

DISTRIBUTION OF ECO-READING LAMPS TO STUDENTS

The Mission for Vision Project

Venue: Salvation Army Grammar school, Alekuwodo. Osogbo. Osun state.

Coordinator: Samuel C. Okorie

Kerosene lanterns are simply lanterns that burn kerosene by pulling it up through a wick within the lantern, creating light. Worldwide, an estimated 1.6 billion people use kerosene or other similar oil as their primary source of fuel for lighting. Although kerosene is a better fuel choice for cooking and lighting than solid fuels, there are many concerns - both environmentally and in terms of health when kerosene is used as a household fuel. Generally, kerosene lamps produce harmful by-products of combustion when used. When kerosene is burned in wick lamps, about 7-9% of the kerosene consumed is converted to particulate matter that is almost entirely black carbon - a harmful emission with a very severe health impact. In developing countries, the widespread use of kerosene comes with numerous different issues. Hazards of kerosene use include air poisoning, fire outbreak, and explosions. As well, some kerosene lamps emit particulates, carbon monoxide, nitric oxides (NOx), and sulfur dioxide when burned. Burning of kerosene can increase deficiency in lung functioning, cancer, allergies, myopia, risks of asthma and cancer, etc. In addition to this, handling kerosene can lead to eye irritation, skin, and the respiratory system.

Justification

The mission for the Vision is a student assistantship Project (SAP) for students in Salvation Army Grammar School, sponsored by Prezents for Charity at distributing over 30 sustainable eco lamps particularly to students in grade 12 from low-income homes/community as a means of breaking educational inequality, and as well facilitate their studying abilities in preparation of their final Senior Secondary Certificate Examination organized by West African Examination Council (WAEC).

The project started with the NYSC Anthem, followed by a keynote address by the LGI, Mrs Shade, who acted in dual capacity, representing both the ZI and State Coordinator of NYSC. She spoke about the need for corps members to be zealous in transforming their environment and as well commended Corps member Samuel C. Okorie for the projects he has been able carryout. The Principal of Salvation Army Grammar School, Alekuwodo, Mrs Adeleke also commended Corps member Samuel for the projects he has been to scale through in the school and also appreciated other corps members who were doing same in the school. Mrs Catherin Utsalo, who is the Vice president of Prezents for Charity encouraged the students and commented on the need for them to be studious and no give or join bad peer group. Corps Member Samuel expressed his love for the students of the school and the environment, and also, encouraged the students to use the eco reading lamps for the purpose it was given to them. Afterwards, the Eco Lamps was commissioned and distributed to over 30 students of Salvation Army Grammar school. The distribution process was done by the LGI-Osogbo, Mrs Shade, the school Principal, Mrs Adeleke, Vice Principals, Teachers and Corps Members.

Impact: Reduction in carbon monoxide exposure, increased studying ability, promotion of good studying habit, reduction in educational inequality, improved zeal for studies without interruption as a result of power supply, reduced eye disease/syndrome from kerosine generated lantern, and promotion of eco-reading lamps as alternative to local lanterns.

Sponsors: Prezents for Charity, Christ Like Cathedral Church, OSEDI, KODOSON Zobo Drink, Pastor Ebi Ojemekele, Mrs Catherine Utsalo, and Salvation Army Grammar School

Summation of funds used for the Above Community Development Service Projects = **492,000+480,000+138,000+609,000+216,000 = 1,935,000; \$4,641**

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Inside the Venue

Opening Address by Mrs Shade,
NYSC LGI Osogbo, Osun State

Welcome remark by the
School Principal, Mrs Adeleke

Speech Presentation by Corps
Member Samuel C. okorie

Presentation of Eco lambs to students
by the LGI, Followed by others.

Project Introductory Message by
Corps Member Samuel C. Okorie



GROUP PHOTOGRAPH



Group Photograph with the beneficiary-students, Corps Member Samuel, Mrs Shade LGI Osogbo, Mrs Adeleke principal 1, and Vice Principal Academics 2



Group Photograph with the School Vice Principals, Corps Member Samuel, Mrs Shade LGI Osogbo, and Mrs Adeleke principal 1



Group Photograph with the School Vice Principals, Corps Member Samuel, Corps Member Elijah, and Mrs Adeleke principal 1