



VINE Initiative, Inc.

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*Volunteering to Intervene for the
Neediest of the Earth*

VINE Newsletter

EMPOWERMENT SKILL ACQUISITION PLAN BEGINS

In the fall of 2022, the VINE Initiative board of directors began developing a 3 year plan that will involve building a skill acquisition center in Ngor Okpala, Imo State, Nigeria. The center will empower individuals to learn a trade, such as: sewing, hair styling, barbering, food catering, electrical maintenance, carpentry, plumbing, and bike repair. The people benefiting from the skill center will be the neediest in the area, which could include uneducated youth, teenage mothers, homeless teenagers, poor widows, and the disabled. In turn the skills learned will provide for them a means of income.

VINE president Father Levi Nkwocha has consulted with a site engineer who provided the VINE board of directors with blueprints, pictures and a cost analysis.

VINE Initiative, Inc. is relying on donor support to help fund its 4th mission. More information on this exciting project will be found in the next newsletter.

Drawing provided by engineer of possible VINE skill acquisition center.



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*-Francis Xavier
Nguyen Van Thuan*

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

Photos below: A portion of the 70 students who received scholarship funds through VINE Initiative.



VINE CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank you to our generous donors! For a second year, VINE Initiative provided 70 students with full tuition scholarships and a stipend for books, school supplies and school uniforms. The students range in grades from early elementary school through high school. These students are selected on school performance and extreme need.

For \$50 a year you could sponsor a child's education through VINE.

If interested, please email vineinitiativewabash@gmail.com for more information.

CLOTHING DRIVE AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Spring 2022, a clothing drive was organized by several VINE board members. 18 boxes of various sized clothing, shoes and bedding were collected and shipped through Supreme International, a cargo shipping company, to Owerri, Nigeria. The boxes arrived safely to Father Eustice, VINE team member in Nigeria. Father Eustice distributed the clothing to 2 orphanages, a school for the deaf, a home for those with down syndrome, and the Eucare Owerri Arch Diocese. Along with the clothing/shoes/bedding, Father Eustice used VINE food distribution funds to purchase necessities for these homes/organizations. Items bought and distributed were rice, garri (a flour), noodles, milk, biscuits, corn flakes, detergent, and diapers.



Left photos: Organizations receiving food distribution from VINE Initiative.

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 to receive educational scholarships

VINE

Fall 2021

Educational scholarship funds given to 70 students

MANY BENEFIT FROM MEDICAL MISSION 2022

Father Justin, VINE team member in Nigeria, organized and executed a successful medical mission on behalf of VINE. The mission took place on December 28-29, 2022 at St. Peter's Onyeaghalanwanneya Parish, Ngor Okpala, Imo State, Nigeria. 457 adults/children were served by the medical team. The team consisted of 5 physicians, 4 pharmacists, 4 laboratory scientists, and 6 nurses. A recorder and security officer also provided services during the 2 days.

Those benefiting received a medical evaluation and consultation. Lab work and prescription dispensing were given as needed. All patients served are people who do not have access to adequate health care due to financial constraints.

“This outreach was a huge success, first and foremost, we thank God for his guidance, protection and blessings all through. We extend our profound gratitude to VINE Initiative, Inc. We pray that God Almighty will keep on blessing and providing for you all.” -- Comments from Fr. Justin



*Top photo: Medical mission team members.
Right photo: A few of the 557 individuals served.*



Thank you!

VINE Initiative, Inc. would like to thank former board members Mike and Linda Campbell, and Bob and Andris Ross for their work and dedication in helping to launch VINE Initiative. Their input, time and service were very much appreciated.

Welcome!

VINE Initiative, Inc. would like to welcome new board members Laurie Hund-Schrieber and Father William Orbih. Father William will replace Linda Campbell as the VINE secretary.

Also joining the VINE team as consultants are James Elewachi and Father James Ssembajja.

TIMELINE

Dec. 2021

2nd medical mission
574 adults/children
served

May 2022

18 boxes of clothing,
shoes, and bedding
shipped. **Distributed
in Nov.**

Fall 2022

Educational
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Students

Nov. 2022

Food distribution
to 5 organizations
that serve the
needy

Dec. 2022

Medical mission
557 people
served

How to Donate

VINE relies on your generous support to accomplish its goals.

Visit the VINE website at:

www.vineinitiative.org and click the give button to donate. Paypal and personal credit cards are accepted. Or send a check to:

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For More Information

Visit www.vineinitiative.org to see more pictures and read more articles about the services VINE has provided.

Or email:

vineinitiativewabash@gmail.com

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), Father William Orbih (secretary), Steve Kroh (funds coordinator), Barb Smith, Melanie Philippsen, Lisa Kroh, Todd Shear, Angel Shear and Laurie Hund-Schrieber.

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