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This summer has been a busy one, and we wanted to share a few joyful stories about **sponsors who have gone above and beyond to show Christ's love** and make a meaningful difference in the lives of their sponsored children and their families.

FIRST COMMUNION SUITS & DRESSES

Last year, we held a public campaign to raise money for children celebrating their First Communion, helping provide each child with a new outfit for this special day.



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This year, we decided to reach out directly to the sponsors of children who would be receiving their First Communion. **The response was overwhelming!** Sponsors were excited to help make this important milestone as special as possible for their sponsored children.

The beautiful smiles on the children's faces say it all. We are so grateful to the sponsors who helped make their First Communion celebrations even more joyful and memorable.



Children selecting their dresses



Hope, James, and Enock selecting bedding to take to boarding school

FAMILY FINDS A SAFE PLACE TO STUDY

One of our sponsors, who regularly communicates with her sponsored child, noticed something concerning. Her sponsored child, Hope, had shared that she was struggling to balance her schoolwork with the responsibilities she carried at home. Hope and her two brothers, Enock and James, had lost their parents and were doing everything they could to support themselves while continuing their education.

After school each day, the boys worked to earn money for rent, food, and other necessities, while Hope stayed home to cook and clean. Sponsors have been covering their school fees, but the children were still carrying the enormous responsibility of providing for themselves. **Hope was exhausted from trying to manage everything while keeping up with her studies.**

Her sponsor reached out to ask what could be done. After speaking with the children and learning more about their situation, we realized that boarding school could provide the stability they needed. There, the children would have a safe place to live, regular meals, clean clothing, and dedicated time for their studies.

With the help of their sponsors, **all three children are now able to focus on their education without the daily worry of how they will provide for their basic needs.**

A FAMILY REBUILDS AFTER LOSING THEIR LIVELIHOOD

Earlier this year, our Nigerian liaison, Nelly, met a family whose livelihood had been devastated when their small cellphone shop was demolished as part of a local urban development project. **The family lost both their storefront and the merchandise inside**, leaving them with very little means of supporting themselves.

The family has three young sons, including Solomon. When Solomon was matched with a new sponsor, his family was overjoyed. His education could continue while they worked to rebuild their lives.



Solomon (center) and his family

Soon after sponsoring Solomon, his new sponsor, John E., reached out to ask how the family was doing. Nelly explained that Solomon's parents were struggling greatly. They had been asking their parish community for help while searching for work and trying to figure out how to start over.



Solomon's father in his new shop with merchandise

John wanted to know what it would take for the family to begin rebuilding their livelihood. Nelly learned that the family needed enough money to replace the merchandise they had lost and rent a new storefront. The amount was significant, but when John learned what was needed, he agreed to help without hesitation.

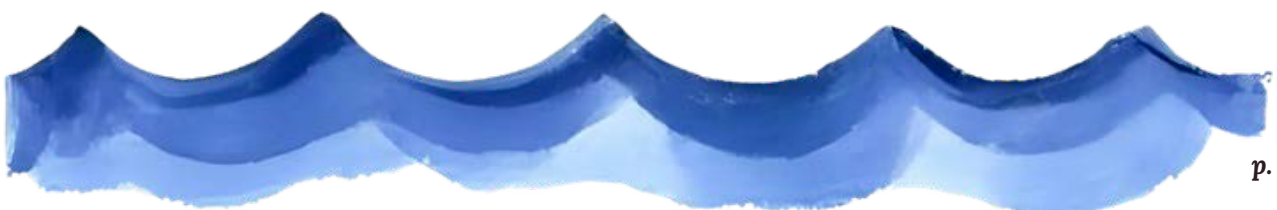
The funds were sent, and **Solomon's family was able to rent a new shop and purchase merchandise to begin again.**

For Solomon's family, John's generosity was an answer to prayer. His gift did more than help a sponsored child stay in school—it gave his entire family the opportunity to rebuild their livelihood and move forward with hope.

These stories remind us that sponsorship is about so much more than school fees.

Through their generosity, sponsors become part of their sponsored children's lives. Sometimes that means providing a new school uniform or helping a child celebrate a special milestone. Sometimes it means listening when a child is struggling and finding a solution. And sometimes, a simple question: "What can we do to help?" opens the door to an unexpected blessing for an entire family.

We are deeply grateful for every CARITAS sponsor who continues to show Christ's love through their generosity, prayers, and care.





More Than 1,000 Lives Touched at CARITAS' First Uganda Medical Camp

On August 7, 2026, CARITAS for Children organized and facilitated its first free Medical Camp in Uganda. In just one day, **1,046 patients received medical care at no cost to them**—care that many may otherwise have gone without.

