

A Report On Training Activities in Skills Acquisition Centre (SAC) in Saint Patrick's College, Ikot Ansa On 28th December, 2017.

The centre began its training activities after Mr John Schill (the beloved) and Mr Thomas Stulik left for Austria in May, 2016. Information was passed to the public to come for skills learning in St. Patrick's College. About 80 people gradually turned out for the training in June, 2016. The people requested to know the areas the training will cover. This request was satisfactorily made by the explanation that the training will cover: sheet metal work, electrical/electronic and mechanics for now. But in the meantime, training will commence effectively in sheet metal workshop. On this explanation, the number of students began reducing to a total of 46 people as most of them needed training on mechanical and electrical/electronics units.

However, the 46 students were much to be trained altogether. So, we divided the students into three groups for easy management as group 1, group 2 and group 3 accordingly. Group 1 and group 2, each of 18 students, were trained in June, 2016. The third group of 10 students received their training in July, 2016.

They all were trained on:

- I. Knowing names of tools and their uses
- II. Cutting of sheet metals using appropriate tools
- III. Raising sheet metals using raising hammer
- IV. Making of short cylindrical drainage pipes alongside soldering
- V. Bucket making
- VI. Packer making
- VII. Box making



The total number of students trained and qualified for certificates were 46. They were given T-shirt and caps alongside issuance of certificates by the Hifa president, Cross River State (Rev. Fr Dominic Umoh). Some students were absent during this exercise. They were encourage to keep coming for more practice as the workshop was opened for all of them. They were told the training they received was phase 1 and that phase 2 will follow later. The practice went on throughout the months of August, September, October and ended in November, 2016.



In January to March, 2017, 15 students of SS2B class of St. Patrick's college received training in the workshop. The space of time for this training was not sufficient as noted in the college time table. They only learned about: knowing names of tools and their uses and cutting of sheet metals using correct working tools. That March, they went on school holiday to resume April ending. In May, 2017 our friends (Prof. Uwe, Mr John and Mr Harald) from Austria arrived SAC at SPC Calabar for more training. This time, they trained us on ridge making on the roof, roof gutter making, drainage and drum making for water, bird feeders making and water trof. These were magnificent skill learning for us. When they left for Austria in May, 2017, we went on practicing what we learned in June, July and August. We could fixed roof gutter and drainage pipes for those who needed our service, we could make bird feeders for those who needed our supply and we could also make shifters which could be use for different purposes.

In September, 10th 2017, we were in Austria to acquire more knowledge. And in 3rd November, 2017, we were back in Nigeria. 6th November, 2017, we began training two trainers on what we learned in Austria: making of drainage pipes, watering can, etc. The practice is on course. The hope is that these two trainers will assist us to train other students.



On behalf of Skills Acquisition Centre (SAC) St. Patrick's College, Calabar the coordinator (Mr Joseph Effiong Akpan) appreciates Hifa Austria and Landesberuffschule (LBS) for inviting us to Austria in order to acquire significant skills and knowledge that will help expand our SAC in Calabar. We will always give special thanks to Prof. Uwe Kraus, Mr John Schill (the beloved), Mr Thomas Stulik and Mr Harald Reichart for their sacrificial love in Nigeria to see that SAC grows and matures. We also thank every other person who has supported us through you. We promise that we will maximise your effort by doing our best to ensure that SAC grows to an expected standard.

Yours faithfully,

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