

# Living Hope



HORIZON INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL MISSION, INC.

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## Horizon International Medical Mission (HIMM) Blesses the Displaced Boko Haram Refugee



Deacon Nwosu and Pastor Nwozuzu present gift to Mr. Abubakar Umaru

of innocent civilians and abduction. (Chibox Government Secondary School girl's abduction). As a result many have been displaced from their homes and have travelled hundreds of miles away from home to start a new life somewhere.

"My friends and their family, 5 children whose parents have been killed by Boko Haram insurgents and my family have travelled hundreds of miles away for our state Borno to settle in Ihiagwa- Owerri West." Said Mr. Yahaya Abubakar Umaru. Mr. Umaru from Gwoza local Government did not feel safe settling in any northern state in Nigeria as Boko Haram may attack any of those states. So he fled with his friends to south eastern Nigeria as refugee. "They killed many people in my village, Only God delivered me and my family that early morning when they (Boko Haram) attacked us and cut many people in parts" said Mr. Umaru.

For the past 8 months in Ihiagwa – Imo state, living in an uncompleted building in the bush and attacked by mosquitoes, the Ihiagwa Baptist Church has been what the Lord Jesus has directed the church do in helping out the needy.

Ihiagwa is HIMM headquarters and the birth place of HIMM President Dr. Kennedy Okere, MD. HIMM decided to bless the refugee with money to help in feeding and sundry expenses. Deacon James Nwosu and Pastor Thank God Nwozuzu are HIMM representatives who presented the gift to Mr. Abubakar Umaru et al. Mr. Umaru in response said "I am grateful to HIMM and Ihiagwa Baptist church for their brotherly love and gift. May God help Boko Haram to open their eyes and see the destruction they have caused to many of us". HIMM will initiate skill acquisition program with the refugees to enable them become self-reliant. "The Gwazo Massacre of 2014 cannot be easily forgotten" said Dr. Okere.

### Special points of interest:

Boko Haram Refugee

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Mr. Abubakar Umaru

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Gift presented to Mr. Abubakar Umaru

In 2000 when a terrible religious riot claimed the life of many Christians in Kaduna state, HIMM donated medications and medical supplies to hospitals in Kaduna state for the treatment of the injured survivors. HIMM will continue to bring hope to the hopeless.

Kennedy Okere, MD FAAFP  
President and Founder (HIMM)

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Horizon International Medical Mission (HIMM) was founded Dr. Kennedy Kelechi Okere who also serves as the president of the organization. The main purpose of the organization is to reach the medically and spiritually unreached people of Africa and the Caribbean. Dr. Okere grew up in Africa and lived in the Caribbean. While growing up he witnessed people in rural areas of these parts live in poor medical and living conditions without much hope for assistance. As Dr. Okere grew up, he continued to pray that one day God would raise a vessel after His heart that will lift the people out of their predicament. He had no idea that he was praying for himself.

Dr. Okere organized his first medical mission trip to Nigeria, West Africa in March 2000. At that time, he was a second year medical resident in Family Medicine at Memorial Health University Medical Center. He was able to recruit a local Physician, Dr. Emeka Anyamele, and local Nigerian Nurses. With the cooperation of the local Pastor of Ihiagwa Baptist Church, the community visited in Imo State, Nigeria, Dr. Okere converted the community church into a make shift clinic. Drs. Okere and Anyamele saw 600 patients during the 5-day clinic.

HIMM has gone on multiple mission trips since 2006. During each trip, HIMM has had the opportunity to recruit nurses, church ministers, a dentist, a medical student, a pharmacist and doctors.

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