Hope Connecting Hearts Nigeria, inc

Giving **HOPE** | Touching **LIVES** | Changing the **FUTURE**

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Our mission

Give hope and break the circle of poverty, by making education affordable and accessible to rural children in the remote regions of Nigeria.

What We Do

We build schools, educate young people, and promote community health and well-being through the bond of charity and solidarity.

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A Message From Fr. Kizito

God is good!

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on another year of impact, we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support of Hope Connecting Hearts Nigeria (HCHN). I am profoundly grateful to you for either attending the 2025 Fall Fundraiser, or sending your donation. Because of you, children and families in rural Nigeria have access to classrooms, clean water, and hope for a brighter future. This newsletter captures some of our successes in 2025.

This year, we set an ambitious goal to raise **$225,000** to expand our programs and strengthen our **School Campus Model**. Thanks to generous donors, we've already raised **$135,000 toward that goal**, plus **$56,000 toward our matching challenge**—just **$24,000 left** to unlock the full $80,000 match! Every gift now goes **twice as far**.

Your support transforms lives. Every classroom, every drop of clean water, and every opportunity for a child to learn is a testament to the power of your generosity and compassion.

Looking ahead, our vision for sustainable education includes:

1. **School Campus Model (SCM):** Ensuring each school has the facilities, staffing, and support it needs, with long-term maintenance transitioning to local communities.
2. **Hope Technical Institute (HTI) Online:** Providing rural youth with technical and vocational training, in partnership with local businesses.
3. **Permanent HTI Campus:** A future campus in Minna offering in-person and online education, student housing, and real-world job experience.

To move these initiatives and vision forward, we have added two dynamic individuals to HCHN team. Michael Wehling is currently serving in the position of Director of Development; and Fr. Dauda Musa Bahago is serving as the Director of Operations for the Mission Animation Team in Nigeria. Please, take the time to read the profiles of these outstanding individuals in this newsletter. They come with a variety of unique skills and talents to help bring into reality our shared vision and hope for the education and wellbeing of the rural children in Nigeria.

Together, we are building a brighter, sustainable future for children across rural Nigeria. As the year ends, your support can help us reach the finish line and make **double the impact**. May God bless you and your family with good health of mind and body as we enter the holiday season. Merry Christmas to you and a blessed New Year ahead.

🌍 Donate Now:
https://givebutter.com/2025HCHN

With gratitude and hope,

Fr. Kizito Okhuoya
CEO/Founder
Hope Connecting Hearts Nigeria

NEW TO HOPE CONNECTING HEARTS NIGERIA

Fr. Bahago Dauda Musa

Director of Missions and Operations in Nigeria

Fr. Bahago is a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Minna, Nigeria, ordained to the priesthood on June 26, 2021. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy and Sacred Theology, having graduated Summa cum laude from the Urbanian University in Rome. He continues to be involved in education, running a Master's Program in Christian Religious Studies with the National Open University of Nigeria. He has been the Coordinator of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Minna Diocese since 2023. As a passionate defender of human rights, he has coordinated interventions and outreaches for over 10,000 vulnerable persons. Having Fr. Bahago on ground in Nigeria coordinating the efforts and work of HCHN and keeping in constant communication with Fr. Kizito and the HCHN Board will be invaluable. We are so blessed to have him.

