

Rishama International

Rishama Ministry is making positive impact in life of many orphans and the fatherless

Ziporah John

My name is Ziporah John. I have three female siblings. Our dad was a Bible college classmate with Rev. Thomas Maijamaa and was an ECWA pastor. He died on March 4, 2011 at the age of 42 with kidney failure when I was about to write my Junior School Certificate Examination (JSCE). My dad is from Bajju, a minority tribe in northern Nigeria. My dad's family is from a culture that does not value female children, so they abandoned me and my siblings. They refused to sponsor us in school. High schools in Nigeria are not free. They said female children are useless and cannot keep the house. Our mum went into serious challenges as a poor widow to raise us.

My mum was hoping to be helped by her brothers but her senior brother also died a year after the death of my dad, in 2012, leaving behind his wife and four children. Her junior brother died in 2013 leaving behind his wife and three children. Last year November 2017 my mum lost another younger brother who was preparing for his wedding in December 2017. But praise God, when my mum heard about Rishama Ministry and that Thomas Maijamaa is the founder she was very excited. She quickly contacted Rev. Thomas, a man with a big, loving, caring heart, also a father to the orphans (needy), a God-fearing man, to stand by me and my siblings. Praise God my little sister and I have completed high school. I love reading, singing, and athletics. My favorite sport is long distance running. I won a certificate in this. I am now learning tailoring, but my priority is to go to university. I want to study biochemistry at Bingham University in Nigeria so that I can be useful to my community and prove to our culture that female children are so important and are useful. My mum does not have money to sponsor me. Please pray for me.



A Ministry for African Children

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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 comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves have been comforted by God (2 Cor. 1:3-4).

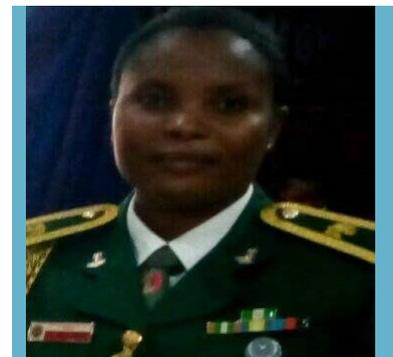
Formerly Gloria Yakubu, now Maj. GY. Mohammed

Maj. Gloria's story

Gloria is another fatherless woman that has 3 female siblings. The support I gave Gloria was the counsel "go back to school, you could be somebody tomorrow." Gloria followed this counsel and went to school. Now she is a Major in the Nigeria Army. Praise God! This was her response when I requested her permission to

share her story: "Sir, you don't need my permission to do that. It will be an honor to be able to inspire people through my story. In fact you need to know that everything my dad had was taken away from us just because we are females. One pastor advised me to marry in my teens because the burden was too much on our mum. But your counsel for me to go to school greatly brightened

my future and today I am a Major in the Nigeria Army, praise God. Your concern, prayers and support for orphans will inspire and motivate them to realize that God is all orphans need to reach their true identity and potentials. It doesn't matter what people think, all it takes is to put your trust in Him, and everything will fall into place."
Maj. GY Mohammed.



God's Faithfulness in providing for our building project

Nehemiah's heart in the book of Nehemiah is a reflection of the heart of every true child of God who is his brother's keeper. Nehemiah was not just concerned about his people but he was willing to be used by God to help the situation. It was a difficult task but he succeeded because the hand of God was upon him and he had the support of the king. When the people

knew this they said "Let us rise up and build." (Neh. 2:18).

You can see that people supported Nehemiah because they saw the amazing hand of God in his ministry. Similarly we are asking you to support Rishama because Rishama is formed in the spirit of Nehemiah's heart, ready to make a positive impact in the lives of Nigerian orphans.

We have also witnessed the amazing hand of God upon the Rishama ministry. It is so amazing that our 2 year-end financial report read \$90,600:

Jan – Dec 2016 \$38,200 was raised;

Jan – Dec 2017 \$52,400 was raised.

Out of the last \$53,000 needed this year to complete the project and dedicate the buildings by December \$20, 000 is already raised.

Are all these not amazing miracles of God?

A preacher once said, "If you are doing what God wants you to do, God will bring people to the place of your ministry." We have witnessed this in Rishama ministry. Surely God is raising up people to support us because we are doing what he wants us to do.

What a great privilege to be a part of this God given project!

We are so thankful to God for amazingly raising the following Churches/Organizations to support us

Glenside Bible Church:

This is a church in Glenside, Pennsylvania where I was a member when I was in Philadelphia. They are honestly praying for this project. Our first fundraiser in 2016 took place in this church. They have presently gathered some support for staff salary. Is this not amazing that we already have some money for staff salary?

Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church (OEP):

This is another great church in Philadelphia that God is using amazingly in supporting Rishama. They have included Rishama ministry in their yearly budget, which means Rishama receives quarterly support from OEP.

They have allowed their church to be our venue for the yearly fundraiser concert. Their children

made a donation of about \$5,000 to Rishama and their women donated all the returns from their women's retreat this year to Rishama. Praise God!

New Life Bible Church (NLBC) in Philadelphia has given us a grant two times already. We are in their prayer and support list. Rishama is considered as their mission agency. Praise God!

Bucks County Presbyterian Church (BCPC): A Korean church in Philadelphia that have supported our kids with education funds for three years in a row. They have invited our founder, Rev. Thomas Maijamaa, on two occasions to share about Rishama in their children's ministry.

Supporters continue

Great Valley Presbyterian Church (GVPC)

is a church in Philadelphia that is partnering with Rishama through prayers and financial support. Their mission team has also sent their donation to Rishama. They are also considering including Rishama in their yearly budget--pray that it works out well.

