

A report of GOGI related activities from Mid-West region, U.S.A

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The report below describes involvement in GOGI related activities. Please use any of the information for the brochure and for other reunion activities as you see fit.

1. Books received for Deployment to Nigeria.

On July, 29th 2009, I received the books donated by the Director of Technologies and Initiative for African development, Mr. Ehigie Alile-Egbon. He donated to GOGI, 10 boxes of books. I reviewed the books and realized that these were mostly Science and Technology related books that will be a great asset to our Library project and to St. Maria Goretti our Alma mater. Science topics do not change from continent to continent. Some of the books have a workbook and question and answer component that will help stimulate the cognitive abilities of students. Any user abroad will have to pay attention to the subtle differences in spelling between America English and British English. For example, color (America) vs. Colour (British).

The total number of books in each category are listed below:

Category	Number:
Maths	60
Biology	60
Chemistry	40
Technology	40
Computer related	50
Others	50



Dr. (Mrs.) Josephine Ebomoyi (nee Orobor), the GOGI regional director (2009-2011) for Mid- west, U. S.A receiving donated books from the Director of Technologies and Initiative for African development, Mr. Ehigie Alile-Egbon on behalf of GoGI international Inc.

2. Health fair/Medical mission initiative

Dr. (Mrs.) Josephine Ebomoyi is also serving as the current chair of the committee for Health fair initiative and screening program. Many professionals such as Dr. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Okoruwa (nee Ihionkhan) and Dr. Mrs. Agnes Ovienmhada (nee Ehiemua) and numerous other individuals have been contacted to help with this project after the completion of the Library project.

3. The Presence of Commissioner for Commerce and Industry during GOGI Scholarship award.

Through my input, Mrs. Agnes Iredia (she attended St Maria Goretti); the commissioner for Commerce and Industry for Edo state attended the first scholarship event organized by GOGites in Benin City. It was a joyous event coordinated by our Sister, Dr. (Mrs.) Franca Oboh-Ikuenobe.

4. Responses to questions about current status of St. Maria Goretti

Around October, 2009, I organized for someone to go to St. Maria Goretti to find responses to most of the numerous questions raised by Mrs. Esther Tongo, GOGI current Vice president so that we could have a better picture of the state of the school. I also included some questions relating to health fare. Many

of the information in the responses could be used as fundraising pitch during the reunion or other times. Since many people are coming from Nigeria, they may want to help with correcting some of the flaws as ways of donating to GoGi's vision. Below are the responses I forwarded to Esther via email.

1. *There is no sick bay, a sick child is normally sent home.*
2. *The number of students can't be known now because they are about to enter a new session.*
3. *There are no art classes as there is not a single art teacher.*
4. *All the students would need tampons or pads as they are all girls.*
5. *The number of students can't be known now as they are on strike and new students are going in to be admitted when they re-open.*
6. *Yes, the school is still a catholic school.*
7. *ss1 means senior secondary school 1*
8. *There are six junior secondary schools with 6 different principals,*
9. *The present state of the school is really bad, weeds have grown all over the place,*
10. *All the roofs I saw were leaking, I wasn't able to enter all the classrooms, as they were locked.*
11. *The PTA chair's phone num is not available now because he's been transferred from Benin. They might elect a new chairman because his kids have graduated.*
12. *No computers. There are some science equipment*
13. *All the roofs are leaking, some class rooms have no roofs. We would have to employ the services of a carpenter to determine the extent of damage to roofs, no of chairs and tables required, and a Painter to know the number of paint buckets to use on buildings that need painting.*
14. *Although the school is now a public school, i.e. run by the government, the principal said she makes effort to let it remain a catholic.*
15. *There are long grasses and weeds all over the place, maybe it's because of the long holidays or strike. The school is in a deplorable state, better seen than described!*
16. *The principal asked me to come back when they resume, so I guess she's in the best position to answer the remaining questions. please this is my best for now. Thank you. osaze*

5. Donation to GOGI

Mr. Tongo received a donation of \$150.00 which he solicited on GoGi's behalf. More details of this should be in Esther's report. I think the executive received an email about this.

6. MINI GOGI get-together/reunion

There was a mini GOGI get-together in our region at Esther's house in September 2010 when Dr. (Mrs.) Agnes Oviemhada (nee Ehiemua) visited Chicago and we reunited after about 30years. It was a joyous occasion. All our husbands were present and we renamed each of them " Mr. Goretti". This reunion would not have been possible if we did not know about GOGI. We discussed the future of GOGI, the numerous benefits to be achieved and how wonderful it was to reunite. See pictures below.

7. Representation in meetings and pleas

Our region has been represented in most of the executive meetings and we have suggested valuable ideas for the continuous success of GOGI. We have contributed financial, moral and spiritual support for those in need during appeals and other issues.

8. Recruitment efforts

We are intensifying recruitment efforts by contacting old Goretti girls. We have contacted four people and we believe they will join when they are ready. We will continue this effort.



MINI GOGI get-together, From L-R

William Ebomoyi, Esther Tongo, Josephine Ebomoyi, Agnes Oviemhada, Rev. Enaihor Oviemhada



The Tongos and William Ebomoyi



L-R, Josephine, Agnes, Esther