



OUR MISSION: To be a leading provider of technology and educational facilities that create independence for the blind.

MORE BLIND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RECEIVE BOOKS FROM ANWAB

942 copies of books in 1,069 volumes were produced while 824 copies of books in 1,022 volumes were delivered to students, individuals and corporate organisations in the first half of 2010. The students were from 16 institutions, including:

University of Lagos, Lagos State; University of Calabar, Cross River State; University of Benin, Edo State; Ado Bayero University, Kano, Kano State; Babcock University, Ilishan Remo, Ogun State; Nigerian Institute of Journalism, Ogba, Ikeja, Lagos; Federal College of Education (Special) Oyo, Oyo State.

Primary and Secondary Schools: Pacelli School for the Blind and Partially Sighted Children, Lagos; Queen's College, Lagos; Federal Government College, Ijanikin, Lagos; College of Immaculate Conception (CIC), Enugu, Enugu State; Holy Ghost College, Owerri, Imo State; Ihogbe College, Benin City, Edo State; Government Girls' Secondary School, Kwali, Abuja FCT; Yewa College, Ogun State; Adeola Adetola College, Ijebu Ode, Ogun State. Other institutions that received brailled books were Nigeria Association of the Blind (NAB) Lagos, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) Lagos, and Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH), Ibadan.



ANWAB staff at work

ANWAB MAKES OUTREACH VISITS TO 18 STATES IN NIGERIA

In continuation of our efforts to reach out to blind students in the nooks and crannies of Nigeria, ANWAB's Outreach Officer, Mr. Taofeek Gbadeyanka has in the last six months visited 8 more states in the

OUR VISION: To help the blind to achieve daily independence and good life while working with concerned stakeholders to ensure full inclusion of the blind into the society.

North and 10 states in the Southern part of the country. The states visited included Sokoto, Kebbi, Zamfara, Katsina, Jigawa, Niger, Kogi and Kwara in the North and Cross River, Akwa Ibom, Edo, Bayelsa, Rivers, Imo, Abia, Enugu, Ebonyi as well as Anambra in Southern Nigeria. As usual, Taofeek used the opportunity of the visit to identify the books and leisure needs of the blind students so that ANWAB can make arrangements to provide for such needs from our Lagos centre.

ANWAB DONATES BOOKS TO SCHOOLS

ANWAB has again donated books to some educational institutions for the blind in the country. 95 cartons of books were presented to schools in Adamawa, Benue, Enugu, Katsina, Kaduna, Plateau and Nasarawa States.

In the same vein, ANWAB also received a donation of books from an old friend of the organisation. Mr. Sola Omilabu from Osun State presented two books, "Women and Child Trafficking - The Way Out" and "Simplified Essay Questions and Answers on Nigerian History for WAEC and NECO" to the Centre.

CJ IS HOOKED FOR BETTER FOR WORSE



Mr. Kola Adewale, right, with the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Cajetan Duru

One of our pioneer staff, Mr. Cajetan Duru, popularly called CJ got married in April 2010 to former Miss Ogechi Mbonu. The traditional ceremony took place in Owerri, Imo State. ANWAB was represented by the Office Manager, Mr. Kola Adewale. CJ is the Head of ANWAB's Braille Books Production Department. We all at ANWAB wish the Durus a happy married life.

MORE VISITORS COMMEND ANWAB'S WORK

A number of local and foreign visitors were at the ANWAB Centre for the Blind in Yaba in the last few months. They came from such places as Abuja, Bauchi, Lagos and Germany. There were some special visitors from the USAID, the Media - The Punch newspaper and Radio Nigeria and from some corporate organisations. They were impressed with what ANWAB was contributing to the welfare of blind persons and promised to assist the organisation to do more.

EVENTS AND AWARDS BY ANWAB STAFF



Mr. Kola Adewale poses with his award

- ▶ On 8th April, Mr. Isaac Adegbola, Computer Trainer and Juliet Okoroji, Secretary, attended the 15th Annual Inter-house Sports Competition of the Vocational Training Centre for the Blind, Oshodi.
- ▶ Most of the staff attended the naming ceremony of Mr. Kola Adewale's (the Office Manager) son on 24th April.

- ▶ The Director, Danlami Basharu and Taofeek Gbadeyanka, Outreach Officer, attended the commissioning of the New Resource Centre of the Downes Syndrome Association of Nigeria on 27th May.
- ▶ The Office Manager, Mr. Kola Adewale was given award of recognition for supporting the blind in Lagos State by the Nigeria Association of the Blind, Lagos State Chapter on 26th May.
- ▶ Lions International District 404B Nigeria presented to ANWAB a Corporate Award "In recognition of your wonderful contribution towards the success of our Lionistic year 29009/2010 and Lionism"

ANWAB AND FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC ORGANISE TRAINING PROGRAMME

ANWAB, in conjunction with Freedom Scientific on the 15th of May, organised a one-day training programme on JAWS and other products of Freedom Scientific for users in Nigeria. Many members of the Nigeria Association of the Blind from different parts of the country attended the programme which was anchored by Mr. Jan Bloem, the International Sales Director of Freedom Scientific for Europe and Africa. He was accompanied on the trip by a friend, Mr. Marcel

Janssen, the Principal of School for the Blind in Holland who gave an insight into the teaching the visually impaired in his country.



A cross section of participants at the training

ANWAB STRIVES TO SURMOUNT CHALLENGES - CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE

The following challenges have become daunting and we call on friends and well-wishers to come to the aid of ANWAB to enable us continue to provide quality service to the blind in Nigeria:

- ▶ **Staff Salaries:** This remains a great challenge. We welcome support from all sources to support the payment of staff salaries and overheads for the Centre which amounts to N500,000.00 each month.
- ▶ **Purchase of diesel:** Electricity continues to be erratic requiring the constant purchase of diesel. ANWAB spends about N54,000.00 on diesel every month.
- ▶ **Accommodation:** A kind hearted philanthropist has donated a parcel of land for ANWAB's permanent site which should be ready within the next two years. We need help to ensure that this comes to fruition.

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