WORKING TO RAISE AWARENESS AND HAVE NIGERIA REPRESENTED IN THE GLOBAL CONVERSATION

Over the summer online children's booklists were everywhere, particularly those that offered suggested reading for under-represented communities. Recognising that very few children's books were promoted in the UK that illustrated the experience of childhood living in an African countries we decided to add to this conversation with our own booklist. We recommended 12 children's books that were both written by Nigerian authors and set in Nigeria. This was part of our awareness building campaign that led into our first online fundraising campaign that ran for the month of August. Our #ReasonToReturn campaign posted 30 reasons why we should support children's literacy in Nigeria over 30 days.

You can view our children's book list by following the link:

http://christiannafoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Nigerian-Childrens-Book-List.pdf

Schools in Ona-Ara were set to reopen by late September and we began preparations for going back into schools. We would be re-engaging with a new set of Covid-19 safety guidelines. All books will be quarantined for a minimum of 5-days upon return to the library and full Personal Protective Equipment were issued to all staff.

We hope to be able to retrieve as many of the library books we left in the community in early 2020, however we expect to have significant loses. In preparation for the reopening of schools we purchased, 800 new storybook, 800 notebooks, 800 new book bags and 20 book boxes.