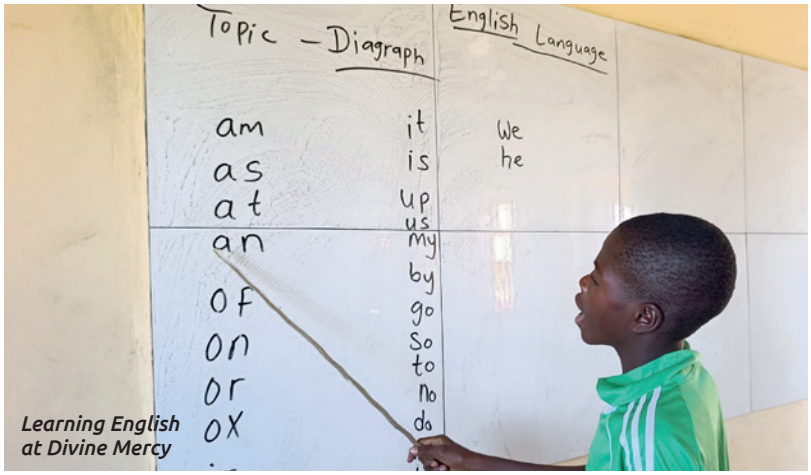
Michael Wehling

HCHN Development Director

Michael Wehling is our new Development Director, working closely with the Executive Director and Board of Directors to advance the organization's mission and vision. He has expanded and modernized the CRM database to enhance fundraising and donor engagement efforts. Michael leads all grant writing and development initiatives, including sponsorships, events, and communications. Married with three sons, he enjoys hiking, mountain biking, and riding motorcycles in his free time. We are so blessed to have Michael on board with us.

OUR BELOVED STUDENTS IN A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Ready for School



Learning English at Divine Mercy

Enjoying the Game

Singing with Joy at St. Joseph School

Staff Student Soccer Game at Divine MercySchool

St. Joseph School Science Lab

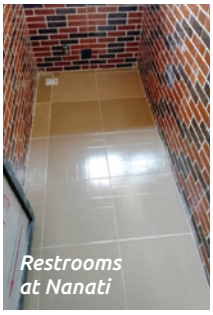
Lets Dance!

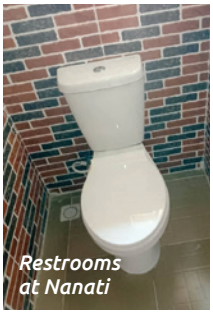
Science Lab at Divine Mercy School

HCHN PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2025

Solar powered well

Classrooms at Nanati


Restrooms at Nanati


Restrooms at Nanati

Classrooms at Cross Rivers

Divine Mercy Staff Quarters

Teachers' Quarters at Divine Mercy

Teachers' Quarters

Restrooms at Okpoma

Restrooms in the Staff Quarters

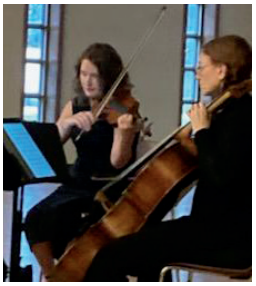
SEPTEMBER FALL EVENT

We were blessed again this year with another great matching gift of $80,000. We are left with some of our match and hope to reach our goal by the end of the year.

We were grateful to be able to host our donors in the beautiful St. John Vianney Parish Hall. The Mahr Quartet created such a nice atmosphere to this important annual fundraiser.

Thank you to all who came and to all who supported us through our website and through the mail.

May God bless all of you!



PROFIT FROM FARMING

Our small plot of farm land near St. Joseph School continues to make some profit for HCHN. Pictured is a field of White Beans.

MESSAGE FROM BILL AGNEW, HCHN BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I sincerely thank our faithful donors for supporting us as we embrace God's Call to provide hope and empower the poor in remote, rural Nigeria. Education is a true path to improve poverty and the quality of life. Through Fr. Kizito's leadership, we have developed a program to help other villages who apply, detailing some specific needs for their schools. We have completed classrooms, bathrooms and wells at Okpoma and Nanati. Classroom construction in Tunga and Amalle is in progress. Your donations are spreading hope to many children in villages beyond Garam and Erena. I can only imagine that someday, through God's grace, we will meet each child whose life was improved by so many who shared their wealth with HCHN. Thank you for keeping our dream alive. Please keep the people of Nigeria in your prayers. God bless!

LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Pray for Peace in Nigeria!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Only $50 to sponsor a child for a year.

Contact Phyllis at 402-880-6550 or pabishoff@icloud.com

GENERAL FUND GIFT

Join the CIRCLE OF HOPE

Pledge to give a monthly gift of $25 or more. Please scan the following QR Code for more information and to join.

TEACHERS' SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A gift in any amount

will help our teachers in advancing their education.

Please remember us in your estate planning.

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or go to our website and click on the DONATE button

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