



Dear friends and members of Adesuwa,



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The Prequel

Every year it is Adesuwa's wish that our children and their families have a wonderful Christmas. At least once a year their hearts should be full of joy and their plates full of Christmas food.

This year our social worker Esther made plans to make the Christmas celebration special for everyone.

She bought a food package with typical Nigerian foodstuffs – rice, canned tomatoes, Maggi seasoning, groundnut oil, and salt – for all 70 families.

For each child she bought a wristwatch – for Coker children a real treat.



As a recognition of their hard work and dedication – 8 of the best children would receive an educational book.

The tutors would receive a small bonus.

Three parents would be especially appreciated for the extra administrative duties they carried out for Adesuwa – Esther bought a special Ankara fabric for them.

All the presents were wrapped festively in shiny paper.

As always, she organized a car to take her from Lagos to Coker Village for the event on December 21st.

Meanwhile in Coker Village preparations were underway for a very special event. The parents rented a pavilion as a venue for the party and even prepared some party snacks for the festivities. They were really looking forward to the day!

On December 21st Esther and her helpers from Lagos waited patiently for the driver to take them to Coker Village, and waited and waited...

Due to the terrible conditions of the roads (potholes literally a yard deep,) to the very dense traffic conditions and the frequent street closings, it is always difficult to find a driver willing to make the arduous trip.

But Esther was confident until she heard the news – the driver was not coming!

Christmas comes to Coker Village

Esther showed the initiative and flexibility which she is known for. Against all odds she was able to organize another car and driver for December 23rd – just 2 days before Christmas!

The families welcomed her with open arms. Instead of the festive pavilion, they all celebrated in one of the classrooms. But all together they sang Christmas songs, celebrated the year's achievements and – received their Christmas presents!



You made this possible!

To show their appreciation for your support and generosity, the children have written thank-you letters which you will receive soon.

Adesuwa and the children wish you a happy, prosperous and – above all – healthy 2022!

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