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Editor's Welcome

Dear Readers,

As the year 2014 draws to a close, our second issue of Bedrock News has many updates on the interesting activities going on at Bedrock Human Development Foundation. The philanthropic support received from you helps change lives and build communities.

Undoubtedly Bedrock Foundation values each of its donors and is greatly indebted to them all; your contributions are helping the us accomplish milestones at our on-going projects.

As part of our youth mentoring initiative, we organized and facilitated the "Young Leader Programme 2014" with participants visiting selected Universities in Nigeria and Ghana.

We celebrated the Universal Children's Day with the children of the Home of God's Grace Orphanage, Agbowa-Ikosi who were delighted by our presence.

The year ended on a high note with our participation in the annual NNGO conference.

Once again we thank you for supporting us and believing in us. We wish you the best in 2015. May the New Year see all our dreams come to reality and all our efforts into great achievements

Dawan Ejomah

Editor

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"



Grateful scholar

A junior secondary school student is presented with a pair of school uniform

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Bedrock Scholars

Beneficiaries of the Bedrock Scholarship project in Cornerstone Orphanage pose with their awards

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2014 NNGO Conference

The 2014 NNGO conference may have come and gone but the lessons from the 14th Annual Conference which held on the 3rd of December 2014 in Lagos will continue to resonate with us.

232 participants from the six geo-political zones of the country, made up of policy makers, representatives of civil societies and corporate organizations gathered together to discuss the theme “CSO Legitimacy, Transparency and Accountability: The role of government and civil society”

As anticipated, the conference featured keynote address by Dr. Abubakar O. Sulaiman, the honorable Minister of National Planning, conversations with thought leaders, panel discussions and roundtables

The roundtable discussion saw participants exchange ideas and share experiences on best practices for regulating and standardizing the work of Not-for-Profit organizations in Nigeria.

Bedrock Human Development Foundation was ably represented at the conference by its Chairman, Engr. Osa Owieadolor and the programme co-ordinator, Miss. Dawan Ejomah



BREAK-OUT SESSION

Our Chairman, Engr. Osa Owieadolor expresses himself while other participants look on.



The Problem

Notwithstanding the commitment in the Universal Basic Education Act to free and compulsory basic education for all children in Nigeria, UNESCO estimates that over 10.5 million children in Nigeria do not have access to education.

The World Bank in its May 2013 Nigeria Economic Report notes that poverty rates remain high in Nigeria (112 million Nigerians representing 67% of the

Our Solution

Bedrock Human Development Foundation aims to provide scholarships to underprivileged and deserving secondary school and university students. The Foundation also recognizes that many disadvantaged youth in rural communities who missed the opportunity to acquire an education also lack skills that would enable them gain meaningful employment. To this end, we aim to provide access to skills acquisition programme for disadvantaged youth under our **Rural Aid Initiative**

How can I help?

You can support the work of Bedrock Foundation by making a donation to the Foundation's account: **Zenith Bank 1013668445**

2014 in Pictures



*On the other side of fear
lies freedom*



*There are seven days in
the week and someday
isn't one of them*





*Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I
remember. Involve
me and I learn.*

Akwaaba! Bedrock goes to Ghana

Bedrock Human Development Foundation collaborated with the Young Leaders Programme in a mentorship trip to Ghana. The trip was aimed at fostering ethical leadership in young minds. The idea behind the YLP 2014 is to start training young leaders as early as possible, using a “catch them young” approach. Bedrock Foundation facilitated sessions on leadership and leadership skills



Technology Boot camp at Ashesi University, Berekuso Ghana

FAST FACTS

87%

Percentage of youths who live in developing countries

620 million

Number of youths worldwide who are neither employed, in school or in training



Mentees pose with some of the facilitators after a session



Mentees enjoying an excursion to Kakum National Park, Ghana



Our programme Co-ordinator, Miss Dawan Ejomah facilitates a session on Leadership

Our projects

- Ogbadibo Project
- Cornerstone of Hope Project
- Home of God's Grace Project
- Good Samaritan Project
- RCCG Project
- Bedrock Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

Universal Children's Day

Thursday, November 20th 2014, will forever be remembered by the children of the Home of God's Grace Montessori Nursery and Primary school as a day of learning, fun and laughter. The day began and ended with a prayer led by one of the children each time. The drama sketch presented by the children titled "The Value of Education" was indeed thought provoking; a student who refused to benefit from the gains of education and unwittingly assisted by his ignorant mother ended up a nuisance on the streets, begging his former classmates who were now well to do, for money.



This program personified the primary goal of Bedrock Foundation, which is, to provide equal educational opportunities and psycho-educational support to children and youths in the rural areas.



Going by the Needs Assessment that was carried out prior to this program, it was discovered that the school is owned by the orphanage and was originally set up to cater to the educational needs of its wards. However, the current



situation is that the school has opened its doors to children of the host community who are desirous of education but whose parents are unable to provide the minimum requirements to enable them attend school. Some of these children had been attending school without uniforms and in some cases the prescribed educational texts.

Bedrock Foundation stepped in by providing Textbooks, notebooks, storybooks, and writing materials and distributed them to the children of the Home of God's Grace Montessori Nursery and Primary School to enable them participate fully in the learning process.

The Program Co-ordinator gave a brief talk to the students on how to succeed at school and in life generally. The children were reminded that there is no short cut to success and that hard work pays.

To the glory of God, the programme was a huge success as seen from the pictures accompanying this report.



At the end of the day, it's not about what you've accomplished... It's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back

LBS Sustainability Workshop for NGOs


The Lagos Business School organized a Sustainability Workshop for NGOs from 8th to 9th of July, 2014. The aim of the workshop was to provide capacity building training for NGOs who want to partner with businesses on their Sustainability programmes. Course facilitators included among others, Dr. Chris Ogbechie, who is the Director of the First Bank Sustainability Centre, and the Head of Strategy and Entrepreneurship, at Lagos Business School; Dr. Kenneth Amaeshi who is the Director of the Sustainable Business Initiative and a Senior Lecturer in Strategy & International Business at the University of Edinburgh and Dr. Delia Nzekwu who holds a Ph.D in Political studies majoring in CSR.

It was a very informative, educative and rewarding workshop for members of our staff who had the opportunity of participating as they came back bubbling with ways to implement all the new things they had learnt at the workshop.




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