The need was evident from the very beginning. Some people traveled as far as 20 miles to receive care. The turnout was overwhelming, and the team was unable to see everyone who came.

For more than 1,000 people, August 7 was a day of hope, healing, and dignity—made possible by the incredible generosity of our donors, as well as the doctors, nurses, medical professionals, volunteers, CARITAS staff, and local team who served throughout the day.

The Uganda team is already preparing a report on the camp and beginning plans for another Medical Camp next year.



1,046

Patients Served in One Day



Up to 20 Miles

Traveled by Some Patients



Services Provided

- Dental care
- Vision/eye care
- General medical care
- Health screenings
- Medications
- Treatment



A Grateful Community

"The community was extremely grateful for the free services. It was an excellently done project."

— Alon



Thank You!

This life-changing day was only possible because of **you—our donors**.

Every patient seen represents a person whose life was touched through your generosity. Together, we brought healthcare, hope, and compassion to more than 1,000 people in a single day.

Meet Kelly!

Many blessings to you all.

My name is Kelly Hoar, and I am grateful and honored to join **Caritas for Children, Inc.** as Vice President. I am both encouraged and thrilled to be part of a unique Catholic-based sponsorship program dedicated to supporting children and seminarians around the world.

Much of my life has been devoted to helping others, especially young people. I have worked with youth seeking assistance as they strive to get back on their feet and live with dignity.



Our new Vice President, Kelly Hoar

Throughout my life, I have served as a nurse, sports coach, CCD teacher, and mentor. Most importantly, I am a mother and grandmother.

I believe that a person is never truly fulfilled unless they are able to help others. **For nearly three decades, I have watched CARITAS grow,** and I feel deeply blessed to now have the opportunity to become actively involved in its mission.

CARTIAS reaches those in such great need, God's children who continue to smile despite going a day or more without food, living in extreme poverty with little shelter for protection. Yet they still desire to learn, grow, give back to their communities, follow God, and share His love with others. I am one of God's children, and I am humbled to be part of this ministry of compassion, hope, and service. As Scripture reminds us:

"Blessed is the one who considers the poor; in the day of trouble the Lord delivers him."

Psalm 41:1

God bless,

Kelly Hoar

Meet Nelly!

This summer, CARITAS For Children decided to take the next step in expanding our program in Nigeria by **making our part-time liaison in Nigeria a full-time employee!** Here is a letter from Nelly:

My name is Nelly Nkem Omeke: I was a school Supervisor under catholic diocese of Nsukka in Enugu State, Nigeria. I have passion for children's education and welfare.

I'm a devout Christian, married, and a mother of four living in Enugu State, Nigeria. My family's journey has been deeply tested by resilience and faith.



Our Nigerian liaison, Nelly Omeke

My husband, a former lecturer at Kaduna State Polytechnic in Northern Nigeria, **personally faced religious discrimination and violence**—losing his job and home due to anti-Christian persecution. Through God's grace, he survived, and despite the ongoing trauma, my family continues to stand firm in the faith and commitment to serving others.

My journey to CARITAS For Children began during my work as a school supervisor under the Catholic Diocese of Nsukka. I was selected to serve as school support officer (SSO) to some of our Diocesan schools, namely Holy Infant Nursery and Primary School Onuiyi, Sancta Maria Nursery and primary school, St Teresa's college etc, just to mention few, my compassion for underprivileged children kept me unrest. Whenever pupils or students were at risk of being sent away due to unpaid tuition, I would advocate on their behalf, pleading for extra time so they could remain in school.

As God may have it, my **deep passion for helping vulnerable children** brought me to the notice of then parish priest of St. Victor's parish in Onuiyi, Fr. Willi Odo, who introduced me to CARITAS For Children.

He described it as an organization and a family that demonstrates undiluted love to those in need. Seeing this as a direct call to fulfill my personal ministry, I eagerly stepped into the role.

For me the mission of CARITAS For Children is crucial, especially in regions facing hardship and religious conflict. Globally and locally, like here in Nigeria where people are denied of their rights, displaced and tortured because of their faith. In deed CARITAS for children plays a vital role in providing humanitarian aid, fostering moral development, and breaking the cycle of poverty through education. **I view education as a beacon of hope—restoring dignity and opportunity to children who might otherwise be left behind.** I feel honored to serve under CARITAS For Children to bring hope, love, and education to those who need it most. May God continue to bless this great family of LOVE.

