

PRESIDENT'S END OF YEAR MESSAGE – 2009

Happy New Year!! Mpaninfo,

All too soon, another year is about to end and our good Lord is ushering us into a new year. For most people, it is a time for reflection; a time to pause and take stock of the passing year, to evaluate where we succeeded in our set goals for the year and resolve to do even better in the coming year. Where we did not quite measure up to the challenges, we'll attempt to do better in 2010. I believe that it is equally important for us, as an association, to look back and review the year that is just about to end.

First, on behalf of your executive committee and on my own behalf, I thank you all for your cooperation and support throughout the year. I also thank our executive officers for their dedicated leadership to our organization. As you very well know, the continued growth and success of our beloved association depend on the collective will of all our members. No single individual can make an association great. Therefore, I'm appealing to each member to redouble your efforts in the coming year by actively supporting and participating in our forthcoming annual meeting.

I'm delighted to report that we made steady progress during the year. First, your participation and enthusiasm during our last general meeting was very encouraging and I expect an even higher attendance during our 5th general assembly meeting in Connecticut. Second, we had smooth elections in June and elected a strong, new executive body. Special thanks to our first executive officers, under the presidency of Ben Awuah, who tirelessly and selflessly steered our association through its first, critical four years. We are very grateful to them all. On November 6, the association presented ten new computers, a network printer and their accessories worth over \$7,000.00 to our alma mater. Considering the fact that our organization has been in existence for barely five years, we all have every reason to be very proud of this humble accomplishment. I expect these positive developments to continue in the coming year.

I'm however concerned about the failure of most of our members to pay their monthly dues and pledges they made during our last two meetings. As of today, barely five percent of our members have either paid their dues and pledges in full or partially for the year that ends tonight. This is definitely unacceptable. I'm therefore appealing to all members who owe dues for the 2009 calendar year and any financial pledges to do their best and pay them off by the end of the first quarter of 2010. I'm counting on your cooperation in this all important matter. During our next general meeting on **June 26, 2010** in Connecticut your executive committee will present to you a detail report on the "state of our association" including a financial statement.

Once again, I thank you all for your cooperation and support during our first year in office. I pray that, with your cooperation and God's help, we will do even better in the coming year. I wish you and your dear families the very best of everything you hope for in the coming year.

May the good Lord continue to bless you all now and always!

Long Live OPASS Alumni Association of North America!

Long Live Mpaninfo!!

A blessed and peaceful New Year to you and yours!!

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President

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