

# RISHAMA INT'L MINISTRY FOR AFRICAN CHILDREN

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Ground-Breaking Ceremony

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Jigwada, Keffi,  
Nasarawa State, Nigeria

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

IT WAS NOT AN ORPHANS CONFERENCE, YET MANY ORPHANS WERE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY. WHAT A BLESSING TO SIT WITH ORPHANS AROUND YOU, TO GOD BE THE GLORY

***Motto: "So that we may be able to comfort those in any affliction"***

***Steven, Don Jones, ECWA Trustee and his wife with the Board of Trustees***

There has been an increasing population of orphans and other vulnerable children in Nigeria in the past few years. This is a great challenge today in Nigeria and some other parts of Africa. Boko Haram has greatly contributed to this

More than three hundred orphans were in attendance at the inauguration service of Rishama International Christian Home held on December 21 2014 in Keffi Nigeria. Some of the orphans present are victims of the Boko Haram's violence. It was so shocking to see many hands when I asked, "how many of you do not have mummy and daddy?" It also baffled me that majority of these orphans are girls! Some of them are victims of sexual exploitations. Many others face the same risk.

This prompted us to buy a piece of land in Nigeria to build a school mainly for orphans and vulnerable children to provide: education, hope, Biblical care, Christ centered gospel presentation, development for the ever-growing number of orphans in Nigeria to be better citizens.

We had a successful ground breaking ceremony on December 19, 2015. Our board chairman, Mr. Steven Modrick and the board secretary, Mr. Donald Jones, both from Philadelphia were in attendance. ECWA Trustee was in attendance.

***Justice Yusuf Yakubu (Rtd).***



This ministry came into existence out of the prophecy of Justice Yusuf Yakubu (Rtd), one time chief Justice Nasarawa state Judiciary who came to my church for the first time in 2007 and invited me to my office and said to me, " Pastor you do not know me but the Lord said I should tell you that your ministry is beyond where you are staying, your ministry is going to be internationally." I believe this ministry is part of the fulfillment of this prophecy, praise God



We were so blessed to have: sitting from the left, Steven, Rev. (Dr.) D.B. Waya and his wife, and Donald Jones attend this ceremony. Standing from the left are: Mrs. Fibi Habu, Treasurer, Mr. Hosea Mamma, Secretary board of Trustees, Rev. Garba Kunama (Rtd), Trustee, Mr. Joel Olugbo, Trustee, Mrs. Cecelia Atama Member, Rev. Maitausayi Danbaki, chairman board of Trustees, and Rev. Thomas Maijamaa, Founder and Director.

## **Wonderful story.**

The ceremony was attended by different personalities including traditional rulers among who was a Muslim, who expressed his joy and support over what he believes God is doing. It is wonderful that the Muslims are really calling for peace and reconciliation in Nigeria. Praise God!





We were so blessed at the ceremony to have Hon. Evang. D. C. Hosea, a member of the National House of Representatives not only as the guest speaker at the ceremony but he also represented Hon. Yakubu Dogara, the Speaker National House of Representatives Federal Republic of Nigeria who could not come but sent his donation through Hon. Hosea and promised ongoing support. In his sermon, he emphasized the importance of giving as service to God and that God loves and blesses cheerful givers. He then urged the Nigerian people to generously support this project, believing that this is God's project and that everyone will reap what he or she sows.



Rev. (Dr) D. B. Waya, one of the oldest ECWA trustees was in attendance at the ceremony. Before he laid the cornerstone he said the below statement: "I know the hand of God is clearly upon this ministry, there is no doubt about this."



**THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDED SECURITY AT CEREMONY GROUND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF STEVEN AND DON JONES.**

***ECWA Trustee laying the corner stone.***



December 19, 2015 marked the history of God's approval of our goal to build a Christian Academy to breed excellence, discover talents and support children who hitherto might not be discovered as one of the respectful. ECWA Trustee, Rev. (Dr) D. B. Waya laid the cornerstone and prayed for God's blessings and miraculous provision for the completion of this great project. Our God is Big and He will do it.

We believe that our facilities will identify and support resources for exploited children including immediate shelter for victims. We desire to reach out to our community and encourage people to prevent vulnerable children from neglect, abuse and exploitation. By so doing children will learn personal safety through children's clubs, during sporting events and at summer camps.



Some of the God fearing women in Abuja, the capital city of Nigeria, who promised to pray and support this project to its completion. Please pray for them to be used by God.



Standing left with Thomas Maijamaa is Evang. Josephine Joy Akor who promised her continued support believing that God has moved her heart to do that. Standing to the right is Mrs. Elizabeth Osomo, an educator. She has supported 2 schools to start in Nigeria. When God moved her heart to support this project, she shared her conviction with her husband and it surprised her that her husband answered yes immediately without any hesitation as in other cases she shared in the past. This is the Lord's doing, we give praise to God.

