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THE COMMUNITIES' STORIES

There are communities that direly long to share their plight and testimonies with individuals and groups that knocks at their doors.

Ajigwara community in Nassarawa State, Loko Dev. Area speaks the native Agatu. They are predominantly farmers. 75% of their population are Muslims with Christians and the pagans making 25%. They co-exist peacefully and harmoniously.

The community is a mission field under COCIN RCC Karu.

The project CCDP supported in this community is a water project.

Receiving the support materials, the traditional leader Chief Adamu Musa



At Horom community in Richa District, Bokokos LGA of Plateau state, the project CCDP supported is culvert located at 2 strategic places.

Commenting on the support material received, Mrs Talatu Jezrel, the women leader said, “ I am 48year; born, grew up and married in Horom. For all the years we’ve struggled to build a primary school and a Dispensary, no support of

said “These people are visitors among us that came from a far, but are people with good news for the hopeless to have hope in times like this”.

At Sabon Gari Kpada in Niger state, the community is a mixture of Christians and Muslims co-existing harmoniously and sharing their burdens.

The community is also a mission field under COCIN RCC Abuja. The project CCDP supported in the community is also a water project as declared the Catechist, “ Water is life”

Receiving the material support, the Community leader recounted their experience through the years and said, “ We first came and settle at Sabon Garin Kpada as monkeys trekking long distance through the thick forest to get water. Today

any kind came to us from any



where. No body cares. But today because of our encounter with

we are people by the special grace of God. With this support, we will soon have a portable source of water supply in our community.”

The women leader in the community could not hide her excitement and said, “ Very soon, our husbands will rest from the toiling of



fetching water”

The Imam, Sabon Gari Kpada receiving the support material quipped “ Over 20years we’ve been struggling with need of water, we never receive any support from anywhere until this day that CCDP came to our aides.” Said the Imam, Sabon Gari Kpada.

CCDP this great support we have received. We give God the glory.”

From the stories of the communities and their responses to accepting the support CCDP gives is an affirmation to the fact that though they are in dire needs; they see the little support as light that shines through their darkest moment of need that tongue cannot recite.

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EDITORIAL: Electioneering and Election.

Electioneering and election is critical in the Democratic process of Nigeria and indeed every country.

Electioneering as define by Longman Dictionary of contemporary English is speeches or activities intended to persuade people to vote a particular person or party.

Election on the other hand is define as an occasion when people vote to choose someone for an official position.

If to be elected is dependable on a good electioneering; then it supposed to be the most

humble moment a person or a party will present itself to canvas for vote and not parade violence either in words or action.

The electorates on the other hand should not be agents of violence for their candidates nor allow their conscience and focus as deduced from the electioneering values presented by persons or parties to be compromised for the crumbs that drops from the pockets of the intended persuaders.

If officials are voted in to office on the basis of their electioneering values , manifestos and agenda, they stand to be held responsible on

account of that.

Kudus to all the concern agencies and persons that organized a round table political debate or talk for all Plateau state Governorship aspirants under all the political parties recently.

That accorded the aspirants the opportunity to display their prowess to persuade and canvas for votes.

The electorates too had all the opportunity to see, listen and hear all the packages the aspirants unfolded during the debate and can now judged for themselves.

Leadership is an opportunity and not a right.

God gives to whom he destined at his time.

“It is easy to get frustrated in the face of a small challenge, but lets not get weary in doing good and praying for one another as we have the opportunity. [Gal 6: 7-10

COCIN DIRECTOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES BOWS OUT.

COCIN Director Health and Social Services, Dr Emmanuel Nanle bows out after 8years of meritorious service to the Church in December 2014.

Speaking at a send off prayer organized for him by the units under the auspices of the Ag DH& SS, Mrs J W Goro; Dr Nanle in his farewell speech said, “ I see my call to service in the Church a divine call and the fact remains that with all its challenges, the Lord granted me grace to go through. The glory, honour and adoration I give to the Lord.”

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VISITS CCDP GUEST HOUSE; LOCATED AT THE HEADQUARTERS COMPOUND ALONG FISH FARM ROAD PANYAM, MANGU LGA, PL STATE, JOS.

