

Christ's School Alumni Association of North America

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Dear Global Giving Donor;

LIBRARY FURNITURE FUND

Do you see what I see?

Notice the young Nigerian population is exploding? Notice infrastructural improvement and quantity does not match up with the population. Given the right push, I see them excelling. Do you see what I see?

Do you feel what I feel?

I feel education does not stop with classroom instructions. I feel we can help give more opportunities. I feel a child can change the world on a comfortable seat in the library. I feel they will do better given the proper tools. Do you feel what I feel?

Oftentimes, we desire to help make a difference, but we are too busy, we do not know how or we are not asked. I can show you how and I would like to ask you to help in a way that would not make you busier by simply matching your desire with your giving.

Like any other school in Nigeria, several years of neglect post government acquisition of all schools took a heavy toll on my former high school, Christ's School, Ado-Ekiti. The libraries perished. The Atlanta Chapter of CSAANA contributed cash and kind; asked for help from non-profit organisations and publishers. We have successfully shipped a container load each of books and metal bookshelves. We are now able to comfortably catalogue and shelf forty thousand new and used books. The children would need to be comfortably seated in order to make proper use of the books. Different sets (group of students within a matriculating and graduating class), branches and chapters are working hard at their defined projects. Atlanta Chapter is working on the libraries.

Our needs are enormous, but the resources are meagre. We need chairs and tables sufficient to take care of five hundred patron capacity. There are four thousand students using one library at the Girls' Section and another with two floors at the Boys' Section. I searched the Nigerian market before deciding that the furniture parts sold at IKEA offer more value for less money. They can be bought, shipped to be assembled in Nigeria for less. They can be laser engraved as theft –deterrent.

I ask for your help by donating online, making a gift in cash or kind. You may make checks or money order payable to CSAANA Atlanta Chapter. Please indicate **furniture fund** on the memo. IKEA gift card, bank gift cards, online/store purchase are equally acceptable. Information required for electronic funds transfer would be made available should you choose this method.

I ask you to facilitate this visionary change by making us a priority beneficiary of your 2009 online giving. The amount required is attached and any amount from you will be greatly appreciated. A

written acknowledgement will follow promptly and regular project update will be forwarded. Global Giving stipulates a minimum of \$10, which gets us closer to the goal and increase our number of donors.

There are 34 window sets that need to be changed at the 2-level library at the Boys' Section. They are Louvre blades with rusted frames which can no longer close. At optimal performance these windows admit dust which break down paper fibres, harbour termites at the wooden frames that go into the wall, admit rain which made the books clump together and grow mould, high heat and ultra-violet rays make the books fade and devalue. We do not want this new library to perish again.

It has just been tiled nicely, we need to paint the walls at which point, the library will reasonably be complete and ready for use. All other minor upgrades can be done even when they have started using it.

Global Giving has graciously permitted us to advertise our project on their website. The Fall Challenge is to raise \$4,000 from 50 unique donors within August 18 and September 18, 2009. We actually need \$60,000. Meeting a threshold of \$4,000 can be achieved if you at least give \$100; which in turn secures a permanent project-display access on their website. CSAANA would then qualify to display multiple projects simultaneously accessible to donors all over the world. You may also give before or after; donated funds will be forwarded to us.

Please visit our website at www.christsschoolalumni.org . I can be reached at (478)973-4666 and wurajibade@yahoo.com for further clarification. I appreciate you.

Yours sincerely,

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