

Operation Blessing International Helps Nigerian School Reopen Following Nearby Boko Haram Kidnapping & Bombing

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (June 16, 2014) -- Operation Blessing International (OBI) is helping a boarding school in northeastern Nigeria reopen after it closed in April following the kidnapping of nearly 300 schoolgirls by terrorist group Boko Haram at another school in the region.

David Darg, vice president of international operations for Operation Blessing International, visited the boarding school with a heavily armed security detail as classes resumed for the first time last week.

The school is located in the same region where 270 girls were kidnapped and also where a Boko Haram suicide bomber killed more than 40 people recently.

To help better secure the school compound and protect the 200 children who attend, Operation Blessing provided razor wire for the perimeter wall. And to ensure nutritious meals for those returning, OBI donated much needed staples including rice, oil, milk powder and sugar. Additionally, Operation Blessing provided new computers to the school as well as books to start a library.

Operation Blessing will continue aiding the students by providing a well for the school and making improvements to the children's dorms.

ABOUT OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL:

Operation Blessing International (OBI) is one of the largest charities in America, providing strategic disaster relief, medical aid, hunger relief, clean water and community development in 23 countries around the world on a daily basis. Currently, Forbes ranks OBI as one of its "100 Largest Charities" with an efficiency rating of 99%, and Consumers Digest also named OBI as one of "America's Top Charities" in 2012. Founded in 1978, Operation Blessing International has touched the lives of more than 255 million people in more than 105 countries and 50 states, providing goods and services valued at over \$3.3 billion to date.

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