

## How you can help

For more information on how you can help support these precious children, contact Nigeria Partnership Chairperson Dottie Halvorsen at 402-269-3125 or [halvorsen312@yahoo.com](mailto:halvorsen312@yahoo.com). To view a photo and profile of each of the children who call the orphanage home, visit [www.greatplainsumc.org/nigeriapartnership](http://www.greatplainsumc.org/nigeriapartnership).

To donate to the partnership or scholarship, fill out the donation slip on the back side of this panel, make checks payable to "Conference Treasurer," write Advance 300 (orphanage) or Advance 301 (scholarship) in the memo line, and send to the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, P.O. Box 4187, Topeka, KS 66604.

## Meet some of the students who call Jalingo "home."



**Omega**

Omega is 12 years old and in primary grade 5. He would like to play football for Arsenal (a football (soccer) club in London, England) some day.



**Melody**

Melody is 13 years old and in level 2 of junior secondary school. She would like to be a politician when she grows up ... more specifically — a senator.



**Manasseh**

Manasseh is 15 years old and in level 2 of junior secondary school. He would like to be in the Army when he finishes school.



**Patience**

Patience is 14 years old and in level 3 of junior secondary school. She would like to become an accountant some day. Patience also has a great singing voice.



The teachers at the orphanage are shown above. Simon Benjamin (Benji), director of the orphanage, is on the front cover with a student.



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# Nigeria PARTNERSHIP

Support the Nigeria Partnership by learning the Great Plains United Methodist Conference's goals for the partnership's orphanage and school ...

*You can help make these goals a reality!*

# HELP US OPEN DOORS FOR GOD'S CHILDREN ...

## The story of the Nigeria Partnership



The Nigeria Partnership was born from the Council of Bishops' Hope for the Children of Africa. Conferences in the U.S. were asked to partner with conferences in Africa.

In 1999, the former Nebraska Conference created the Nigeria/Nebraska Partnership Committee. In 2000, committee members traveled to Nigeria to determine how to help meet the needs of Nigerian children. Nigerian Bishop Done Peter Dabale and Sarostina Johnson, a Missioner of Hope, shared their dream of an orphanage near Jalingo, Nigeria. This became the conference's project.

In 2005, the orphanage opened its doors on property already owned by the Nigeria Conference — buildings were funded by an initial grant from the General Board of Global Ministries. The orphanage opened with 28 children; in 2007, 20 more children joined and in 2012, 50 were added. Twenty-eight of the 98 attend junior and senior secondary schools.

Called Global Mission Partnership, under the guidance of the Mercy and Justice Team, the Nigeria Partnership joins partnerships with Zimbabwe (former Kansas West Conference relationship) and Haiti (former Kansas East Conference relationship), in the new Great Plains Conference.



## Where do your contributions go?

It costs \$2,000 to support one student fully for a year. This covers food, clothing, school materials, housing, medical care, faculty and support personal.

It's not only physical and educational needs that are met. These children receive Christian love and learn the Word of God and thrive at the orphanage.

Your contributions to the partnership also assist in the many different areas that accompany maintaining an orphanage, as well as support continuing education for teachers.

For example, the head teacher has now completed his post secondary degree. Typical expenses for a Nigerian student working on teacher certification and degree work is about \$2,000 per academic year. The goal of continuing education for teachers enhances the quality of education for students, ensuring they have the best chance at achieving success in junior secondary schools and beyond.

## Post-secondary scholarship fund

The Nigeria Scholarship for Students fund, begun by Bishop Ann Sherer-Simpson, offers qualified students an opportunity for post-secondary education. The goal is for students to receive appropriate training to be self-sufficient adults — contributing to their society and their church. Typical tuition is \$1,200 per year, per student.

## Why these children need your help



The Great Plains United Methodist Conference has the honor, joy and responsibility to care for the 98 children who now reside in the United Methodist Orphanage in Jalingo, Nigeria.

These children of God need your support to continue to thrive and develop as future leaders of their church and country.

Your donations make an education and a healthy living environment possible for these Nigerian orphans. Our partnership was established for the purpose of bringing God's light into the hearts of children and you help us accomplish this with every donation.

For information on how you can help, see the back panel of this brochure.

# Donate to the Nigeria Partnership

Support an orphan for one year \$2,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Advance 300 (orphanage) \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Advance 301 (post-secondary scholarship fund) \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

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