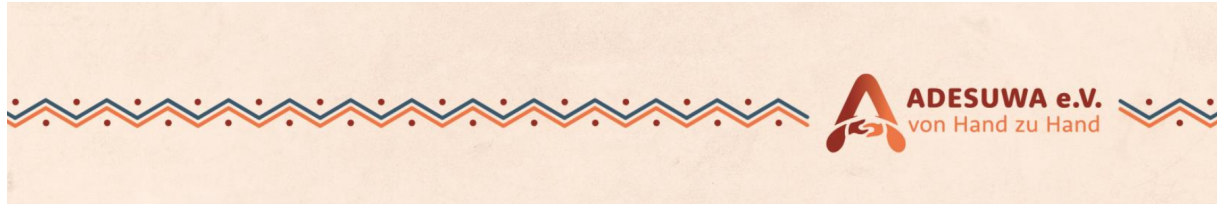


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### Father Christmas comes to Coker Village!

### Adesuwa building bridges in Germany

Dear friends and members of Adesuwa,

All of us from Adesuwa e.V. send our New Year greetings and hope you and your families enjoy a healthy and fulfilling new year full of love and happiness.

As every year Christmas came to Coker Village and our families celebrated a wonderful time together. The canopies were decorated, and a DJ kicked off the celebrations. The day started with prayers from one of the parents and a student led the villagers in a beautiful praise session. Our social worker Esther officially welcomed everyone to the party and the program included lots of fun warming-up activities: parents dancing around chairs, a dance competition with students from each of the schools and balloon games for students and tutor's. Everyone participated in the games.

Then came the surprise: Father Christmas arrived bearing gifts and goodies. Esther gave special gifts to outstanding students of the year in each of the schools and also to parents that showed dedication and consistency in attending every meeting. Even the tutors and staff members received gifts.

The happy families received a food package with rice, salt, Maggi, groundnut oil, tomato paste and a reusable bag. These were much appreciated due to the dire economic situation and the very high food prices in Nigeria.

As Esther and Bambam wrote in their report, "The joy was palpable." And only possible thanks to the support and donations of you - our sponsors and friends.

Esther encouraged the students to keep improving in their studies and the parents to continue in supporting their children in their work. She highlighted that Adesuwa is offering a great opportunity to attend school and the next year will require even more work and dedication.

We wish the students the best of luck in 2025!



Santa handing out Christmas presents to the Coker kids

## **We are also busy in Germany!**

### *Christmas Market*

As last year Adesuwa had a stand at the Oberhausen Christmas market. Many people stopped by, not only to buy special presents – homemade by 2 of our members - but also to learn about the work Adesuwa is doing.



*Our stand at the Christmas Market*

### *Cooperation with Elsa-Brandström-Gymnasium*

Adesuwa e.V. is cooperating with the Elsa-Brandström Secondary School aiming to:

- raise funds to support the Adesuwa Tutor Program and
- increase student awareness of and empathy for the situation of our children in Coker Village

To this end we will place recycling containers around the school where students can dispose of their plastic bottles. Adesuwa will collect the bottles and get the deposit back.

Our member Barbara will conduct workshops for grades 5,8,10 and 12, combining information about Nigeria and activities for the students to gain first-hand experience of the children in Coker Village.

A win-win situation to fulfill Adesuwa's ambition to build intercultural bridges!

For 2025 Adesuwa e.V. is planning various activities in Germany and in Coker Village. We will keep you informed!

Your Adesuwa e.V.

### **Current news in Nigeria:**

BBC: US returns \$50m in alleged stolen funds to Nigeria

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg8djp845o>

CNN: Germany's return of bronze statues to Nigeria

<https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/germany-returns-bronzes-nigeria-intl/index.html>

Nigerian newspaper: High cost of living in Nigeria takes toll on Nigerians

<https://dailytrust.com/high-cost-of-living-takes-toll-on-nigerians/>