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By Ade Sobanjo

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### How did she do it?

There are three lessons I would like to highlight from Cindy's story! I

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## Hon Abdullahi Galadima of APC is elected as Chairman of Kuje Area Council

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has finally declared Abdullahi Galadima of APC winner of the Kuje Area council election with 15, 175 votes, the announcement which was made by the returning Officer for the election in Kuje. The APC candidate defeated the incumbent Chairman of the council, Shaban Tete of Peoples Democratic Party, who got 13,650 votes and the All Progressives Grand Alliance polled 5,503 votes in the election.

It is also gathered from our sources that of the elections which were held in the six Area councils of Abuja (Abaji, Abuja Municipal, Bwari, Gwagwalada, Kuje and Kwali), APC clinched five of the area council elections, while APGA won in Gwagwalada. Once again,

APC has reinforced their earlier statement that they are here to stay for a long time.

We say congratulations to APC as they prepare to take over office sometime between the 17th & 27th of May, 2016. However, Kuje residents are expecting a lot from this new "change" administration, one of which is the completion of the ongoing construction of the Kuje stadium and its complete renovation, fixing the dilapidated roads of Kuje which in turn will encourage more businesses to move into Kuje especially more banks and super markets, re-equipping the general hospital, job creation amongst others. We have faith that with this new administration, all these concerns will be adequately dealt with, making Kuje a better place for all and sundry.

## Starting a school? Be sure it's not for money!

- A chat with Barrister Collins Aimuan

By Chris Rio

Grace Garden International College (GGIC) is one of the big schools in Kuje! Kuje Reflection is all about boosting the economy of Kuje so we sat down with the chairman of the school Barrister Collins Aimuan! Here is what he had to say!

### 1. Kindly tell us a little about yourself

My name is Collins Aimuan. I'm from Edo State. I'm a lawyer,

called 30 years ago to the Nigerian Bar. I'm a business man & business consultant. I have a master's degree in Business administration. I speak on Human Capital development as a consultant as well as on wealth creation. I'm the Chairman of Grace Garden international School and Grace Garden International College Kuje board of trustees.



Barrister Collins Aimuan

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# EDITORIAL

## Its May...!

You either perceive life as a spectator and as a participant. Which one are you?

Congratulations to our newly elected Area Council Chairman Hon. Abdullahi Galadima. We pray that your tenure in office will bring great prosperity and growth to Kuje.

In this issue we feature one of Kuje's best; Barr Collins Aimuan is the Chairman of Grace Garden International College, located in Gudab, Kuje. He calls all Nigerians to get their hands dirty as we bring back our nation's glory.

Relax and Enjoy every piece inside this edition. We continue to offer our magazine as a way of improving the Kuje community, and of course we still have a long way to go. Let's work together!

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1. Pablo Picasso, one of the most renowned artists of all time once said, "The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls".
2. From 1912 – 1948, the Olympic Games awarded medals for artworks inspired by sport.
3. When the Mona Lisa was stolen from The Louvre in 1911, the empty space it left on the wall attracted more visitors than the painting itself had.
4. Ambrose Bierce, in The Devil's Dictionary (1906), defined art ever so succinctly with "Art, n. This word has no definition".
5. The legendary Vincent Van Gogh produced more than 2000 works during his life. 900 paintings and 1,100 drawings and sketches. However, he only sold one (1) painting while he was alive. Talk about persistence!

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# Our Interview with Barrister Collins Aimuan - Contd from pg. 1

## 2. Precisely when was GGIS opened?

The school started in Lagos 20 years ago as a primary and nursery school, then expanded to Abuja. It was commissioned in Abuja in 2000 by Late Chief Mrs. Stella Obasanjo, the First Lady at the time. Started in Maitama as a bungalow with about 3 students. Now it's in Kuje to serve you all. We render boarding facilities because of the demand of parents from all states in Nigeria. We've done only about 40% of the work needed here, still our facilities are constructed to international standard. We have fully furnished computer & science laboratories, and equipped library with books supplied by international companies. Everything here is top notch.

