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Subject: Update and Call for Support of  
Right Steps Institute of Management and Technology

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Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. We are immensely grateful for your continued support for Chi and the children at Susanah Homes. Your unwavering commitment has helped us navigate challenges and create positive change in their lives. Today, I am excited to share with you some significant developments.

As some of you may recall, due to environmental and safety concerns, we made the decision to relocate many of our younger children to a rented house in Port Harcourt. This move has proven to be incredibly beneficial, as these children have flourished in their new environment. Notably, this transition also led to the establishment of a new congregation, with some of our young men playing leadership roles in worship assemblies. Additionally, we have successfully built a new campus for the Right Steps Christian School closer to the village, which has been thriving.

We currently plan to maintain both the Port Harcourt residence and the new school campus for the foreseeable future. At the same time, a number of children continue to reside at the original Susanah Homes campus, where our agricultural projects remain ongoing.

Now, I am thrilled to announce a new educational initiative that we are launching using the facilities of the Right Steps Christian School. This endeavor, known as the Right Steps Institute of Management and Technology, aims to offer education at the junior college level initially, with the aspiration of evolving into a full-fledged 4-year degree-granting institution in the future.

This institute will provide educational paths in childcare, computer technology, medical technician training, and ministry. This initiative addresses critical challenges we have faced in securing competent caregivers for our children and retaining ministers who can sustain their families while serving in remote parts of Nigeria. Those pursuing a ministerial track will also

receive training in other disciplines, ensuring they have marketable skills to support themselves, much like the Apostle Paul did in Corinth (Acts 18).

As with any ambitious undertaking, financial support is essential. While the Institute is projected to become self-sustaining through student tuition and fees, we are currently seeking startup funds of approximately \$7,000 USD per month. These funds will cover instructor and staff salaries, generator fuel, upkeep expenses, and essential supplies. We have already taken steps to procure some necessary materials, but we require your assistance to secure the rest.

Below is a partial list outlining the types of items and supplies we need to get the Institute up and running:

Library needs:

- Cataloging documentation subscription service by Library of Congress (\$685)
- Subscriptions to RDA Toolkit: Resource Description and Access (\$378)
- Sears List of Subject Headings (\$195)
- Card Catalog cards, dividers, and date stamp (\$40)
- Library Card pockets (\$33)
- Library book spine labels and label protectors (\$20)

Early Childhood Care needs:

- Projector
- Television (2)
- Radio (2)
- Video cassette player (2)
- Film strip cassette player (2)
- Computer

Agriculture needs:

- 3 Storey's Guide to Raising Meat Goats (\$60)
- 3 Storey's Guide to Keeping Honey Bees (\$60)
- 3 Storey's Guide to Raising Beef Cattle (\$60)
- 3 Storey's Guide to Raising Pigs (\$60)
- 3 Storey's Guide to Dairy Goats (\$60)
- 3 Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens (\$60)
- 3 Where There Is No Animal Doctor (\$60)
- 3 The Science of Animal Agriculture (\$250)

Would you kindly consider contributing to support this exciting new phase of our mission to care for the children entrusted to us? Your generous donation will play a crucial role in ensuring their future success.

**CHECKS** made out to Right Steps, Inc. with "Institute" in the memo line should be mailed to:

Right Steps, Inc.  
PO Box 458  
Snellville, GA 30078

**Credit Card** gifts can be made online by going to our website and selecting the DONATE tab at the top right:

[www.rightsteps.org](http://www.rightsteps.org)

As always, we humbly request your prayers as we strive to provide for the widows and orphans in our care. Your thoughts, support, and well wishes would mean the world to us.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our cause. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the lives of these children.

For Chi and the children,

Jan Blackwell, President  
Board of Directors Right Steps, Inc.



Luke leading singing at worship



Muna recites John 3:16

David graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Roselyn graduated 12<sup>th</sup> and wants to be a nurse.



Children welcoming tour guests.



Government tour and inspection of Right Steps Institute of Management and Technology