He continued that the work exposed him so much because he had travelled to many remote areas and



communities and has seen the people and their dire needs and concerns which he pray over continuously.

“Today the baton has been handed over to another person with all its challenges to continue. My prayer is that the Lord grants her grace for

a break through.

He concluded that it is easy to get frustrated in the face of a small challenge, but lets not get weary in doing good and praying for one another as we have the opportunity. [Gal 6: 7-10]

The Ag DH &SS, Dr Kuden, Dr Dido, Ag Dir of Nursing Vwom and the Ag Human Resource Manager CCDP in their good will messages all shared in Nanle’s humble leadership style and prayed him a happy and fruitful retirement.



NMA AND MANGU LGC ORGANIZE FREE MEDICAL SERVICE AT CCHC

Nigeria Medical Association [NMA] Plateau state Chapter in collaboration with Mangu Local Government Council organized a 3 day free medical service expected to treat 1500 sick people with various ailments at the COCIN Comprehensive Health Centre [CCHC] Panyam recently.

Dr Dajel who was the coordinating Committee Chairman stated this during the opening ceremony.

He added that the services includes both preventive and curative services on various ailments, surgeries and dental care.

Speaking to newsmen during the flag off ceremony, the District Head of Panyam Da Engineer Aminu Derwam said he was excited for the chose of his domain for the services.



He expressed optimism that there are a lot of people that are sick and has been at home because they cannot afford to get money to go for treatment because of the level of poverty among communities and will be gracious to take advantage of this rear privilege.

He thanked NMA and the Local Government Authority for the kind gesture and prayed for the success of the occasion.

COCIN DH& SS, Dr Emmanuel Nanle applauded NMA and Mangu LGC for organizing the service. He added that such services to humanity could be organized from time to time to meet the yearning of the people at the grass root.



The Chairman Mangu LGC, Hon. Barr. Caleb M Mutfwang said the

council will continue to do its best to serve the people in the various areas of needs.

He added that the council is thinking and planning to identifying some primary health centers within the LGA and equip same to provide specific specialize services to carter



for the different health needs of the communities.

Mutfwang then urged the people to be orderly and to cooperate with the doctors for a smooth and hitch free medical services.

The premises of the health center was already full to capacity during the flag off. That was a signal that the likely attendance for the next days will better be seen than imagine as the good news spreads.

A BITTER EXPERIENCE

Some times God allow people to go through bitter experience in life to prepare them for a sweeter future relationship with him as shared by Hon Joshua Chakala and his family; a staff of COCIN Rural Health Programme Molai in Borno State.

"I was transferred from COCIN clinic Boi in Bauchi state Maiduguri : Madagali clinic particularly where I worked 2 months and was transferred again to Pulka Clinic. The day I reported, Boko Haram attacked the town at

about 8:00pm but glory to God the Christian youths drove them out. I spent 4 months there but was sleeping in the bush."

Chakala said after the 4 months, he was transferred back to Madagali but stayed in Limankara town because there was no accommodation.

"At Limankara, for 5 months we've been sleeping on top of Takaskala mountain because Boko Haram kept threatening the town. When finally

they attacked Limankara, burnt down Churches, houses and shops; all the Christians fled. Some to Mubi others to Munchika."

Hon Joshua was then transferred to Mubi to open a new clinic.

"When I was in Mubi, I thought all was over. For the few days, we were like getting settled. To our surprise, the night I called the attention of my wife and children and told them I'll retire in Mubi, that night Boko Haram trucked

Mubi.

We begun the running again to the mountains of Cameroon and we were there for days without food nor water to drink.

We were not allowed to cross into Cameroon either. But to God be the glory; though we lost all we have, today we are still alive to testify his goodness and mercy.

PICTORIAL GALLERY



New COCIN Clinic A/West Structure Commissioned 9/12/14



CCMP Evaluation team at work during the NOV/Dec 2014 Evaluation



Cross section of people during the CCDP Week free medical outreach at B/Kogi and Chanso community respectively. [L-R]

