

## How you can help

For more information on how you can help support these precious children, contact Nigeria/Nebraska Partnership Chairperson Dottie Halvorsen at 402-269-3125 or email [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.umcneb.org/Nigeria](http://www.umcneb.org/Nigeria).

To donate to the Partnership, fill out the donation slip on the back side of this panel, make checks payable to "Conference Treasurer," write Advance #851 in the memo line, and send to the Nebraska United Methodist Conference Center, 3333 Landmark Circle, Lincoln, NE 68504.



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



Omega

Omega is in level 4 and likes math and English. He likes to play football and watch singing on TV. He hopes to have children of his own someday.



Melody

Melody is in level 5 and enjoys math and jump roping. She wants to be a reverend sister and a child of God. She would like to tell the people of Nebraska "thank you" and "God bless."



Menasseh

Menasseh, level 7, likes his religious studies class. He wants to be a pastor when he grows up. He likes playing football (soccer) and his favorite song is "I love this family of God."



Patience

Patience, level 7, likes the alphabet and works hard in school. She wants to be a police officer. Like many of her school mates, she likes spaghetti.



## Nigeria/Nebraska PARTNERSHIP

Support the Nigeria/Nebraska Partnership by learning the Nebraska United Methodist Conference's goals for the Partnership's orphanage and school ...

*You can help make these goals a reality!*



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

## The story of the Nigeria/Nebraska Partnership



The Nigeria/Nebraska 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 with the goal of improving the lives of the poorest of the poor children.

In 1999, the Nigeria/Nebraska Partnership Committee began work on this goal. In 2000, committee members traveled to Nigeria hoping to determine how to help meet the needs of the Nigeria Conference. Nigerian Bishop Done Peter Dabale and Serestina Johnson, a Missioner of Hope, shared their dream of an orphanage near Jalingo, Nigeria. This dream soon became the project of the Nebraska Conference.

In 2005, the Jalingo orphanage opened its doors, after raising \$250,000 to build the orphanage on property already owned by the Nigeria Conference. The orphanage opened with 28 children; in 2007, 20 more children joined, and an additional 50 orphans were added in 2012. To date, 10 have completed school at the orphanage and gone on to junior and senior secondary school.

## Where do your contributions go?

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

It's not only physical and educational needs that are met. These parentless children receive Christian love and learn the Word of God at the orphanage. They truly blossom under this attention.

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.



## Why these precious children need your help



The Nebraska 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 helpless 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 Partnership

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

- \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_
- \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_
- \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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