



### **Introduction**

Thinking Cap Literacy Initiative is a non-for-profit organization aimed at rolling back illiteracy among Nigerian children through the use of creative methods and we have been doing so for the past 11 years. Our goals and objectives are in line with SDG number 4 which is geared towards providing quality and equitable access to education for all. Our aims and objectives as an organization are: to promote literacy among children and young people using creative channels, to create literacy awareness, to organize programs, clubs, and literacy competitions such as spelling bees, writing competitions etc., funding and stocking libraries with academic and inspirational materials, encouraging the development of core moral values and language and cultural heritage, providing educational and financial support in the form of scholarship, and bursary to deserving young people and collaborating/networking with potential partners to achieve the above-named goals.

We currently have 42 active volunteers and 4 members of the Administrative arm of the organization.

Below is a progress report on our activities and projects in the third and fourth quarter of 2023:

- **JULY**

- We renewed the scholarship of beneficiaries under our scholarship scheme:
  - Job Jaba
  - Ilisha John
- We supported the set-up of a library at an orphanage in Gombe with stationery and books.
- We gave a donation towards the school fees of a child who was in need.

- **AUGUST**

- We sent a donation of support to Claire Aid Foundation's summer camp for IDP children in Bassa Local Government of Plateau State.
- We held our first in house training for the volunteers at our community library
- We renewed the scholarship of two children under our scholarship scheme:



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▪ Emmanuel Aku

▪ Emmanuella Aku

- We produced 200 branded stationery purses for our stationery bank
- We collaborated with African Jewels Initiative and Girls Should Thrive Initiative to do a food donation to single mothers as an emergency intervention.

• **SEPTEMBER**

- We hosted our very first in-house spelling bee competition at the community library and it was an incredible success with over 40 children in attendance.
- We paid a courtesy visit to the Mr Daniel Olushola, the Director of Reformation Wall School, who gave us the library location for free.
- We paid a visit to Mr Charles, a TCLI volunteer, to felicitate with him on the birth of his daughter.
- We supported the 'She Thrives Project' with 4 dozen of sanitary pads for her menstrual hygiene outreach to a secondary school in Jos North, Plateau State, Nigeria.
- We had a book reading session at the community library with the author of 'The University Library', Mr. Tongjal Wungakha who had previously donated copies of his book to our library after it was launched.

• **OCTOBER**

- We received a distress call from Victorious Rhema Foundation concerning one of its orphans and we responded by sending Support to the said orphan child for an Appendectomy
- We renewed the scholarship payments for the following children under our scholarship scheme:
  - Peace Meshach
  - Nifemi Gabriel
  - Friday Thomas
  - Nandir Jangfa
- We gave monetary support to a menstrual hygiene project organized by one of our volunteers, Miss Stephanie Augustine who supported 200 girls with



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sanitary pads in commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child, 2023.

- We sent out a pitch to Chess in Slums requesting for their support in setting up our chess club at the community library.
- We received a donation of primary school textbooks from a kindhearted individual which will be added to our resources at the library and also donated to any child who is in need.
- **NOVEMBER**
  - We held our second in house training for our library volunteers to improve our work with the children and our personal development as well.
  - We supported one of our scholarship beneficiaries (Nifemi) with a school bag.
  - We paid a condolence visit to one of our volunteers (Mr. Emmanuel Mike) on the loss of his mother.
  - We supported a struggling teenage girl with textbooks and school shoes for her learning (Sekyen)
  - We collaborated with Kiddie Creative School to organize a spelling bee competition with over 100 children in attendance.
  - We collaborated with Heritage Little Lambs School Jos to organize a spelling bee competition with over 30 children in attendance. We also supported them with stationery and books for the winners.
  - We paid a condolence visit to one of our volunteers (Miss Nerat) on the loss of her mother
- **DECEMBER**
  - We received a donation of 15 chess boards/pieces from Chess in Slums to start our chess club at the community library.
  - We supported a struggling student (Nabinta Thumanson) with some funds to complete her fees after we received a distress call for help.
  - We hosted an end of the year party & volunteers appreciation hangout at the community library with about 50 children in attendance and 20 volunteers. It was a time of bonding, appreciation and appraisal as we rounded up the year 2023.



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## • STATISTICS TO NOTE:

- We have 76 registered children at our free community library since the launch in June, 2023
- Between July and December 2023, we donated the following amount of stationery from our free stationery bank:
  - 130 exercise books
  - 52 pens
  - 1 pack of pencils
  - 1 pack of erasers
  - 6 pencil cases

## Conclusion

We are grateful for the progress we made in the year 2023 and are confident that we will do more in 2024. We would like to say a big thank you to all our donors, partners and supporters alike. We are immensely grateful for your support this year.

## What's next for us?

1. 12<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration
2. On boarding of community manager and project manager
3. Strategy meeting for 2024
4. In house spelling bee
5. Scholarship scheme
6. School visits
7. Launch of our chess club

**(Please see pictorial evidence of work done on next pages)**



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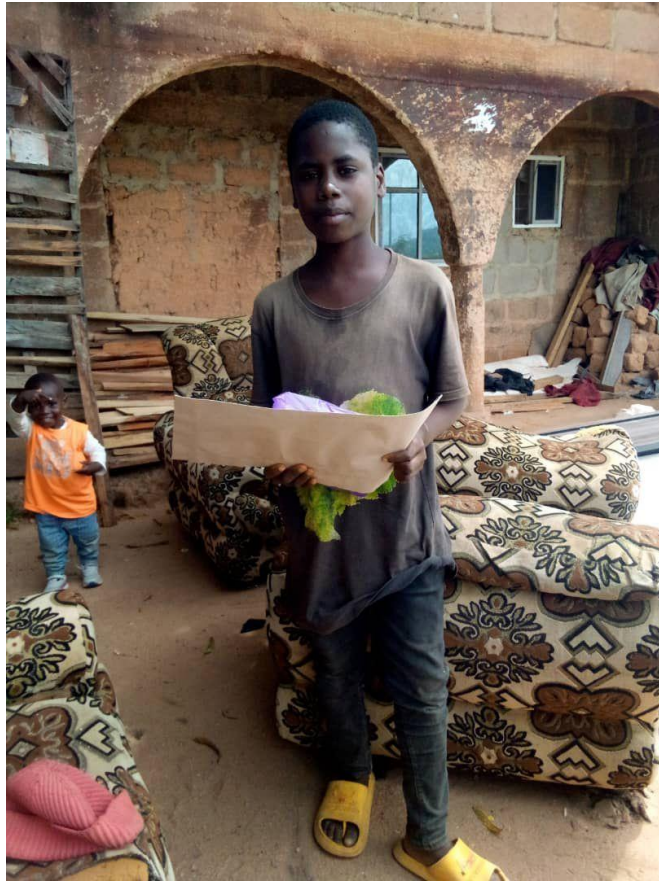
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