

**Nigerian Christian Institute (Uyo, Nigeria)**  
**Report to Books for Africa**  
**Sponsor: Schrader Lane Church of Christ (SLCOC)**  
**Ladies Association for Christian Education (LACE)**  
*August 2009*



**Photographs taken Nov 2007**  
**Books of Africa shipment to Nigerian Christian Institute**

The Nigerian Christian Institute (NCI) is located in the heart of Uyo the Akwa Ibom State Capital of Nigeria; adjacent to the prestigious Akwa Ibom State multi-purpose hall on Bagangida Avenue. NCI started as a preacher training school in 1982. NCI has expanded to include educational opportunities extending from elementary to college. Currently, 1265 students attend the high school for students between the ages of 10 and 18. The elementary school provides instruction for 280 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. The Tertiary (College) Program offers junior college level studies leading to the awarding of National Diplomas in three fields: Business Studies, Mass Communication and Religious Studies. Brother Okon Mkpog serves as the President of NCI.

### **Significant Events**

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- July 2007 LACE places order with Books for Africa
- August 2007 Books shipped from St. Paul, MN
- October 2007 Shipment arrives in Nigeria
- November 2007 SLCOC Mission team tours NCI library in Uyo, Nigeria
- January 2009 LACE Funds Textbook Coordinator position to assist with book distribution
- June 2009 SLCOC receives Report from Nigerian Christian Institute along with appreciation letters from students

### **Supporting Documentation**

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## REPORT OF THE BOOKS FOR AFRICA DONATED BOOKS TO THE NIGERIAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE (NCI) UYO , AKWAIBOM STATE

My sincere apologies for the lateness of this report, as these books have been in our hands for more than a year now; it has however taken us that long to sort, catalogue, and organize to distribute most the books, not just to our students at the NCI but to other schools around Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

I want to thank you and especially the Schrader Lane Church of Christ for coming up with the project, financing its shipment and onward delivery of the 40ft shipping container with over 26,000 numbers of books.

As directed by Dr. David Jones of Schrader Lane Church of Christ, we have since given out those books that are relevant to our school children who take the books home and use it throughout the school year, when they will be returned and given to other school children.

This had worked tremendously and we have attached to this report hundreds of letters the students sent in as part of an essay competition we inaugurated for recipient students from the NCI.

As stated earlier, this book have also been shared with other nearby schools and their letters of appreciation also attached.

To coordinate the distribution of the books to the students we have hired a staff to document and take charge of the distribution. In addition new steel shelves have been purchased and set up in our library to shelf and display the many reference and Encyclopedia that could not be given out to the student.

Overall, everybody is very pleased with the books.

### **NEW FRONTIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Earlier this year, we were informed by our science teachers that some of the science text books are so much better than the ones in the local university of Uyo, in the bid to help the university students have access to this books, we are looking at the possibility of setting up an (NCI) books for Africa Library at the campus of the university or nearby to enable the students access these great books that are of post Secondary School level. This is a work in progress and we will update you on its success.

We thank you for your assistance and trust that together we can work to increase Africans exposure to knowledge through these books.

I hope you are as thrilled with the letters of appreciation from the students as we were. The wining Essays in our opinion are in the envelop attached.

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely,  
Ekemini Mkpong  
Ag. President, NCI



**Nigerian Christian Institute**  
**Quotes from the Students' Letters of Appreciation**  
**Letters Dated January 5, 2009 through March 20, 2009**

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The books in which you had sent to us had helped me in so many ways for example the Science Explorer which talks about human biology has helped me to acquire knowledge about how different drugs affect the human system.... Any student who has these books with him or her has no excuse to fail any examinations.

*Esther Michael Acuguo*

Madam, we are very happy about the Books for Africa – it has taught me a lot about the world and its contents.

*Blessing A. Nielcanfleren*

I received with joy books sent to us for our learning. They are very important and valuable materials. I appreciate much. Thank you for your good gesture and may God bless you all.

