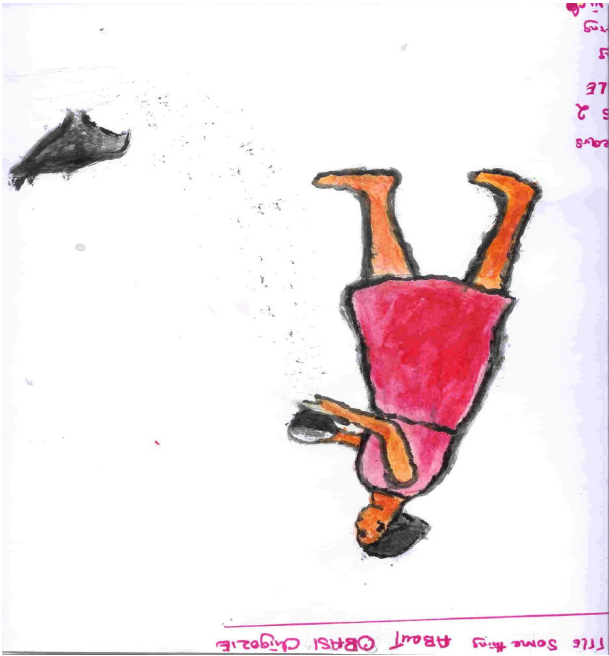


We do not have any toilets in our school. We would like to have some.



We do not have fast food takeaways in the area, but food is prepared from fresh herbs, vegetables and meat.

We like to eat many foods including:

rice, plantain, yam, beans, fruits, salad, indomie, chicken, eggusi, peppered soup.

'A Little Something About Me'.

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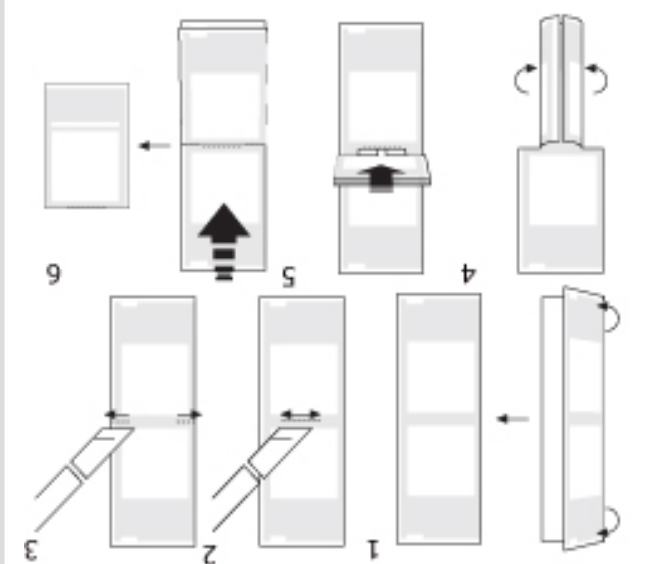


We want to tell you our story, it's a little something about us, our school and our village, Umologho.

We speak 'Igbo' in our village and English.

'Kedu?' means 'How are you?' in our language

Igbo.



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**'A Little Something About Me',
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This is a map of Nigeria, West Africa. Our school
is in Imo state. The main town Owerri is about an
hours drive away from our village.



This is our school, St. Maria Goretti Secondary
School. There are nearly 300 pupils between the
ages of 11 to 18 years old.
We use an old church building as our school. We
do not have any separate classes, or fans to cool
us down, so we do lots of our classroom activities
outside, under the shade of a tree.



We have called this project 'A little something about me'.

We want to tell you a little something about our lives, concerns, hopes and dreams.

'Anyi choro ikoro unu akuko' means we want to tell you our story. This is to 'our friends out there'.



We have no running water in our school and no separate classrooms. There are up to 60 students in each class. There is no electricity supply so no fans to cool us down.





We thank you for reading our book and we look forward to news from you, our friends out there.

For more information about this project please e-mail Bev Carter:
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It is a usual thing to walk to the village stream before school and after school to collect water for our parents. We walk with our brothers, sisters and friends and sometimes get to play and swim in the stream before coming back again.



We are trying to build a new school building. Here are the foundations, but it has taken four years to get here. We no not have any funding from local or state government. Our only funding comes from the families of the pupils. We need more help to complete our school building project.

Any help you can give, however small, will help us grow and realise our dreams and make us very happy.

'i mee la' means 'thank you'



We have to watch out for the crocodiles!





We will continue to work hard to develop ourselves but we need light, more books, computers, a science lab, toilets, a school fence, music equipment, electricity and water supply, a school bus., a school building.....many, many things.

We need more books and a library in our school. We only have about 20 old books, so it is not really a library, but we call it one anyway.

'Education is our friend'. We take our studies seriously and work hard so we can aim higher.



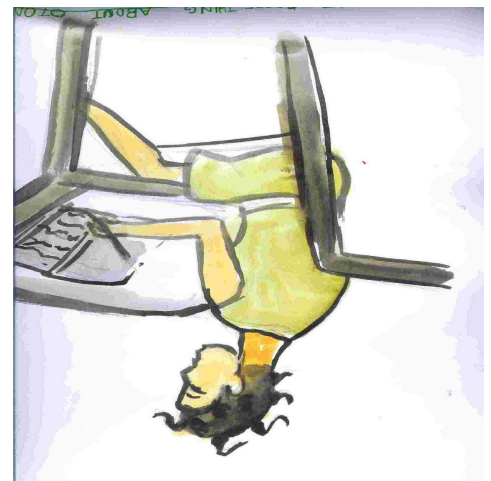
We enjoy learning and want to develop ourselves.

