

TASTE NEWS

December 2003

In brief ... *We have been greatly blessed during the past 12 months but have had to endure a number of frustrations. Our plans for the next year are limited purely by financial restrictions and we encourage you to pray that the Lord will open the hearts of our supporters and funders to help His work go forward in Nigeria.*

TASTE was formed in September 1999 to encourage the spread of appropriate and sustainable technology in Nigeria.

This encouragement could take the form of sending suitably qualified Christian professionals to work alongside local people or offering a placement to young Nigerian professionals.

TASTE has identified Achi as the first community with which it will work and has appointed Mark Lipdo as Project Manager to take the work forward. Mark is a qualified engineer resident in Jos and he will oversee the Achi project and recommend future **TASTE** activities.



Resources for Self-Sufficiency

We wish you God's blessing ...

The Trustees of **TASTE** would like to thank you all for your prayers and support during 2003 and wish you God's richest blessing at this Christmas time and throughout 2004.

Our prayer is that you will be able to use this holiday break to reflect on what value there is in a Christmas without Christ. Surely, when we celebrate the birth of one of our family members we do all we can to be with that person or, if they live far away, to at least contact them by telephone or e-mail. So how can a society that rejects Christ really enjoy Christmas? The truth is, the Christian should be able to enjoy Christmas in a deeper and more meaningful way than the non-Christian. Perhaps, for us, that is the challenge of this holiday time!

What are we planning for 2004?

Rocky is waiting to move to his new home! (For new readers that means we have a drilling rig we want to ship to Nigeria once we've raised the funds)

To raise funds we are planning three large-scale events:

Saturday 27 March: FunRun 2004

The famous **TASTE FunRun** takes in a 5k circuit of Sheffield's Weston Park and duplicates the distance that women and children walk in Achi to reach clean water. The Run is timed to link with World Water Day and this year will be followed by a picnic in the park.

Saturday 19 June: Under 18 5-a-side Tournament

This will be a first for **TASTE**. Youth teams from around the country are invited to enter a team

Saturday 3 July: Reeth Ramble

We are aiming to build on last year's highly successful event

Full details over the page ...

What are you planning to do to support TASTE in 2004?



How about bringing your young people to play 5-a-side and learn about the work of TASTE?

19th June at 1.00 p.m. sees the kick-off of the TASTE 2004 5-a-side tournament. The event is open to single-sex and mixed teams under the age of 18 and we've planned it for the better weather so that you can bring your young people for a day out. Depending on team numbers, matches will be played throughout the afternoon and, at the end of the tournament there will be a short presentation about the work of TASTE before we present a small trophy to the winning teams. Throughout the afternoon, Trustees and staff will be on hand to talk with leaders about how TASTE can interact more effectively with your young people. More information will be available in the New Year, just make certain that you put the date in your new 2004 diary!

The famous, sponsored TASTE FunRun

takes place on Saturday 27th March at 11.30 a.m. Last year we had over 150 entrants who raced, ran, jogged, strolled, pushed prams and walked dogs around the 5k course. They raised nearly £7000 in 2003, so please start arranging sponsorship to push us past the £10,000 mark. For 2004 we are encouraging entrants to bring their own picnic so we can sit under the trees and enjoy lunch together. It's an ideal motivation to shed those pounds gained during the Winter. Look out for an entry form in January!!



The 2004 Reeth Ramble

Picturesque Reeth is the jewel in the crown of Swaledale. This beautiful village in North Yorkshire was the venue for the 2003 Ramble and such was the success of the event that it has been decided to hold it annually. So, if you enjoy walking in magnificent countryside, put 3rd July in your diary (invite your family and friends to do the same) and start rounding up sponsors for the 5k round-walk. The Ramble will start around 4.00 p.m. and an early-evening barbeque will round off the day. More details nearer the time.

Please pray for Nigeria

We are often encouraging you to pray for the work of TASTE and we would encourage you to continue your prayers in 2004. But, if you don't do so already, will you widen your prayers to take in the whole country? In a country of over 100 million inhabitants there are so many false churches and the true work of the gospel is so limited. President Obasanjo is trying to lead his country well yet, during 2003, they spent \$480,000,000 on the new 60,000 seater stadium in Abuja to host the All-African games. This was more than the whole year's budget for either health or education!

Pray that God will move in a real way in Nigeria and that men and women will have their lives dramatically changed by the Gospel.

Please Pray...

- That God will move the hearts of our supporters and grant-making organisations to meet our financial needs during the next 12 months.
- That the Trustees and workers will not become discouraged when things don't go smoothly.
- That, as we work in Achi, we will have opportunities to share the gospel and promote biblical principles of working.
- That our work in Nigeria will bring glory to God and that men and women will come to know Jesus as Saviour.

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