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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

I met Olasubomi in Ukraine in April 2022, at the beginning of the Russian-Ukraine war when she came to assist the Orphans in Ukraine. I worked with her as a volunteer for Lightup Foundation in Ukraine, I did most of her translation job for her. Olasubomi worked with 5 Orphanages in Ukraine, she was full of courage, I was sent to Lviv to work with her. We were all desperately fleeing the war front at the time but when I met Olasubomi, I was first surprised that while we all were looking for a means of fleeing our country and committed to seeing how we can assist each other to achieve this goal, someone can in the name of humanity leave their comfort zone and travelled from the UK to a war front to rescue Orphans. Olasubomi's courage was the turning point of my life. Her courage made me more determined to stay to help the vulnerable of Ukraine. She was everywhere trying to locate the location of the orphans, I helped her to start contacting orphanages, we also got help contact the government to get information about Orphan location.

Olasubomi's faith and wisdom in the mission amazed me and encouraged me so much, she was quite committed to the mission, it was as if she always knows the exact thing to do no matter how bad the situation is, she was very focus driven and would not take NO for an answer, while working with her I learnt quite a lot. With her support we evacuated orphans and their carers from the war front at the city of Pokrovsk. That night, Olasubomi displayed an unbelievable height of faith, there was curfew declared by the government and anyone seen from 10pm would be shot on sight. We were meant to leave Lviv which was 3 hours drive from the location where the buses and coaches we employed their service were to drop the orphans, We were meant to meet them at the agreed location, I did everything to discourage us from

traveling that day but Olasubomi full of so much compassion wanted us to embark on the journey. There was so much delay that we had to leave around 7:30pm, considering that it was a 3hour journey, I insisted that we would be killed hence we should not go but Olasubomi insisted that we needed to leave to secure the evacuation of the orphans was executed, I was full of fear such that I started to shed tears uncontrollable as I know people have been killed because they travelled after the curfew time which is 10pm. Olasubomi encouraged me to lets move, she was extremely fearless and she prayed for God's assistance , she did everything to encourage me to go with her. I finally agreed with so much fear in me and tears in my eyes. Unbelievably we made it to the final line at past 10pm and this was for me the greatest miracle I experienced, we were not killed and we were able to receive the orphans, if we have not gone, the orphans would have been stranded. Up till today, that experience is one that I will never forget, she is indeed a woman of great faith, I am not sure I have met anyone like this woman before. The Carers of the orphans wept continuously, it was both the tears of joy and sorrow. - joy because the buses arrived safely, sorrow because of the war. When they met us, they said there was no one to call for help, they said they were stranded for days and the only thing they did was to pray. And suddenly they didn't know how their Co-ordinator heard about Olasubomi's mission to Ukraine.

We worked with different orphanages, she raised money through Lightup Foundation for the orphanages to support the evacuation of many orphans to safety. She even went as far as providing support for children with special need in a Special Orphanage for the children with Special need.

I have since being volunteering for Lightup Foundation since my encounter with Olasubomi.

**Olasubomi deserves to be honoured and celebrated for her exceptional courage and the great impact she made by putting her life on the line to save many Ukraine orphans.**

Yours



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