

The Future of Benin: Feeding Program

The Beginning

In 2008, Rev. Doris Green, Founder and President of TRS, embarked on a journey that would change her life and the lives of many in Benin, West Africa. This journey marked the inception of The Future of Benin Project, a structured humanitarian initiative designed to provide regular and nutritious meals to the children of Saint Therese De L'Enfant Jesus Nursery Primary School Complex.-

Revisiting Benin

In 2013, the team returned to the city of Calavi to visit Mike's tree and see the children at the local orphanage. This visit was significant as they learned the orphanage had transformed into a school, providing education to the children of the community.

A New Chapter in 2023

In March 2023, ten years after her first visit, the team made a return to Benin. Upon their arrival, they were greeted graciously by the children who welcomed Rev. Doris Green with a song. The team learned about the transformation of the orphanage into a school and the progress that had been made over the years. They were pleased to see the growth of Mike's Tree, symbolizing strength and perseverance.

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The Feeding Program

During their visit, the team met with the school director and discussed a program to support the children's nutrition at the school. TRS agreed to send \$300 per month for the program, which started in September 2023 and will continue until June 2024. TRS is committed to raising funds to support this cause and will continue working with Isaac, their contact person in Benin.

Leaving a Legacy

Before leaving Benin in March 2023, the team stopped by to see the growth of Mike's Tree. The tree had borne Cola Nut Fruit, a sight that they captured for posterity. This tree is a living testament to the legacy of Minister Mikhael D. Smith, embodying his spirit and the positive impact he made in the lives of many.

In Loving Memory of Mikhael D. Smith

Born on May 24, 1950, Minister Mikhael D. Smith had the heart of a man and the mind of a true king. His legacy continues to live on in the motherland, nurturing and flourishing for the remainder of our days. After Smith's passing on May 19, 2011, Rev. Green and her team spread his ashes and planted a tree (Koltier) in his memory.

Conclusion

The Future of Benin Project is more than just a humanitarian initiative. It is a journey of love, resilience, and commitment. It is about planting seeds of hope and allowing them to grow and flourish. The journey continues, and as Rev. Doris Green would say, "What the eyes see the heart has a tendency to receive."

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