**Funding** – Funds for this Ministry are raised through the generosity of men and women who believe that God has called them to bring their hearts and resources together to provide hope for thousands of orphans and vulnerable children where ever they may be found. We would love to dialogue with you or your church about ways to be involved. Here are some suggestions:

**Prayer** – Recognizing that all we do is in the name and power of Jesus, we depend on the Lord for daily provision for the ministry. We ask for the prayers of God's people for the staff, volunteers, children, foster parents and all those receiving care through the ministry.

**Volunteers** – This ministry could not continue without the assistance of many who volunteer their time and skills. We appreciate our volunteers and challenge others to get involved in this exciting ministry.

**Supporting Partners**—A church or an individual can be part of this ministry by becoming a supporting partner. This could be for a short-term or a long-term relationship. We invite you to consider being one of our supporting partners.

**One Time Gift**—We appreciate those who stepped in and gave their One Time financial assistance. We challenge you to consider giving a One Time gift.



Some of our orphans staying in Abuja at the Hope For Survival Orphanage Gishiri.

Visit with the SIM Director at the ECWA Headquarters Jos.



While in Nigeria, Steven Modrick, Donald Jones and I had the privilege to meet with the SIM Director at the ECWA Headquarters Jos Nigeria. The SIM Director was happy with our visit and vision, and promised that they will be part of what God wants to do through Rishama International ministry for African Children.

### Praise

1. Praise God for a wonderful and successful Ground breaking ceremony held on December 19, 2015.
2. Praise God for the miraculous provision of \$40,000 we needed to purchase the land.
3. When Steve and Don where in Nigeria, we travelled 6 hours to Jos and 8 hour to Zaria in bad and narrow roads full of potholes but God granted us safety, we return thanks to him.

### Prayer Needs

1. Pray for the Board of Directors, Chairman, founder and Trustees to work together in Love, unity and in the fear of God.
2. Pray that our application for support from the General T.Y. Foundation in Nigeria gets approved, and for more donors.
3. Pray for our General Convention for orphans this year.
4. Pray for the provision of vehicle for this ministry in Nigeria.

## Meeting with Professor Barki Adams



General Theophilus Danjuma is a former Nigerian defense minister. He is a distinguished and highly successful businessman, the founder and Chairman of South Atlantic Petroleum Limited. In his early life, he had a brilliant career in the Nigerian Army and retired as Chief of Army Staff in 1979. The TY Danjuma Foundation is committed to enhancing the quality of life of Nigerians by supporting initiatives that improve access to health and educational opportunities.

Professor Barki Adams, was born to an early Christian missionary-family in the then Northern Nigeria. Educator and pioneer VC of 3 universities: Univ of Lesotho Southern Africa, Univ of Benin and Nasarawa State Univ Keffi, has a close relationship with Gen. T. Y. Danjuma. Our meeting with Barki was to reach out to Gen. T.Y. Danjuma through him. The meeting went well. He wrote a letter of recommendation, recommending Rishama ministry as worthy of Gen. T.Y. Danjuma's support. He also gave us assurance of Gen. T.Y. Danjuma's support. Our letter of appeal is right now in the office of Gen. T.Y. Danjuma. Pray with us that God will use him to support this project. I assure you that it will be a great breakthrough if Gen. T.Y. approves our ministry for support. Our prayers can make this happen.

PRAISE GOD FOR THE PROVISION OF \$40,000 WE NEEDED TO PURCHASE A PIECE OF LAND FOR OUR SCHOOL, THIS IS A MIRACLE AND A SIGN OF GOD'S APPROVAL.

THE LORD COULD USE YOU!

We are also so blessed to have the Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbepwi, a federal house of representative member, representing Keffi, Karu and Kokona Federal constituency in attendance at the ceremony. We were thrilled Hon. Gaza and Hon. Hosea picked Steven and Don from the airport. Gaza gave his car to be used throughout the days that Steven and Don were in Nigeria. Out of his generosity he is distributing Christmas items to his people.

Speaking at the ceremony, he promised his ongoing support. Speaking about the privilege to give, he said "I am taking this project as my personal project. I will support this project as well as making trips to see the progress of the work until its completion." This is a wonderful commitment; please keep such people in your prayers. The Lord God is the rewarded of those who fear him and do according to his will.



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Donald Jones quotes Proverbs 3:5-6 in Housa

What can you do to support Rishama International Ministry for African Children?  
**Pray, Pray, Pray**  
and give if God moves you to. Thank you for praying and supporting

The Board Chairman, Rishama International Mr. Steven Modricker speaking at the ground breaking ceremony, said he believes the hand of God is upon this ministry, that God will bring to completion what he has already begun.

Philippians 1:6

**Thank you Lord for giving us this land for the glory of your name By your grace and divine provision this land has become ours; we praise your holy name.  
Please Lord, provide the funds we need to develop this land In Jesus name-Amen.**

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