stipend for books and other educational necessities. VINE's long term plan is to support these students' education from elementary through high school.

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



Please visit our newly updated website at www.vineinitiative.org

Here you will find:

- More information about VINE
- Photos of services VINE has provided
- Easy GIVE button using a personal credit card or Paypal
- VINE apparel and merchandise to order

FIRST VINE CLOTHING DRIVE

VINE board members collected clothing, shoes and bedding as a way to serve the neediest of the earth. On April 28, board members Steve and Lisa Kroh, Barb Smith, and Angel Shear met to box up the donations which filled 18 large boxes. From there the boxes were shrink wrapped and delivered by Steve Kroh to Supreme International, a cargo shipping logistics company near Chicago. The donations will travel by rail to New Jersey, then by ship to Lagos, Nigeria where they will be transported by ground to Owerri, Nigeria. Projected arrival date is July 9 for distribution.



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 educational scholarships

Dec. 2021-2nd medical mission- 574 adults/children served

Mar. 2022-final students selected for scholarship to total 70 students

May 2022-clothing drive-18 large boxes of clothing, shoes and bedding shipped

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.

To donate please go to:
www.vineinitiative.org and click the give button. Or send a check to:

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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

Board members include: Father Levi Nkwocha (president), John Philippsen (treasurer), Steve Kroh (funds coordinator), Barb Smith, Melanie Philippsen, Lisa Kroh, Todd Shear, and Angel Shear.

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