## 3. What grade levels are currently offered in GGIC?

We cover the secondary school system. We're approved by all School Regulatory Authorities, one of the best schools in Africa. We have records of our students doing Ph.D in world class universities, topping their classes. We have a medical student in one of the top universities in UK on top of his class, in the midst of Chinese, Americans and all! We're not new in this field.

## 4. What were you involved in before starting the school?

I am an advocate, legal practitioner, called to bar since 30 years ago, I have my chambers in Lagos. I understudied Chief Gani Fayemi of blessed memory. It got to the point that whenever I had cases in Lagos, my colleagues would come and listen to me handle my cases. I'm still a legal practitioner, still go to court. I'm also the chairman of a couple of businesses.

## 5. What inspired the decision to start the school?

It was a burden. Each time I pass government schools, I begin to cry. When you travel out of the country, you see schools. Look at the Chibok girls' experience. Each time the international community shows the school in media, I feel very sad. I've always wanted to cause a change especially for students who are unable to pay school fees, a lot

of children here don't pay school fees, and we just give them scholarship and train them free of charge. That's the background I came out from. I came out, I kobo to pay school fees in primary school, my parents couldn't pay. I didn't know the challenge I had in school was a projection into what my life would become. I don't collect salary here even, because the money isn't even enough to run the school. Even though you see buildings, it's more or less a charitable service. We just want to contribute our quota to national development. We teach the children morals and values and virtues of God. It's a character moulding institution.

## 6. Kuje is a small town that's still opening up at the heart of FCT. Why did you choose to establish your school here in Kuje, and not somewhere in town that's more developed?

We chose Kuje when we were looking for a place to get a big size of land to accommodate the vision, the boarding house and all. We've only done 40% of what we intend to do, we are going to do a project here that by God's grace, Nigeria will be proud of. Its only in Kuje we could readily get that size of land, so many years ago. We also got fascinated by the proximity to the airport, easy for children to arrive and locate the school. The seclusion of the place, not noisy, students can read well here. All these contributed to the decision.

## 7. What would you say have been the hardest challenges in running a school like yours?

They are of two fold. One, the cost of borrowing in the bank, it's almost as if we operate the school for banks. At the end of the day, you'll look back and say why am I doing all these things? The infrastructure, the roads, we provided all. The road and bridges, we built them. It gets really tasking. The other challenge is moulding children. The reason we have insurgency in Nigeria is family related. Lack of training of these children. Changing children is one of the hardest things a man can expose himself to do. These are the major challenges.

## 8. Share with us the most fulfilling benefits you've enjoyed so far since the establishment of your school.

Each time we see them excel in various universities, even in school set, we see them score A-s! Last year's result was one of the best in Nigeria, we had almost 100% passed! When we see this, we're happy. Added to that, whenever I travel, I meet past students and past parents everywhere and it's a joy to continue!

## 9. Where do you see GGIS in the next 10 years, and how do you see GGIS benefitting the Kuje area as a whole?

In the next 10 years, we believe God for greatness. We're committed to God as Christians. We believe the Lord will take Grace Garden to this next level. Grace Garden will soar! When we judge from where we are coming from, the future is closer. We have water and electricity, five boreholes, we didn't have all these when we started. We believe that having achieved this, the same God will help us to go to the next level.

## 10. How do you see Grace Garden Intl School impacting Kuje area as a whole?

That's a good question. Well about 50% of the staff here are from Kuje. The Gomo of Kuje is our father here. He asked us to reduce fees for Kuje people, so Kuje has special school fees and we opened the school for them, otherwise it's not a day school. The Gomo has made it possible for Kuje people to have that discount for school fees, paying about one-third of the school fees others pay here.

## 11. What advice would you give the people reading this who are looking forward to one day starting a school or opening any businesses?