-Nelly Omeke



Nelly visiting schools and connecting with students in Nigeria

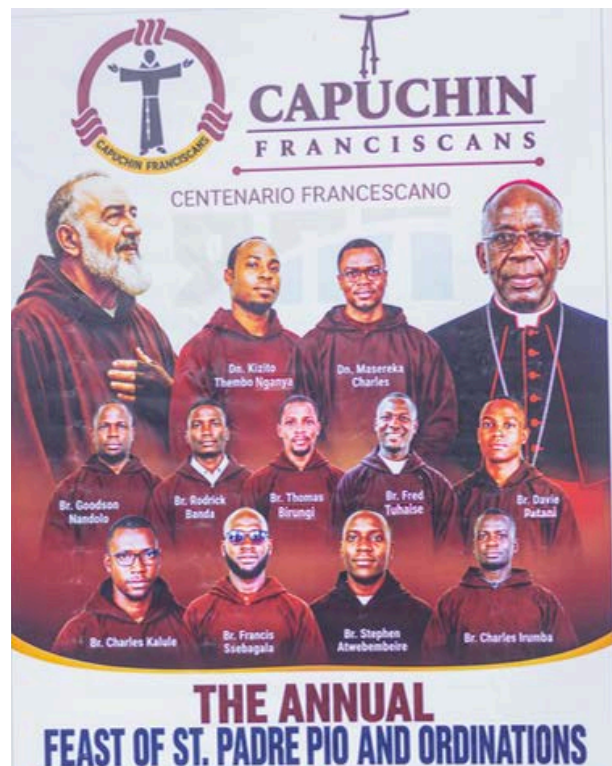
12 New Shepherds for Christ



CARITAS-sponsored seminarians take a step in their vocation to serve God and His people.

This summer brought wonderful news from Uganda! On September 23, 2026, the Order of Franciscan Friars in Uganda celebrated the ordination of **nine new deacons, six of whom are sponsored by CARITAS for Children**. The other three deacons are from Malawi. We also rejoice in the **ordination of three new priests, all of whom are CARITAS-sponsored!**

These ordinations mark an important milestone in the lives of these men who have answered God's call to serve His Church. The six newly ordained deacons will continue their formation and studies, expected to conclude around September 2027, when, God willing, they will be ordained priests. Meanwhile, the three newly ordained priests begin their priestly mission, bringing Christ to the people entrusted to their care through the sacraments, prayer, and service.



Before the ordinations, Archbishop Emeritus and Apostolic Nuncio Augustine Kasujja expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the families and sponsors who help nurture these vocations:

“We are so grateful to the families and the precious sponsors of these gifts of God coming to the religious altar. We thank you very much and may God bless you always.”



Archbishop Augustine Kasujja



Archbishop Augustine Kasujja blessing Fr. Kizito Thembo Nganya

His words remind us of the beautiful role sponsors play in the life of the Church. Through your generosity, CARITAS for Children helps provide the education, formation, and support these seminarians need as they discern and prepare to answer God's call. **Your support reaches far beyond one man—it helps prepare shepherds who may serve countless souls throughout their priestly lives.**



Newly ordained deacons and priests

As we celebrate these 12 new shepherds for Christ, we invite you to join us in praying for the six CARITAS-sponsored deacons as they continue their formation, and especially for the three newly ordained priests as they begin their ministry.

Thank you for being part of this mission. **Your generosity helps nurture vocations, strengthen the Church, and bring the love of Christ to communities in Uganda and beyond.**

To God be the glory



Fr. Brian Obbo at his ordination, August 15th 2026

Spotlight Children

EMMANUEL & THANKGOD UGWUONWU

Emmanuel and his younger brother, ThankGod, live with their mother, who has struggled to support them since **their father abandoned the family several years ago**. Without stable work, she and her sons collect empty cans from garbage bins around the city, washing and selling them for scrap metal to earn enough money for food.

Even after spending their days searching for cans, the boys often cannot earn enough for two meals a day. Their mother dreams of sending her sons to school, where they can learn, receive regular meals, and have the opportunity to build a brighter future. Sadly, she cannot afford their school fees.

Nelly was deeply moved when she came upon them searching for cans and scrap metal in the streets during school hours. Their mother is desperate for help so that her boys can have a better life.

Please consider sponsoring these boys and provide them with a chance for a better life.

To help Emmanuel, he will need:

- **\$48 per month from one sponsor**

To help ThankGod, he will need:

- **\$48 per month from one sponsor**



[Emmanuel Chinonye Ugwuonwu, 13](#)



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