The following organizations are our supporters:

Deep Water Ministry: Was the first of all to donate and is still donating to Rishama yearly.

Shepherd for the Savior: Gave Rishama grants on two occasions already.

Missions Project Fellowship: Provided double bunk beds for our school.

They have approved Rishama to be their 2018 banquet project taking place in November, which means all the proceeds at the banquet will be for Rishama. Praise God! Who will believe that Rishama was registered officially in 2015 and within 2-3 years God could use 5 churches and 3 organizations to raise \$90,600? This is so amazing! We believe that God is raising more people to support Rishama ministry. It could be you or your church.

PROJECT PROGRESS:

Kitchen/Dining Hall



This is a long building with a large hall that has the capacity to sit 150-200 children for meals. All windows and doors have been fixed. Plastering work is going on. There are funds to complete this.

Administration Building



This building has about 5 offices that will be for director, principal, cashier, computer room and staff room. The walls have been completed and the roofing work has begun. There are funds available to complete this.

Dormitory



This is a huge building that has the capacity to house 160 children. It's a 2-story building. The second floor walls are at the finishing stage. We need \$30,000 to put roof on, install sinks, put in doors/windows, add ceilings/plaster and paint. The present need to complete these is \$25,000.

NEW MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS

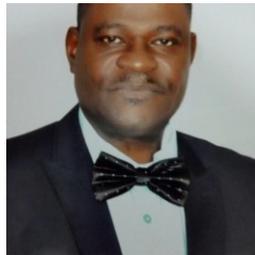


Prof. Adamu Beiki-PATRON

Prof. Adamu Beiki has been a teacher all his life. He is the former vice chancellor of three universities in Nigeria and overseas. He is the chairman of the Congress of Northern Nigeria Christians (CNNC). We are so thankful to God that Prof. Adamu, who is above 86 years old and enjoying a peaceful life in retirement in Zaria (northern Nigeria), has

accepted to be one of the patrons of Rishama Ministry. When our board chairman, Steven Modricker, and our secretary, Donald Jones, traveled to Nigeria in 2015 they had the privilege to meet with Prof. Adamu in his house in Zaria.

Danasabe Charlse is a friend and a congressman. He is a member of the Federal House of Representatives representing Kurmi/Gashaka/Sarduana constituency in the National Assembly, Fed. Govt. of Nigeria. We are so blessed to have him as one of the patrons.



Hon. D.C. Hosea-PATRON

Paul Seitz-BOARD MEMBER

Paul Seitz is a member of Shively Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky. He is so passionate to serve the Lord and be a part of what the Lord is doing through Rishama. His younger son, Pastor John, is the senior pastor of Antioch Christian Church, Marion, Iowa. Antioch is the area's leading church serving Cedar Rapids, Marion and surrounding towns. What a great blessing to Rishama to have the father of the pastor of this leading church on Rishama Board of Directors. We also had the privilege of having Chad McCormick, a member of Shively Christian church, as a visitor in our last board meeting. Pray that he becomes a board member soon. To God be the Glory!



Job 29:11-20 says “Whoever heard me spoke well of me, and those who saw me commended me, because I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist them. The one who was dying blessed me; I made the widow’s heart sing. I put on righteousness as my clothing; justice was my robe and my turban. I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame. I was a father to the needy; I took up the case of the stranger. I broke the fangs of the wicked and snatched the victims from their teeth. I thought, ‘I will die in my own house, my days as numerous as the grains of sand. My roots will reach to the water, and the dew will lie all night on my branches. My glory will not fade; the bow will be ever new in my hand.’”

Jesus says, “Blessed are the merciful for they shall be shown mercy!”

YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS MINISTRY BY:

Be on our Board:

God has blessed Rishama ministry with seven members of the Board of Directors (BOD) and one associate board member. If the Lord is leading you to be on our board, please feel free to contact us through the phone numbers below and we will be glad to talk with you.

Be a Donor:

Funds for this ministry are raised through the generosity of men and women of God who believe that God has called them to support this ministry.

Connect Rishama:

There may be people or organizations out there that may be looking for open opportunities to serve. You may be part of this ministry by talking to them about Rishama.

Talk to your church:

Maybe you are a pastor, elder or deacon who can talk to your church about the possibility of supporting Rishama.

Director: Thomas Maijamaa.

(267) 422-8360

Chairman: Steven Modricker

(267) 516-3600

Secretary: Don Jones (215) 206-5783

One time gift:

Your one-time gift will be greatly appreciated.

Prayer Partner:

You can choose to include Rishama in your regular prayer calendar. All our success is the result of the prayers of God’s people.

Take a Trip to Nigeria: You are welcome to make or organize a mission trip to Nigeria to see how you can serve in any area in our orphanage or school.

PRAISE

Praise God for the leadership and hard work of the chairman and secretary of the Board of Directors who believe that their involvement with Rishama is what God wants them to do.

Praise God for the financial support we have had from our supporters that has enabled us to bring our project to final completion stage. This is wonderful.

Praise God for the addition of one new member of the Board of Directors bringing the total of 9 members of the BOD for Rishama.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Pray for the provision of the final **\$25,000 by October** to complete the ongoing project so that we dedicate the buildings by December this year, 2018.

Pray that our goal to complete and dedicate these buildings in December, 2018 works out well. A committee has been set up in Nigeria to plan for a successful dedication service. **Pray** that they do a good job and that many people and churches will attend.

Pray for more supporting churches and individuals.

Pray for additional board members.

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