

The **Ajuba Educational Project** has full backing of the local chief who heard of and identified with our vision that young people should not be excluded from education. He has approved and given his full backing to the project. This is demonstrated in the donation of over thirty (30) plots of land on which to build the school. Wood and resources for construction will also be donated at no additional costs. The local chief is desperate to see the lot of his people improved through good education.

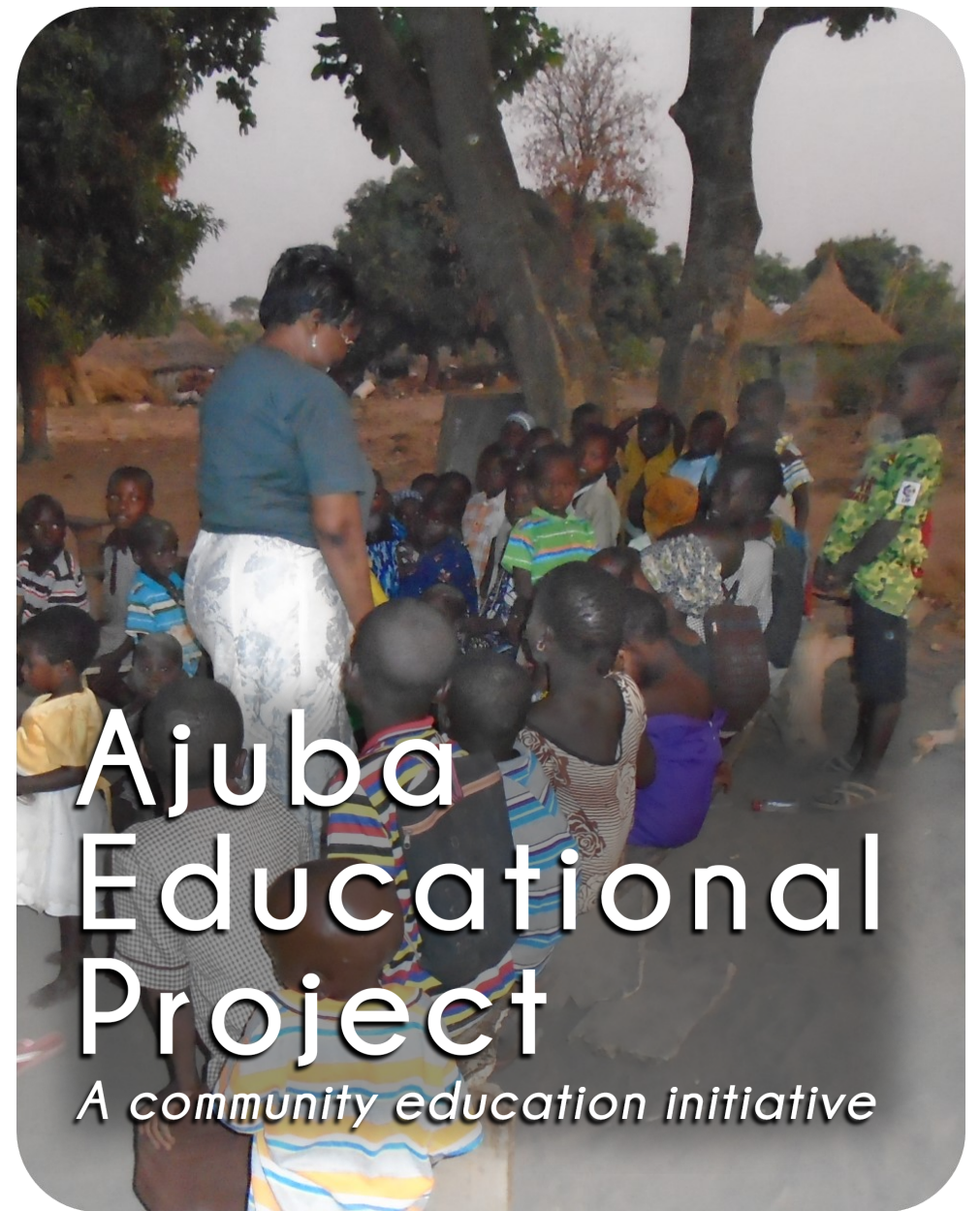
The school expects to provide education to 500 of these villagers within the next five years. The development project aims to have the following in place by January 2017:

- Two good sized classrooms with basic and up to date learning aids. These will expand to four classrooms in 2018.
- Minimum of two suitably qualified teachers.
- Safe and equipped recreational or play area.
- Backup power supply system to support current erratic provision.
- Replacement of damaged, makeshift pedestrian bridge connecting adjoining villages with the rest of the town.

