

The Lifeline

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Woman dies after giving birth to triplets

•I can't care for them alone, says father of babies



•Chikere and his wife before the latter's death

From **Felix Ikem, Nsukka**

HIS name is Chikere Anselm Ene and at the moment he is a sad and confused man.

But his pains are understandable. His wife, Obianuju, recently passed on just days after she was delivered of three bouncing babies.

The joy of Ene, from Amaozara Obukpa, a community in Nsukka Local Government Area of Enugu State, knew no bounds when his wife, Mrs. Obianuju Ene, gave birth to a set of triplets on June 17, this year.

Having been married in September 2017, Chikere and his wife experienced no difficulty in getting the fruit of the womb. Again, the wife was delivered of male triplets without any incident. Chikere could not thank God enough for the unquantifiable blessing.

Daily Sun learnt that the mother died three days after giving birth when she went for check-up in the hospital.

Our source explained that though the mother of the triplets was healthy and fit after the delivery, the cause of her death remains a mystery to the family.



•Chikere and others carrying the babies

When the reporter visited the family in Amaozara village, Obukpa, the family's condition evoked pity.

Speaking with the reporter, Chikere said: "We need help. I cannot take care of these children alone. The burden is too much for me to carry."

He also explained how the babies

were born: "Initially, when she went for ultrasound, the doctor did not tell us the result of the test. He hid the result from us. All he kept on telling us was to be coming at short intervals. We accepted and some weeks before her delivery, she was going to the hospital every two days to avoid any trouble. Then, two days before



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the delivery, the doctor called me aside and revealed to me that my wife was going to give birth to twins. He didn't tell me it was triplets, yet I was very shocked. I knew how one child is difficult to raise, not to talk of two or three children at once.

"When I went to the hospital after the delivery, I was further surprised by what I saw. I was expecting to see twins, but what I saw was triplets. I wanted to run away and leave them in the hospital, but the nurses on duty that day held me back. I started crying, but some of them came to me and started consoling me, assuring me that God would

Pomp as Ehi Braimah becomes Rotary president

By **Perpetua Egesimba**

EXCITEMENT pervaded the air recently at the inauguration of Mr. Ehi Braimah, CEO, Neo Media and Marketing and vice president, Nigerian-American Chamber of Commerce (NACC), as the 58th president of the Rotary Club of Lagos, District 9110.

The event, which was held at the Metropolitan Club, Victoria Island, Lagos, featured a lecture and fund-raiser for the club's humanitarian projects. It was graced by professionals, rotarians, business leaders, former presidents of the club, friends and well-wishers.

After he was handed the mantle of leadership by the club's outgoing president, Mr. Soboma Ajumogobia, an elated Braimah expressed readiness to serve the club. He said Rotary was all about humanitarian service, and the club was engaging with communities, taking action to improve the lives of people in different parts of the world.

Braimah unveiled his immediate plans to deploy human and material resources to

tackle maternal mortality, malaria, illiteracy and challenges facing basic education in the district.

According to him, his team has two star projects to work on, including donation of N4 million to Onikan Comprehensive Health Centre.

"Secondly, because of malaria, which is a big problem, we want to buy treated mosquito nets and give to 1,000 inhabitants of slums.

"We have projects for education, economic empowerment, where we give out soft loans, interest-free, to traders and marketwomen in different markets that we have identified. We want to give hope to the people who are dispossessed, by giving them some kind of support," he said.

The Rotary president reiterated further that the club was becoming more relevant than ever before, because the club had a lot of problems to solve.

He also urged members to show support and collaboration in the leadership's effort to serve humanity through the clubs

humanitarian activities. Achieving the club's objectives, he said, required commitment and sacrifice by members.

"Our strategy is to win together during my tenure, and I salute the club officers for accepting to serve. I appeal for your maximum support so that we can serve well and inspire others. Let it be known that the president cannot do the job alone. So we shall win together through effective collaboration and engagement and enjoy Rotary in a meaningful way," he said.

The new president explained that he intended to extend the club's influence by growing its membership and he had designed a programme to induct eight new members every quarter that would contribute \$15,000 to the Rotary Foundation. The aim, he said, was for the District 9110 to earn citation in the club's international newsletter and event.

The former president, Ajumogobia, while handing over to the new president, wished him well and described him as a man of integrity. He expressed optimism that

Braimah would achieve key humanitarian services along with the excellent team he had assembled.

Ajumogobia said the club under his leadership focused on improving lives and humanitarian services to the needy.

"My tenure was very exciting. We learnt a lot and we were able to impact on our communities in the areas of health and education.

"We had adopted a community in the Lekki/Epe Expressway axis, where we provided solar-powered, street lighting and water supply. And we have been able to impact positively in our area of operation. We are very pleased that we had our opportunities to serve in the last 12 months.

"It is a continuous process. I will still act as an adviser to the new president and also as a mentor to the president-elect. So, the work continues."

In his lecture on the theme "The act of giving," the guest lecturer, the pro-chancellor and chairman of the governing council of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Dr.