*Ubongdono Abosi Udobong*

I wish to express my feeling by showing thanks and appreciation to the Office of the African Book for providing such books to the students of Nigerian Christian Institute. This will greatly encourage students to be serious with their studies and perform well in school. Also, I promise to use these books wisely.

*Emeding Edot*

I am delighted for the books you gave to us. It helps those who want to become scientists, technologist, engineers, doctors, surveyors, pharmacists, and other experts to enable our country to set up the infrastructure for our industrial development. The country can only produce such experts if the students are committed to their studies at school. The greatest scientists and literary artists of our time developed their talents at school and also reading of books. Each of us can be one of them tomorrow if we work hard at school today.

*Blessing Victor Ukpong*

I wish to express my profound gratitude over the donation of the Books for Africa. This letter is to officially thank the management of the Books for Africa. The books donated has changed my life and my state of ignorance like the discussion about bats.

*Nathaniel Jeremiah Etok*

I wish to appreciate the Church of Christ, that I Eno David Udo, a senior class student sincerely thank you for distributing these books to us. The books you have distributed to us have helped to develop the skill of understanding in some areas like biology, physics and geography.

*Eno David Udo*

I wish to express my profound gratitude to the Church of Christ, United States for the kind gesture they have accorded to the Nigerian Christian Institute, Uyo Akwa Ibom State by providing textbooks for better future in life which I am privileged to be one. I want to express with ecstasy and enthusiasm the ways in which these books have been of benefit to me. It has inculcated in me the sense of research and exploration with book "Explore Our Land."

*Victoria Mondago Akdem*

**Nigerian Christian Institute**  
**Roster of Students that Submitted Letters of Appreciation**  
**Letters Dated January 5, 2009 through March 20, 2009**