The school will emphasise:

1. A strong curriculum based on the Nigerian educational requirements but with input from UK based educational professionals.
2. Raising aspirations of children and young people who often see little hope beyond growing up to work as farm hands on their parents or relatives' farms.
3. Working closely with parents or carers to gain their full support in raising the aspirations of their children and community.
4. Providing free, adult literacy and numeracy education to enable parents and carers feel more comfortable with supporting their children's education.
5. Progression into secondary school education from 2020.
6. Spearheading beneficial community projects. We will be seen as a value adding school in the community that its leaders and people will be proud of.

Picture: Pastor Mary engaging with the AJEP vision during a visit



Ajuba Educational Project

A community education initiative

The school will be part-managed from our UK office in order to share expertise gained from our experience with setting up and running a school.

We are requesting support towards initial costs for building the school's classrooms and teacher recruitment. For more information, contact us using the details below.

AN INTRODUCTION

Ajuba is one of the communities being reached by Total Missions Network Global Ministry (TOMGNET), in their Bariba field situated in Baruten Local Government Area of Kwara State, Nigeria. In this community they saw a large number of school age children who had no school to attend. The Lord, through the support of brethren in the US, enabled TOMGNET to dig a well for this community in 2011. At the well dedication, done by Brother Troy Van Sloten, the community leader made a passionate plea for the establishment of a school in the community, in order to give their children a bright future in an increasingly literate world. TOMGNET conducted a survey on the entire area in 2012 with an intention of carrying out what was tagged Ajuba Educational Project (AJEP).

On reading about this community in one of TOMGNET's publications in 2012, Pastor Mary McCauley of RCCG, De-Vine Sanctuary, Thornton Heath, UK who is passionate about children and young people's education, took a keen interest. Almost immediately, the Trustees of her parish adopted the project for partnership under their community outreach Opengate DR2DV8, with effect from 2013. Precisely, the parish pledged to take responsibility for the teachers' wages and books. The church made good their pledge in the first quarter of 2013 when they sent down a sum of fifty thousand naira (an equivalent of two hundred Pound Sterling) and a big bag of clothings for Ajuba children.

We are so grateful for this partnership and pray for more of it. During our outreach to Bariba field in March 2013 we had a meeting with the entire community. Children of school age in attendance numbered up to fifty, aside from the teenagers who were busy enjoying themselves on the football field.

Picture: Pastor Mary in one of the classes



The Lord made it possible for TOMGNET to actualize this plan in the month of September 2013. Recruitment of staff commenced in the early part of the month with a head teacher. In the second week of September the Head teacher and Pastor Ilugbuhi, the Bariba field missions coordinator, visited the village to carry out a house-to-house enrolment of pupils. Thirty five (35) pupils were enrolled.

Having procured the necessary materials for the take off of the school, Rev. Jonathan O. Adeboye, the President of Total Missions Network Global Ministry (TOMGNET), went to Ajuba on Friday October 20 2013, in company of TOMGNET missionary

representative and the teachers for the inauguration. Parents were gathered together with their children/wards for the opening ceremony of the school, at which over fifty prospective pupils turned out. Thus the school long awaited in Ajuba has finally kicked off. The initial site of the school is the worship place of Deeper Christian Life Bible Church in Ajuba.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the request by the young adults for adult literacy classes in the evenings. Academic instruction formally began on Monday October 23 that year. Pupils in attendance numbered about sixty. The school was initially named De Cross Royal Academy. However, the name was changed to De-Vine Nursery & Primary school, on the advice of the local education authorities. Pupils are being taught Maths, English and French languages.

The names of the initial teachers are: Lafia Jacob (Head teacher), Moses Amos (French & Mathematics teacher), Aliu Saliu (Class teacher). Pastor Emmanuel Ilugbuhi was appointed the School Administrator.

We are grateful to God for the partnership of Pastor Mary McCauley and De-Vine Sanctuary, Thornton Heath, UK on this project. Their partnership contributed in no small way to the effectual take-off of the project.



MORE ABOUT DE-VINE ACADEMY

This is a community school for Ajuba, Kwara State, Nigeria under the Ajuba Educational Project (AJEP); being built to provide educational facilities for two generations that have never received formal education.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Opengate DR2DV8, a UK charity set up as an initiative of De-Vine Sanctuary, Croydon has partnered with Total Missions Network Global Ministries (TOMGNET) to provide primary, secondary and adult education for deprived communities in Ajuba, a locality of Kwara State in Nigeria.

The target locality comprises seven villages with no fully educated persons. This spans across two generations and is largely due to the lack of government backing to establish good schools in the locality.

The target group comprises of:

- A. The older generation of parents and grandparents including the local chief whose grading as king in the land is affected by his lack of formal education.
- B. The younger generation of:
 - Able bodied teenagers who support their parents as farm hands when they ought to be at school. The parents are aging so can't afford not to have their youths work on the farms which they depend on for their living.
 - Primary school aged children who are currently being educated in a hired church hall. The church is however demanding for the space back as they expect the school building project to have completed its initial building phase.

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Two generations in Ajuba have never received full, formal education, including their ruler.