

Quarterly Newsletter 2-2019

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, unless you try to do something that is beyond what you have already mastered, you will not grow. There were many things that signified growth for us in the second quarter of 2019; from hosting our first collaboration event to acquiring a land for Bramble residential learning space at Arikanki village. All of these marked new margins which we hope to fully explore as we proceed in our journey.

Dear readers, thank you for your interest in our newsletter. We are glad to take you through the highlight of our activities in these past months. We are especially grateful for the positive feedbacks we received after our first Newsletter; each was invaluable. Enjoy as we take you through it all.



Some of the girls who participated in our origami workshop at the pilot learning space



Some Learning materials used at the Pilot learning space

Giving Creativity Expression

May 27 is National children’s day. Bramble celebrated the day with the theme ‘Giving Creativity Expression’. The event was organised in collaboration with The Autism Awareness Foundation (TAAF) and the full support of the leaders of Beere community. We had about 160 children and parents from the community. Children were put into groups according to their age range with a Team member supervising their work. Children made pencil holders using cardboards, origami butterflies, and decorated art works. A group of children had their creative work in a workshop on Love, Hope, Freedom, and Peace. [Click here to read more](#)



A group of children ready to begin their painting



Ikimat enjoying her drink and refreshment

100,000 Plastic Bottles

On June 5- World Environment Day, we launched an all new and innovative campaign to gather 100,000 Plastic Bottles which will be used to build two learning halls at Arikanki village, Ibadan. The campaign will run for three months and end on August 19-World Humanitarian Day. This project is a holistic approach to solving one of the world's biggest environmental challenge and providing one of the world's greatest need; Quality Education! We have partnered with 8 other organisations to mobilise these bottles. [Click here to read more](#)



Bramble Partners with Eco-Creative Hub to 1000 school children

On June 10, we joined African Creative Hub to host about 1000 school children at the Oyo state stadium, Adamashigba, Ibadan. Children were engaged in sessions on eco-creativity and there were product exhibition from various schools. The event was co-anchored by our founder, Odunayo.



Some students exhibiting creative products



Bramble to partner with Upcycle Africa

We are excited to partner with Upcycle Africa for the bottle house construction at our learning space. The organisation has constructed over 80 houses with plastic bottles in Uganda, and also trained 1000+ youth. We look forward to hosting them in August.



Odunayo filling bottles during training

Community Awareness at Arikanki

The project team visited Arikanki village on the 25th of July. We were given a warm welcome by the villagers. The community awareness took place during a vigil organized by the villagers and many parents, youths, teenagers and children from Oretu, Arikanki and the surrounding villages were present. We gave a 40-minute presentation on the role of effective education in community development and discussed extensively on the work of Bramble. Many parents and adults registered their interest for the training on bottle house construction. We also mapped Fakore, Oretu, and Igbagbo. We noted other challenges faced by the people in the community which includes lack of access to clean water, erratic electricity supply, poor road network, lack of basic health care center. [Click here to read more](#)

Bramble in the media:

- Interview with Odunayo Aliu: [NGO Podcast](#)
- Every Child is our Child: [Bloom & Give](#)
- Meet the young lady redefining education in rural communities across Nigeria: [Innovation Dscuss](#)
- MEET BRAMBLE-a space where children find their passion for learning through creativity: [Ennovate Lab](#)

Donations

- Books from our friends in Nigeria and Rwanda
- Bottles for the construction work

Some of Our Plans for the second Quarter 2019

- Construction of two learning halls with plastic bottles
- Summer program for children at Arikanki village
- Selection of first batch of learners
- Official Launch and beginning of first year at Bramble Learning Space

Dear Friends and supporters,

*Without your help we would not have been able to achieve this much in the second quarter of 2019. Our gratitude goes to **Bloom & Give and our individual sponsors.** Therefore, on behalf of all our children and the Bramble Team, we say a very big thank you for your continuous support. Do help share this newsletter among your network of friends and associates.
Welcome to August!*

*Warm regards,
Odunayo, and the entire Bramble Team.*

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