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1) Kingsley Sylvester Udoh	51) Abokima Jmoso	101) Faith Eseosa Osatawa
2) Esther Michael Acuguo	52) Niko Iniobongumotl	102) Uuama Sylvester Udofia
3) Blessing A. Nielcanfleren	53) Joy Etimo Umoh	103) Joy Friday Uko
4) Pashur Orlando Adams	54) Ebere S. Oghalagha	104) Peace Billy Okondem
5) Inemesit Bassej Jonah	55) Mercy Obasi Kalu	105) Emmanuel Nesiidoa
6) Naomi Ime Sambo	56) Henry R, Ejidike	106) Kenfon Clement Johnson
7) Peace Billy Okofidem	57) Esther Attah Bassej	107) Esther Fenyo Debo
8) Emediong Ubong Israel	58) Dhneabasi David Etok	108) Oscare Patrick Unore
9) Abasiofon	59) Nathaniel	109) Amanda Jonah Akah
10) Mfonmabasi Unnon	60) Kereb Adams	110) John Effong Williams
11) Essienimo	61) Donald Williams Whykes	111) Inemesit Bassej Jonah
12) Adedohun Samuel	62) Adiannohong Uudok Bernard	112) Edikan Akpabio
13) Ekomini J Akpabio	63) Tianadibo Enang	113) Aniedionyo Ikpe
14) Enwongo Frans Archibony	64) Abraham Simray Kisen	114) Etido J Onon
15) Emediong-Ufibelma	65) Martins Ibewest	115) Idonaesit Akpan
16) Justine Nse Eluk	66) Gooswill Michael Emah	116) Esther Anietie Ekpo
17) Abraham Eyo Nde	67) Nkpoikana Obot	117) Mbouridem Ebong Tirus
18) Ndyreke Pius Tom	68) Tesse Nounofit	118) Ekemini Joseph Akpabio
19) Emom Unwanin Esenna	69) Ubongdono Abosi Udobong	119) Udeleoith Goodhead
20) Utohone Joseph George	70) Inemesit	120) Esther Godionisoa
21) \Blessing Ukpong	71) Anonymous	121) Isaiah John Udha
22) Mfoniso Umoneno	72) Emmanuel Monday Essiet	122) Mary-Esther
23) Esther Obongawa	73) Anonymous	123) Troasuio Okon Umoh
24) Jonah Akah	74) Lvette Chinoso Uzor	124) Eyo Asuquo Ekpo
25) Ekon-Obong Solomon Ha	75) Jerry Ikpongifon Udokong	125) Andikan Okon Bassej
26) Uaoana Chris Nheod	76) Akanineyenifie	126) Idorenyina John Okon
27) Anonymous	77) Edet Edet Odiong	127) Medaro Idorenyin Jacob
28) Alexander Aniefiok Asuuquo	78) Ekeniniabasi Inyou	128) Charity Ini Udoka
29) Joseph Anthony Ukpong	79) Jessica Christan	129) Victory
30) Uyau Abonsis Essien	80) Otobong Emmanuel Elijah	130) Covenant
31) Abasiama Umoh	81) Prisca Francis Ekerikae	131) Charity Ini Udoka
32) Emeding Edot	82) Abel Samuel Paul	132) Eshietudo Edakore
33) Ini-Iso Isaac Uod	83) Ifesonye Peters Oteikeinebia	133) Mfonobong Etukudo Ukpong
34) Emmanuel Emmanuel Camillus	84) Esteher Etinumoh	134) Ruth David Asuauo
35) Victoria Emmanuel	85) Comfort Sunday Brownson	135) Fortune Joseph Akpan
36) Aniekenne Umoh Inyang	86) Able Sunday Nkantoa	136) Anonymous
37) Lovolyn Emonasa Uno	87) Otobong Archibong	137) Abgail Etim
38) Kingsley Festus	88) Anonymous	138) Victoria Sunday Paul
39) Blessing Victor Ukpong	89) Leonard Okpalauao	139) Inidong Ime Jackson
40) Nathaniel Jeremiah Etok	90) Edinan Akpabio	140) Israel Donatus Basej
41) Ekon -Abassi	91) Saviour Peter Akpen	141) Jeremiah Osas Erbunm
42) Bassej Edet Odio	92) Unyime Sunday Indion	142) Anonymous
43) Patience Udenne Sundau	93) Edet Joseph Ofon	143) Utomobong Ebony
44) Anonymous	94) Ito Uofonwa	144) Ndifreke Godwin John
45) Eno David Udo	95) Victoria Emmanuel Sunday	145) Anonymous
46) Idongesi Eshiet	96) Blessing Francise	146) Emmanuel Anthony Sanapsom
47) Edidiong Michael Umoffia	97) Nancy N. Nwaukwa	147) won Godbead Neteos
48) Edifon Bassej Esson	98) Utibe Atta Udofia	148) Aniebiattbasi Baniel Asugo
49) Victoria Mondago Akdem	99) Imoabasi Xavier Etak	149) Nduehe Ebony Ndada
50) Uwokmfon Udon	100) Nbisong Udoudo Isong	150) Esther Okon Etim

