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Dear Supporters of ASODI,

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2010 to you.

We are delighted to use this medium to thank you immensely for all the support that you have given to us this year. Through your support, we were able to make progress in each of our areas of service to the orphaned, epileptic and disabled population in the areas that ASODI serves:

Care of Orphans:

Our activities in the area of Orphans care was expanded to four other subdivisions in Momo Division, namely Widikum, Mbengwi, Njkwá and Batibo. We were able to assist them in the areas of books distribution, foodstuff distribution, establishment of more birth certificates, and payment of tuition to those who are in Vocational training. In 2009 we got more of the Orphans (30) into secondary school although we still have to pay their tuition (details in our annual report).

Practically the number of Orphans under our care increased to 2,500, higher than at any point in the past.

Moreover, the cry of Orphans reached the peak this year as UNICEF selected some Organizations in Cameroon to work through them first for three years and ASODI was selected for Momo Division. Thanks to your loyal support to our activities and our own support as well.

Orphans taking on vocational training made some pauses using cloth about 280 pieces which were sent to St. John's Presbyterian church in Los Angeles for use in raising additional funds.

We are grateful to the many of you who took time off to write to your children under your sponsorship. Many thanks to you as your replies will be posted at the beginning of this year.

Care and Treatment of Epileptics:

Epilepsy continues to be a major health issue in Momo Division. *We were able to extend treatment using anti epilepsy drugs to four other divisions in the North West Region making a significant increase of patients to 2200 (from 1500).*

This is a landmark victory as most of the patients under treatment experience positive changes. For your information, four of the patients whom we experimented in Batibo sub division under intensive treatment non stop for one year are now seizure free, alleluia to God for his marvels. This means that if all the patients we are treating receive continuous treatment for a long time without

any break, they will be seizure free, but it will take us more financial means to achieve this.

The results of the last biomedical study which we carried out did not support the hypothesis that neurocysticercosis (pork tape worm that is ingested and it moves in the bloodstream into the brain) is the major cause of epilepsy in Ngie. Of 498 patients/controls positive which were assayed by the Centre for Disease Control CDC Atlanta only 24 showed evidence of neurocysticercosis. I am still looking for seminars/conferences all over the World to present this work so that we can get some other health personnel with whom we can put up another team for more studies and reinforce treatment to the patients. If any of you comes across one, please do not hesitate to link me.

We were also able to represent the North West Region at the National meeting on epilepsy control in Yaoundé last July after which I was interviewed on the State National Radio (Cameroon Radio Television CRTV) for 15 minutes which was broadcasts on the news four times.

After this meeting, the Minister of Public health in his opening speech asked us (Organizations taking care of persons living with epilepsy) to form a federation so that we should speak to him in one voice. We later met on August 10th 2009 and I was elected the pioneer president. We will be doing the launching early in 2010 .

Care and Livelihood for People with Disabilities:

Many of our disables were able to get a market for their products this year (market for their artifacts/craft work.) We are still looking for more clients for them to exhaust their stock.

Expanding the ASODI Mission:

Finally, we have written and posted more than 20 projects this year in a variety of fields. We will be expecting the feed back come 2010.

Permit me to convey the appreciation of the Orphans, persons living with epilepsy and Disables to you all .We will ask God the creator of us all to replenish the pockets from where money was taken and sent to us here in Cameroon.

May he Bless all your family members and relatives all over the World and still enable you to continue in your support to ASODI in 2010 as we still have more Orphans and many projects to tackle.

May 2010 be a year of success and many good things to happen in your lives.

May God in his infinite Mercy Continue to pour his Blessings on us all as we take care of his sheep.

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President ASODI Cameroon.