



HOPE FOR NIGERIA

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But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? (1 John 3:17)

What It's All About

Hope for Nigeria operates in partnership with Mennonite Brethren Charity Organization of Nigeria to provide financing and advice for beginning poultry farmers in Nigeria.

What We've Been Doing

In September, Dr. Gbenga Idowu of the Christian Veterinarians Nigeria conducted a workshop with the four new chicken farmers and helped them place their first batch of four hundred chicks each. The birds grew well, although there was a small problem with size variance. This was probably due to the quality of the chicks purchased. In October, six hundred birds were shipped to the processing plant, and another two hundred were sold to local hotels and restaurants. The remaining eight hundred birds were shipped in early November after a brief delay when the freezer compressor broke down at the plant.

What's Next

Although it appears that the barns will be self-supporting, we will continue to work towards more efficient and profitable operation for the farmers. Selling birds locally was quite a success, so the local farmers plan to pursue that route as much as possible, while selling the rest of their flocks to the processing plant. Feed costs are high, and the Nigerian committee is currently investigating making their own feed from cheaper ingredients available from other areas. As the barns become more profitable, the farmers will be able to pay off their loans. The first twelve farmers, who are also members of the MBCO, have committed themselves to reinvesting the bulk of their funds into the treasury for the purposes of extending assistance to even poorer and needier families.

What Can I Do

Currently, we are requesting another \$20 000 for construction and initial operating costs for the next four barns, due for construction in January. We want to encourage you to donate generously. Our new farmers are not only enjoying their new occupation, but they are also thrilled to be the owners of businesses that have the potential to provide for their families and communities.

As always, we solicit your prayers, advice, and donations. All of our initial registration, administration, etc. costs are now paid for, so all donated funds are being applied directly to operating loans and capital loans to the farmers. Our position has evolved into one of support and advice for the Nigerian committee, who appear to be taking over responsibility quite well. The vision of the MBCO is to use this program as an outreach to their local communities. Donors from the USA can send donations to Roger Ensz of Center, Colorado (719.754.3270). Cheques should be made out to High Valley Mennonite Church.

Who We Are

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NIGERIA POULTRY PROJECT DONATION FORM

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Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ to support the Nigeria Poultry Project!

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