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### Rainbow News.

#### Student Exchange Support!

**Charley Johnson, MA. RN** and a Doctoral Candidate for PhD in education in Florida USA sent a letter to AWEC to assert her willingness to support AWEC students when they get ready for college. She is organizing a group of families who will provide housing for the students in the event that AWEC seeks foreign exchange opportunities for the youth. AWEC extends a hearty thank you to Charley for her thoughtful and worthy offer. We are grateful for the confidence you have bestowed on us and we look forward to our future work with you and your group! Love knows no color. Thank you for entering the

**Rainbow.**

#### Sickle Cell Anemia Support Launched

**Chinyere Ezeala** of Atlanta USA has been tapped to head the support efforts for orphan children afflicted with Sickle cell anemia. Her goal is to provide community awareness about Sickle Cell anemia. Many think that the anemia is infectious and assume the afflicted are contagious. Education is the key. Orphans or those who have parents but are afflicted will be offered nutritious meals and educational awareness to help them control the illness. Chinyere will be working with American supporters who have decided to enter the **Rainbow** where love knows no color and where it takes the village to raise a child!

## AFRICAN WOMEN ECONOMIC CONSORTIUM (AWEC)

# AWEC NIGERIA NEWS

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*AWEC Nigerian Orphans in ABA*

### AWEC NIGERIA MEETS IN ABA!

Today Sunday May 16, 2010, the sun shined brightly as a warm breeze flirted with the light weight debris milling about in the street. A small child walked about with a round pan laden with ripe banana and peanuts wrapped with plastic wrap. "Banana and Groundnuts" she shouted to draw would be customers. In a Kiosk filled with everyday essentials, a tall thin woman dripping with sweat sold a loaf of bread to a man on a motorcycle, while his wife and small son held on in the back of his motor cycle.

Amidst the sights and scenes of the afternoon, 46 AWEC women sat under the shade of a fruit tree for their monthly meeting to discuss an agenda about their objectives for the AWEC Nigerian group. The AWEC Nigeria coordinator Mrs Amadi presided.

### The following was the agenda:

**AWEC USA support-** The women were advised that each of them would be adopted and supported by a group of women as an international effort to help them build their individual businesses.

**Community Work and Expectations for this opportunity:** They have the responsibility to champion efforts to support orphan children in the temporary Village of Hope housing in Aba until the actual main AWEC village of Hope is completed in June 2011. They will prepare the meals daily for the children to eat and hose as many as the building will accommodate. Other social efforts under this area:

- Organize community clean up events
- Children's picnic
- Children's history day
- Civics training camp
- Health workshops
- Sickle-cell support workshops
- Governor's roundtable discussion on behalf of orphans.

**Attendance at meetings:** all members should endeavor to attend monthly meetings. Only 2 can be missed or the member will be dropped.

**Membership dues.** For the first 100 women, there are not international dues, just the one established by the members to run their chapter. All the women were delighted and in agreement with this rule.

**Group leadership-** according to the AWEC requirements, the Gold members are the OFFICERS of the group, Silver members are members over 60 and regular membership.

**Picture taking:** The women will take their formal pictures for the AWEC website next Sunday.

**Presidents call from the USA:** Mrs Amadi held the telephone while Dr. Uwa Onyioha Osimiri, AWEC Founder and CEO greeted the women. Unfortunately the phone was not very cooperative. After the meeting, Dr. Osimiri had a long discussion with Mrs Amadi about all the group discussions. The women were excited and ready to work on behalf of children and AWEC objectives.

**Africa Visit:** The women were advised that Dr. Osimiri will be visiting Ghana and Nigeria in October 2010 to meet with the women in preparation for the 2011 visit with Joe Byers of pleasant valley LLC and designer of the AWEC Village of Hope Joe Dome housing project, as well as other US and British Guests, for the ground breaking construction of the Village of Hope in Nkporo Nigeria.. They expressed their excitement over the upcoming visit.