We have many life dreams, but the lack of school accommodation and facilities is our main hindrance.



It would make us very happy to know more about you.

Our science laboratory is very poorly equipped and we do not have adequate equipment to do our studies.



But the lack of facilities hinders our progress. We want to do many things when we grow up. We want to be doctors, lawyers, nurses, scientists, engineers, teachers, reverend sisters, artists, pilots, musicians.....



We would like to learn more about other cultures and places. We hope that other young people will tell us 'a little something about themselves', maybe create a book like this, send some drawings or paintings to us. We do not have computers or the internet, and only some people have televisions.

We learn from our teachers who write down information on blackboards. We have no computers in our school. Pupils bring in their school desks from home, where they can, as our school cannot afford to buy desks or chairs.

We have many hindrances in our lives, but believe we can achieve our dreams.

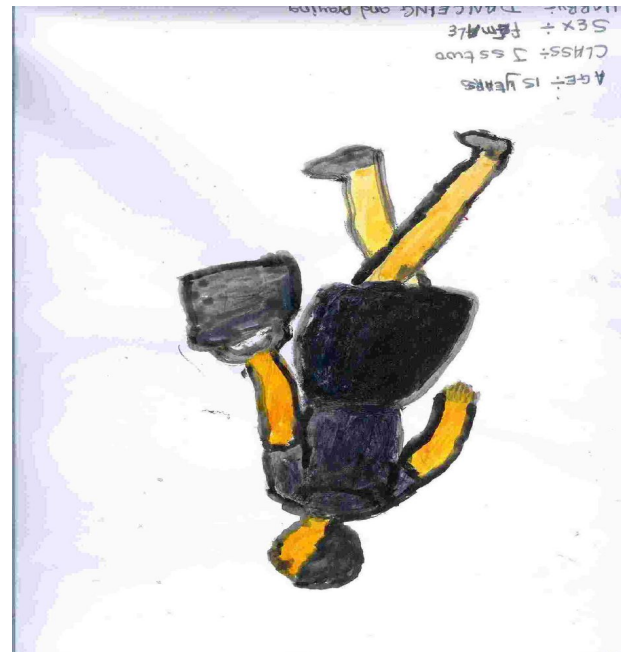


Our hobbies are playing football, reading, drawing, singing, praying, listening to music.

Onuigbo - the voice of igbo people

Uzoamaka - the road is beautiful

'My house is very far from school and we need a school bus. By the time I get to school I have missed one or two lessons and feel tired'





We know the meanings of our names. Here are some....

Ibe zimako - I get my wisdom from my friends

Uchechukwu - thoughts of God

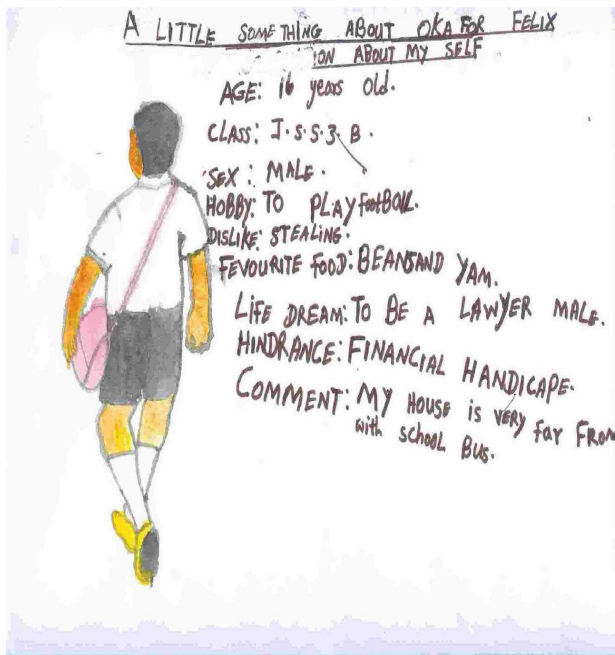
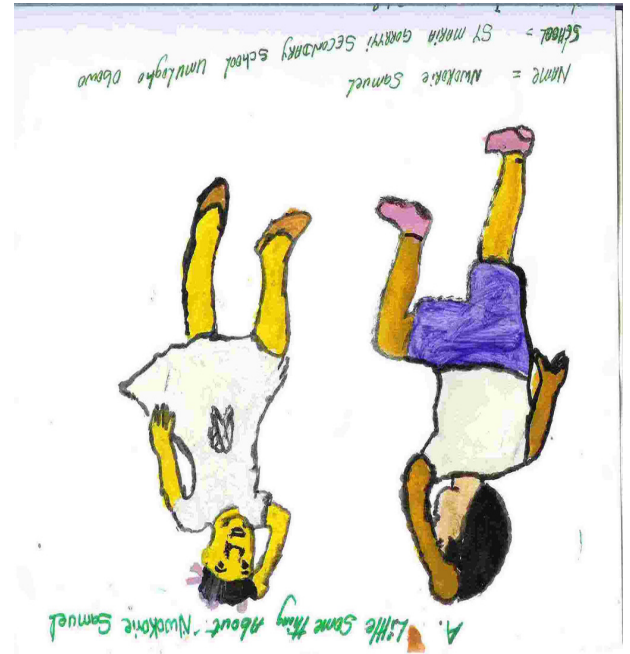
Ijeoma - safe journey

osisiogu - stick of war

ifeoma - beautiful things

osondu - race of life

We like to play, sing and dance.



'I am coming from a far place and we need a school bus. Please help me to solve this problem'.

Cooking fresh food is important to us. Our food comes from our farms and local market traders in our village and other villages nearby. There is hardly no waste and no plastic packaging to be thrown away. We re-use bottles and containers. Our animals eat most of our left over food.

