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Update for the Future

The Thomas and Eno Nwoko Educational Foundation USA Newsletter
"Building strong communities by empowering and educating the youth."

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...from the Chairman



Welcome to the inaugural issue of our newsletter, we have testimonial proof our vision for TENEf works! Please read the heartfelt testimonial from Ms. Eyaknse Uwoh, our first scholarship recipient. For insight to how and why we exist please read my perspective of why we chose Ms Uwoh.

Thank You for supporting TENEf on its mission to educate and empower young people to build strong families and strong communities. I look forward to your thoughts and comments on what we are achieving. Feel free to email me at: info@tenefusa.org

- Ini Nwoko *Chairman of the Board of T.E.N.E.F. USA*

MY TESTIMONIAL TO THE MISSION OF TENEf USA

Unimaginable blessings have been added to my life in the last nine months.

My name is Eyaknse Michael Uwoh, I am from Nto Ntia Ika LGA, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. In May of 2019, as usual, I had gone to church expectant of God's blessings but, I didn't know how these blessings would come about. On that day, Pastor Iniobong Nwoko visited our local church at Abiakana in Ika Local Government Area, Akwa-Ibom State, The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Flood Gate of Heaven Parish.

by Eyaknse (Jane) Michael Uwoh



That was the beginning of my new life. I had given up on furthering my studies because I had found no sponsor. All efforts to save some money to sponsor myself through school proved to be fruitless and fraudsters had duped me out of my savings. I decided to wait in the village and serve God in the best way that I could. God had enabled me to withstand storms, so I continued serving Him as I was that day in May 2019 as a chorister.
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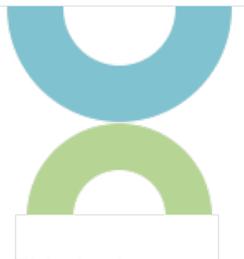


TENEf USA was formed in 2013 as public foundation legacy of Thomas and Eno Nwoko who gave their all to encourage youths in their rural communities to embrace education as the best platform of moving out of obscurity. The foundation international headquarters is Houston, Texas but with strong ties with the village of Abiakana in Ika Local Government of Akwa Ibom State in Nigeria. See more online at tenefusa.org



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Eyaknse Michael Uwoh



This is the story of how I came to know a young lady named Ms. Eyaknse Uwoh and how the principals of TENEF improved her life. This is my perspective on how our first success came to be.

When I arrived the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Flood Gate of Heaven Parish in Abiakana-Ika on May 19, 2019 to participate in worship it was not on my mind to single out any one for a special assistance.

However, by end of the service I felt my heart felt

"My Testimonial" continued...

God singled me out for a blessing. After the church service, Pastor Nwoko prayed for me and took my phone number then returned from Nigeria to Texas. He told his wife Franca Nwoko about my plight.

A month later, Pastor Nwoko and his wife called. They decided to groom and mentor me to become a better version of myself. Franca encouraged me to further my education and agreed to send me to computer school, at IMFI ICT Academy in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

There I met Dr. Gloria Inyang, with whom I lived as I began the six-month training program learning Corel Draw, Photoshop, Microsoft Word and more. I completed the training in February 2020. Now I'm happily waiting to gain admission into the University to further my studies.

I want to specially thank Dr. Gloria Inyang who showed me care and accommodated me. Thank you my Tiger Team Mentors.

I can't end this article without thanking Pastor Iniobong Nwoko and Mrs. Franca Nwoko for accepting to sponsor one who is not their biological child. I have found a mother in you. Thank you for your encouragement, love and many more that I am yet to mention

I am no longer who I used to be. This great fortune has changed every part of my being. All wouldn't have been possible without God, and I return all praise to God for His divine visitation.

PROVING TENEF: My Perspective - by Ini Nwoko

a strong impression to find out more about the young lady who led worshippers at the beginning of services. I asked the Pastor about the young lady and he said she was from the nearby community. She was part of the church volunteers who served faithfully.

I asked the pastor to obtain her contact information for me to reach out to her. She responded confidently to all my questions, including my request for her to send me her high school graduation certificate.

After assessing her academic performance, I felt she had potential to be nurtured and supported through a University education. Also I learned there was no one in her family who had a University education. This was exciting since TENEF USA has been working to establish a scholarship program for First Time College Freshmen (FTCF).

You can help other First Time College Freshmen (FTCF) with a donation to TENEF at tenefusa.org





"Proving TENEf" continued...

With that in mind, I decided to introduce Ms. Eyaknse Uwoh to my wife, Mrs. Fran Nwoko, and impressed upon her the need for us to help in whatever way possible. Fran wholeheartedly agreed to support Ms. Uwoh and I felt embolden to allocate our family resources to this cause. Mrs. Fran Nwoko also decided to give her laptop to Ms Uwoh to practice her acquired skills.

We were planning our assistance while in Washington DC and realized that the logistics of supporting Ms. Uwoh called for her relocation from her rural community of Nto Ntia in Ika local government area to the City of Uyo which is the capital of Akwa Ibom State.

To overcome the challenge, we reached out to Dr. Gloria Inyang, an experienced educator currently serving as the General Secretary of Ika Builders Forum (IBF) in Nigeria and requested her to provide accommodation and mentorship for Ms Uwoh. Many thanks go to Dr Gloria Inyang for her unmatched spirit of generosity as she risked all to accept a stranger into her home.

Today we are all happy for it. Testifying about Ms. Uwoh's progress gives us a lot of excitement. She is a proof that TENEf USA mission will continue to affect lives of young people in remote rural communities now and in the future.

TENEf is honored by those who help us through association and money saving programs. Currently we are affiliated with:

[ESRI Non-Profit Program](#), [TechSoup Non-Profit Program](#)

Please learn more by clicking on their name.

Announcing the TENEf First Time College Freshman Scholarship Program

Is your student the first person in your family heading to college, then they may be eligible for Thomas and Eno Nwoko Educational Foundation, Inc (TENEf) First Time College Freshman Scholarship.

The basic principle of the scholarship is to assist first generation college students with critical financial needs who want to further their education and will be the first in their family to pursue higher education.

The \$ 1,000 scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis to be used in the fall semester of the academic year. TENEf will work with specific school districts in identifying students in addition to accepting applications from students enrolled in Houston area school districts.

The student will have to demonstrate promising academic capacity and remarkable dedication to continuing their education.

Some qualifying limitations are:

- Neither parent nor any siblings have ever enrolled in or attended any college
- No immediate family members (parents, siblings, or children) have obtained a degree nor attended college

This scholarship is still being defined by the TENEf Scholarship Committee for awarding in May of 2021 for use in the Fall 2021 Semester.





TENEF initiates and supports community programs which teach young people to become responsible individuals, to be good parents and to be leaders of their communities therefore improving quality of life for communities around the world.

If you do not know you can be different than who you “believe” you are, then you cannot be better than who you perceive yourself to be.

Our Core Values

Compassion

We are aware that educating individuals, and families requires deliberate compassionate action.

We shall conduct our service with patience, understanding and consideration.

Teamwork

Building strong communities requires teamwork.

We will work diligently through building strategic partnerships to give youths and their families access to opportunities.

Respect

We will treat one another with respects and kindness, as well as develop programs to help others do the same.

Imagination

We commit to see the greatness in every life we serve. We will work with families and youths in all settings, so they may see their potential, just as we do.

Integrity

We recognize that how we do our work and how we collaborate with others is just as important as what we are seeking to accomplish.

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