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Book Box Library Club

Give the gift of literacy



The ability to read provides a child with a powerful way to understand the world around them. It allows them to connect, communicate, explore ideas and better understand themselves. Can you imagine your own life if you had never been able to read anything?

Illiteracy is an everyday reality for around 35 million children in Nigeria. Strongly linked to poverty, poor health outcomes and increased exploitation, illiteracy prevents individuals, communities and countries from reaching their potential. The challenge to improve children's literacy in Nigeria is an opportunity to change millions of lives for the better.

Christianna Foundation have been working within schools in Nigeria since 2012, we have built 9 libraries and run numerous education projects. We know that positive literacy outcomes are possible. In September 2020 we plan to use this experience to launch our biggest literacy initiative to date.

Book Box Library Club is a mobile library service that will reach 20,000 children across 102 under-resourced primary schools in rural Nigeria.

Designed with the understanding that an effective reading programme needs to do more than provide books alone, children will be supported along a structured pathway to literacy.

We aim to inspire a love of reading, as we nurture emergent readers through consecutive reading levels that carefully build confidence and skills.

OUR PATHWAY TO LITERACY



Book Box Library Club will provide the right book at the right time in both local language and in English. Alongside relevant, relatable books, we will have a programme of fun activities, events and lesson plans for teachers that focus on delivering 5 essential elements of literacy development.

- ✓ **Phoneme awareness**
- ✓ **Phonics**
- ✓ **Reading fluency**
- ✓ **Vocabulary**
- ✓ **Comprehension**

Our service will be completely free to use and children will be able to borrow between 20 and 40 books a year to read at school and at home.

To care for their books, every child will be given their very own beautifully designed book bag, a gift from us which is theirs to keep.



Together we can bring joy and education to the children of Nigeria

As well as using effective, evidence based educational methods, we also recognise that programmes themselves don't teach literacy, teachers do. We will develop and support local schoolteachers, peer educators and community coaches. Working together we aim to increase:

- Access to books
- Awareness of the importance of literacy
- Motivation to read
- Positive behaviours around reading
- Literacy skills

Book Box Library Club is a replicable model delivered at local authority level. We are community-led and will operate in collaboration with local government, primary schools, children, local people and our generous funding partners.

Largely run by volunteers our model is extremely cost effective. Just ₦2000 (£4) covers the cost of one child for the first year and ₦1000 (£2) for every year thereafter.

Just ₦7000 (£14) covers the cost of Book Box Library Club Membership for one child for their full 6-years of primary school plus pre-school

How can you get involved?

- ★ Help fund Book Box Library Club and give the gift of literacy to the children of Nigeria
- ★ Support us through corporate sponsorship opportunities
- ★ Sponsor a school
- ★ Donate a bundle of books at just ₦500 (£1) per book
- ★ Connect us to others who would love to support children's literacy in Nigeria



Book Box Library Club is launching in Ona-Ara, Oyo State, a local authority where currently only 8.8 % of primary school children have library access.

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