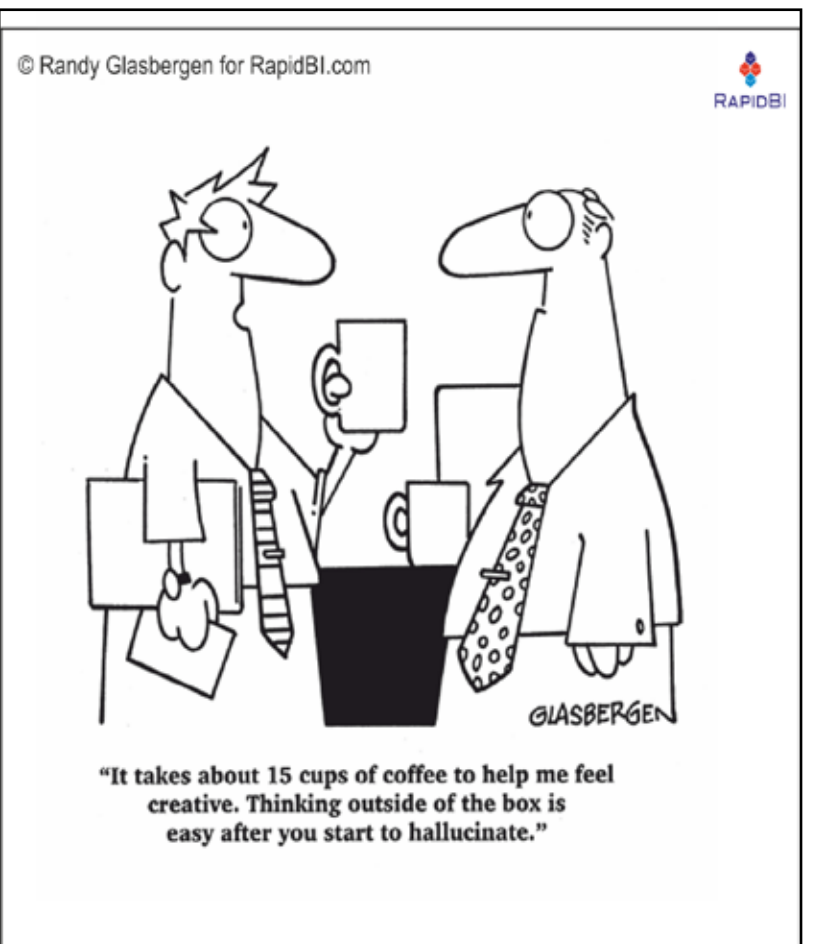
Well a lot of my friends started schools because of me and today 90% of them have closed down because they thought it was to make money. I'm a legal practitioner, sometimes I bring my own money to aid the needs here. If you want to start school, be sure it's not for

money because you'll be disappointed. For a long time, you won't see the money. For the first 15 years even. If you have 6 classrooms and you have 2 or 3 students in each classroom, the human resource you need to manage 30 students is the same for even 1 student. If you're not making profit, you'll shut down. If you're just starting life, ideally you shouldn't run a school. You can't do "school business" to start life. You need to count the cost, don't jump into it. Know the type of school you want to run. We're here to complement the effort of the government, because if government invests all its money into only education, it might not be enough. People think education is big business, but it's not because the more money you put into it, the more money it demands.

## 12. Anything else you'd like to say to our readers?

Every Nigerian has a stake in the Nigerian project. We all have at one level or the other, a stake. It is

expected that generations will remember you with regards to how you handle it. Don't just live anyhow. America was built by people. I ask lawyers, what do you want to be remembered for? Chief Gani Fayemi is remembered today. What do you want to be remembered for? You must work to make a difference. Don't live like any other person, live out your essence of living, otherwise you're telling God he made a mistake for sending you down here. You have to light up your generation. Be the hallmark of people around you, be the mirror, the light. Let them look at you, let the blind see through you. This was a forest! We took a bulldozer into the forest! Children are learning here today. This is where we are, this is how America made it, and this is how we should make it! We create our environment, we don't make any reference to government. You can't be a success in life if you don't have the guts, the fighting spirit to make a difference.





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