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### "What can you do for us?"

The vision for Erabhon was born in response to the question "What can you do for us?" from internally displaced persons in Nigeria's Middle Belt. The two-fold aims of Erabhon are:

1. To provide immediate relief, rehabilitation, and help with the rebuilding efforts of people affected by violent Islamic aggression.
2. To reduce child poverty through educational funding and entrepreneurial skills training.

"What can you do for us?" echoed in the voices of the men and women whom I gathered data for my research from. Moved by the realities of life for the countless Christians in the Middle Belt of Nigeria, we reached out to a few of our friends to help ameliorate the suffering of these people.

Salamatu has always been passionate about helping underprivileged children in Nigeria fund the final exams that enable them to go to college and those not desiring to go to college to acquire entrepreneurial skills for economic empowerment. The goal is to get children out of poverty, one child at a time.

Through some generous donations from a few of our friends out of state and Winnetka Bible Church, Illinois, and our family contribution, we were able to support feeding 3000 internally displaced persons in Zonkwa, Kaduna State, and funding 16 young people with their educational needs and skills training.

"What can you do for us?" is not the voice of lazy and idle people looking for handouts. "What can you do for us?" is the desperate cry of hardworking, God-loving people who once provided for themselves and others; had their homes, farms, businesses, and livelihoods but now are at the mercy of people of goodwill for their daily survival.

"What can you do for us?" is an invitation to partner with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who have survived some of the most horrendous experiences in life. Some men have helplessly watched their wives beaten and raped; some have seen their husbands/wives slaughtered or shot dead before their eyes; others have seen their children killed by Islamic religious extremists.

Your gift, no matter how small you think it is, will help provide food, water, medication, sanitary items, clothes etc., to people internally displaced in Nigeria's Middle Belt. In addition, your support will pull one child out of poverty through educational funding or entrepreneurial skills training.

"What can you do *for* us?" is an invitation to do things *with* God and those affected.

Remember, a little act of kindness propelled by a love for God and others helps us fulfill our vision to change the world, one person at a time.