

**St. Vincent de Paul Adult Mission, Nigeria, West Africa**

**April 3 - 11, 2013**

**Here are some ways you can help**

**What is BIZAA International Outreach?**

BIZAA (*Basic Institute for Zonal African Advancement*) is a faith-based initiative focused on fighting the tragedy of child labor and domestic servitude in target African countries – starting with Nigeria. According to current United Nation’s statistics, Nigeria has the highest rate of Child Labor activities in Africa. In some cases, the child is placed in a domestic servitude situation with another family so as to lessen the drain on the original family’s resources. The inevitable first casualty of such poverty is the perceived luxury of education. St. Vincent de Paul parish, in coalition with other parishes works with BIZAA (as a liaison organization) to identify and return child laborers to their families, enrolling and funding these children in existing parish schools, and awarding subsistence-based grants to their families to replace the income lost from their discontinued street activities. Our Outreach Ministry is sending adult parishioners on a nine days mission trip to Nigeria in April of 2013. The participants would bring articles of clothing/shoes, toiletries and medical resources to rescued victims. Participants will also host picnics in the 4 villages of the target community and pay a visit to the proposed site for the “Skill Acquisition Center”. This mission is at the heart of the Church’s teaching on Human Dignity, Solidarity and Economic Justice.

**As a Prayer Partner...**You can help this mission by praying for our group during our week in Nigeria, West Africa. Knowing that we would be in your prayers means so much to us.

**Sponsor a day...**another way you can contribute financially to this mission is to sponsor a day in the life of the participants. There is a total of 9 days on the trip – costing \$2,500.00/person (including travel tickets, accommodation, feeding and donation to the parish school to sponsor rescued children) and the total cost for one day per person is \$275! Believe me when I tell you that \$275 will make a last impact on these Nigerian children.

**Sponsor 5 miles...**our group has to travel approximately 6,212 miles out to Nigeria, and you can help us get there by sponsoring 5 miles. 5 miles of our journey will cost us \$10 (that’s cheaper than a large pizza!). By helping to sponsor 5 miles, you can help us reach our destination where our help is so much needed to better the lives of children who are suffering for no fault or choice of theirs.

**Interested?** Please fill out the form below, along with your check made out to St. Vincent de Paul. Please, put “BIZAA Support” in the notation column of the check and drop it in the collection basket at Church, or mail it to:

*St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
BIZAA Int’l Outreach  
9100 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N.  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445*

**Questions?** Contact Okey Anyanwu, Director of Pastoral/Social Outreach, at 763-425-2210, email: [okey@saintvdp.org](mailto:okey@saintvdp.org)

**Thank you for your contribution towards this promising spiritual pilgrimage!**

**- Some Pray, Some Go, Some Give and Some Do All For Children -**



**BIZAA Prayer Partner Support**...I pledge my prayerful support for participants during the mission trip – April 3 -11, 2013.

**Sponsor a Day**...I would like to sponsor a day by donating \$275.

**Sponsor 5 Miles**...I would like to help this mission by donating \$10/5 miles

Number of miles:    5       10       15       20       25       other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_