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Finally, someone asked for a gift we could not afford!



Here's a picture of the Gift we could afford for the kid:
 An Illustrated KJV Bible

Welcome to the new year, 2026. May this year bring relief and blessings to you and your loved ones. In our last newsletter (Nov 2025 issue) I promised to give you updates about Christmas and New Year celebrations in the mission field.

We nearly cancelled the proposed 2025 Christmas party because of a very poor response to the appeal for funds. By faith, we had set our goals high by planning not only for a Christmas dinner, but also – for the first time - presenting Christmas gifts to the Bible Club kids (including teens) who have faithfully attended weekly Bible Study meetings on Saturdays. They have learnt how God loves them and how He answers prayers that are not selfish but are in line with His will for them. Their teachers asked them to confidentially write down what they would like as a gift from God for Christmas. They had turned in their requests not really expecting much but taking it as just another exercise. After we sent out

an appeal for funds in our November newsletter, the Pastors shared the list of requests with us.

As I looked through the first list of about 120, I saw requests for dresses, caps, school bags, shoes, etc. But one request caught my attention midway through the list – a request for a Bible! Wait, ... *what?* It's a request for a Bible – from a pre-teen boy! My first reaction was “Praise the Lord!” But wait...are there any more requests for Bibles? I went through the rest of the list quickly and breathed a sigh of relief! That was the only Bible request in the entire list of about 200. Then I thought, “Lord, we can't afford even one Bible”. This should have been a cause for celebration, but reality is – it is beyond our budget. Our team in Nigeria had set a gift budget of N3,500 per child (\$2.50), but (according to Google) the cheapest Bible in Nigeria today cost between N6,000 and N16,000 (\$4.15 - \$11.00).

So, here we were with a request for a gift we would have loved to give every child on the list, but we couldn't afford even one Bible with the donations that had come in by the December 7th deadline that we set. Instead of cancelling the entire event, we were energized by this single request to do everything possible to make it happen. I got on the phone and started making last-minute appeals for donations (some of you will recall), and Bose gathered money from recycling plastic bottles and cans to chip in. Yes, God made a way where there was no way. The kids in Nigeria will surely have a Christmas party, plus surprise Christmas gifts from God!



These 2 Goats provided meat for over 260 adults and children who attended the Christmas party.
 Thank you for your donations.

For those who responded with donations, thank you. Every donated penny brought joy to the lives of these kids who otherwise would not have celebrated Christmas. The pictures we publish here represent many joyful faces that we could not display. Please know that it doesn't really take a lot of giving to make a difference in missions. Some of those kids you blessed with your giving will become tomorrow's pastors, evangelists, and great men and women of God in the future.



Smiles as a kid receives her Christmas gift.



Smiles as a teen receives his gift.



A happy girl receives her gift.

Our prayer request:

Printed Bibles are expensive in Nigeria. Bible editions that are written for children and young adults are even more expensive. We now realize that many kids and teenagers who attended Saturday Bible Studies do not own a Bible of their own. Unlike their peers in the western world who have access to digital copies on their mobile phones and other electronic gadgets, the kids we minister to cannot afford even a mobile phone. They could only depend on scripture that they memorize at Bible Club meetings every Saturday. They have no means of doing personal reading or study of the Bible at home. This year, we want to get every kid a Bible in a version they can easily understand – not like the cheapest KJV gift that we gave to the boy last Christmas. Would you pray that God will help us achieve this goal by the end of this year. Also pray that we will witness spiritual growth in the lives of these kids as a result of them digging into the word of God at home. Pray that their families will be blessed too.

If God has put something in your hearts to share on this subject, please contact us by email: go@ife-global.com . We would also appreciate donations towards the Bible project anytime. You may donate at our website: <http://ife-global.org> .

If you missed out on previous months' reports, please go to our website <http://ife-global.org> and click on the "Ministry Updates" link to view or download pdf copies of our monthly report.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will repay him for his deed.
[Proverbs 19:17 ESV]

We urgently need **monthly** support partners to survive. If God has placed on your mind to give in support of our work, please do so on our website: <http://ife-global.org>