**Nigerian Christian Institute**  
**Roster of Students that Submitted Letters of Appreciation**  
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| 151. Uitoro Emmanuel (217) | 173. Keloin Edwards        | 194. Unyime Solomon Oton   |
| 152. Anita Dootan Adaya    | 174. Etinolme Asuqo        | 195. Abraham James Okon    |
| 153. Udukak Ufot Ibanga    | 175. Lholo Mracel Udolo    | 196. Nyeneobong Giffpan    |
| 154. K.D. Jack             | 176. Promise Uduak Udoh    | 197. Ubong David Umoette   |
| 155. Uduak-Obong Nse       | 177. Essienobong S. Essien | 198. Emmanuel S. Inoyang   |
| 156. Grace O. Bassey       | 178. Ekemini Effing Alam   | 199. Andrew F. Udoh        |
| 157. Sifon Bassey          | 179. Aniebiel Edenminkong  | 200. Queen Samuel Inyang   |
| 158. Miracle Ekam Akpon    | 180. Ibofo Mubong Akpan    | 201. Mary Etim Ekpenyong   |
| 159. Aneran Ekpe James     | 181. Ekemini E. Sunday     | 202. Idara Unoh            |
| 160. Unimye Ibanga Ibok    | 182. Morrow I. Simmy       | 203. Salome Daniel Akpan   |
| 161. Silas Ifure Ndueso    | 183. Ubong Effiong Peter   | 204. Esnewo Nath Ekong     |
| 162. Inemesil Lkey John    | 184. Agnes Ndueso Monday   | 205. Nyetiobong B. Effeh   |
| 163. Mfreke Smith          | 185. Horobong C. Udoh      | 206. Daniel Victor Ekanom  |
| 164. Felmade A. Sunday     | 186. Medara I. Jacob       | 207. Uboho Otobasi Ekanami |
| 165. Victor Emmanuel Attih | 187. Uwakmfon Inyang Okon  | 208. Uboho Otobasi Junison |
| 166. Courage B. Ibanga     | 188. Christiana Akpon      | 209. Abasifrek Etwin       |
| 167. Abasiandong Udpkapan  | 189. Ekemini Ibia          | 210. Macaclely Monday Ikah |
| 168. Justice Attih Bassey  | 190. Akanaieye Ukopolo     | 211. Editi Ido Otu         |
| 169. Godfrey Silas         | 191. Siron Etion           | 212. Frances Clime         |
| 170. Edidiong E. Akpan     | 192. Mion Mion Akopon      | 213. Mfrence Ufot          |
| 171. Victoria Liduaklidoh  | 193. Joy Effiong Umemen    |                            |
| 172. Peace Thompson        |                            |                            |



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Essay by Esther Etim Umon JSIC  
An essay of appreciation for the books for  
Africa.

My name is Esther Etim Umon. I'm a student of the Nigerian Christian Institute. I'm in JSIC. First of all I want to thank you for this great opportunity that you have given to me, I have been looking forward to this kind of an opportunity. Secondly I want to thank you for providing me with this books of yours that has so much impacted my academic life positively. Thank you and God bless. And I also want to thank you for the great opportunity you have given to me to express my gratitude to you for sending this books to this school. It has so much impacted my life, but in what sense, the first day I heard that you imported or donated the books for Africa to this school. I was very happy cos No 1 I use the books for research and I also study the books and add the knowledge I gained from the book and the knowledge that my teacher had impacted to write whenever we have a test and exams. 1

I normally do well in it.

And I use them to teach my brothers and sisters even my parents and my elders do use it for research on things they need to know about and their origin of some thing and how it came about.

And it also helps me to know MATHEMATICS. For example the mathematics text book that you write on the books for Africa and I use to think that MATHS is a very hard subject. that no-body wants to learn about or study it, but today it's a different story, if any body comes and asks me today what is your best subject amongst all the fourteen subjects you study in school, I will happily say that MATHEMATICS. Go without mathematics you can't do in life in terms of daily living you need to apply MATHEMATICS so as to not make any mistake for example  $1+1=2$  then if you want to do any thing silly you will say if I do this it will land me in trouble so you will say to retreat from it, so that is mathematics in action; so you need mathematics

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in daily living.

And in physical science I learned about many things for example the planet earth although I have not been opportunised to be there both through the books for africa I know and I can study the <sup>solar system</sup> planet earth, and also know that the rotation of the <sup>solar system</sup> planet earth brings about day and night. And these are the list of the <sup>solar system</sup> planet earth.

- (A) sun, (B) Mercury (C) Venus  
(D) Earth (E) Mars (F) Jupiter (G) Saturn  
(H) Uranus (I) Neptune (J) Pluto.

And I am very grateful for giving us this books for Africa.

A Very Big thank you to you.  
Signed by Esther E. Umoh