



Child Life Line

**Newsletter
Q2 2017**

8 Lateef Onigemo Street, Ifako, Gbagada, Lagos

Statistics for the 2nd Quarter, 2017

Total no of children that visited Gbagada Centre in Q2: 207

No of first time visitors: 79

Total no of visits: 1,028; Average no of visits per month: 343

No of children referred to other NGOs or to CLL Ibeshe: 10

No of children reunited with family: 17

No of children that received first aid or other health support: 40

Dropping by to say hello: We welcomed back on separate visits, three CLL “alumni” who we were able to successfully reunite with family members at the end of last year/beginning of this year. Ahmed, who is now living with his grandfather and apprenticed to learn tailoring, visited Gbagada. His grandfather is taking good care of him, and he is also in regular touch now with his mother. Joseph and Sola, who were re-united with their respective families after a few years staying at the Ibeshe centre, both visited Ibeshe to say hello. Both are continuing with their studies from home, and are doing well.

The children had several outings in the second quarter, thanks to generous benefactors:

Outing to IMAX Cinema: 19 children and 2 members of staff enjoyed an outing to the cinema to watch an animated film, "Boss Baby"! Popcorn and drinks were provided, ensuring this was a memorable outing for the children!

LASGIDI: 18 children and 2 members of staff attended the LASGIDI FEST celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lagos State (see photos right of some of the boys with a member of CLL staff)





NEWS CHILDREN ... Gbagada

Food preparation - The children enjoyed a day at Gbagada learning how to make chin-chin, puff puff and egg rolls, courtesy of Mr. Momoh, friend of CLL. They had a great time sampling their products afterwards!

Craft work - The children also learnt how to pad and cover notebooks and other items with ankra or tie and dye fabrics to make them more attractive and add value.

Below: a craft class, observed by the CLL Project Manager and Accountant.



Easter Camp: 6 children from Gbagada were sponsored to attend the Easter Camp organised by the Deeper Life Church. Transport, food and accommodation were all provided by the sponsor, Mr. Momoh, as well as new clothes for the children attending. On their return, they testified to the kindness and goodwill with which they were received.

Life Skills: CLL benefactor, Mrs Alade-Adeyefa, gave classes in life skills for children at Gbagada, where she shared with them moral values and lessons based on true stories and experiences, and counselled them for behavioural change or modification. The sessions are interactive and the children are encouraged to share their own life stories and experiences. These sessions have had a real impact on the behaviour of the children attending them.

UNICEF Child-to-Child Network Event: UNICEF organised a child-to-child network event to engage adolescents on the impact of technology on their lives, for the 2017 state of the world children's report. 5 of the girls that visit our Gbagada centre were taken to attend the event. They benefitted a lot and participated actively.



NEWS CHILDREN ... Ibeshe

Liquid soap making: The boys at Ibeshe enjoyed learning how to make liquid soap over a weekend:



Cultivating sweet potatoes: the boys planted sweet potatoes between the vocational training sheds, and are looking forward to a healthy crop!



Book Club Launch - Our thanks to long-time CLL supporter, Mrs. Olufunke Alade-Adeyefa, who organised and kicked off a weekly book club for the boys at Ibeshe with a donation of books. The boys meet every Friday afternoon to review their reading progress.

Plans for library re-vamp – Thanks, also, to book donations from one of our trustees, and to a donation from Smaller World which enabled us to take advantage of discounts offered by publishers at the Lagos Book Festival and purchase a lot of new books, we plan to re-vamp the library, discarding some of the old, worn-out books and up-grading the reading matter available to the children.



NEWS DONORS ...

THANK YOU to the HASH Harriers running club for their donation of N300,000 to CLL on the occasion of their pan-African running meet in Lagos at the end of May.

Right: cheque presentation to CLL Executive Committee Members and staff.



HEARTFELT THANKS to Robin Johnston for donating all proceeds from the book he produced about the beautiful work done by his late wife, Elise Johnston to CLL. She was a truly gifted artist! Copies are available for purchase at Quintessence, Parkview Estate.



THANK YOU to Smaller World, whose donation also enabled us to repair the table tennis tables at Ibeshe (shown here) and Gbagada, and put them back in use for the children's recreation



WE ARE GRATEFUL to the UPS Foundation. They have donated \$20,000 to upgrade and equip the vocational training centre at Ibeshe. We are raising funds to build a new training block, which will be equipped using the UPS donation.

... & STAFF

Lagos State Workshop: CLL's Child & Family Development Coordinator and Program Manager attended separate consultative workshops organised by Lagos State in collaboration with UNICEF. The objectives were to develop a model complaints policy for children in conflict with the law and to strengthen the Child Protection system in Lagos State.



NEWS DONORS THIS QUARTER

Child Life Line would like to thank those individuals and firms who have given GENEROUSLY, in the form of money, basic necessities such as food and healthcare, or services. WE EXTEND OUR THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS LISTED BELOW

Cash :

Smaller World

Mrs Alade Adeyefa

Akinniyi Oluwadamilola

Mrs Omolola Emeruwa Taiwo

Dr Jytte Oladapo

Lagos Hash House Harriers

Pastor Akin John

The Abolade family

Mr Robin Johnston ("RJ")

Gilbert Grant (through "RJ")

Mrs Oyelola (through "RJ")

IAA Associates (through "RJ")

Mrs Sally Udoma (through "RJ")

Nike Art Gallery (through "RJ")

U.P.S. Foundation

In kind (goods and services) :

Mrs Alice da Silva

Inner City Mission

Mrs Ifeoma Esiri

Mr & Mrs Salau

Ibidunni Bolaji

Mrs Shola Taiwo

Amaka





HOW YOU CAN HELP

WE STILL NEED

- **Sponsors for school fees/vocational training for individual children**
- **Art materials (especially plain fabric or T shirts for tie-and-dye and batik work)**
- **Printer/scanner**
- **Foodstuffs**
- **Toiletries**
- **Books (educational or novels)**
- **Help with road repairs to the track leading to the Ibeshe Home**
- **Diesel for the generators at Gbagada and Ibeshe**
- **Volunteers to conduct activities with the children (art, craftwork, music, other learning activities)**
- **Money!!!**

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