



**Mboho Mkpawara Ibibio USA, Inc.**

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### **CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ~ DR. UKO OKPOK**

Mboho Mkpawara Ibibio, USA, Inc. wishes to express its deepest sympathy on the sudden death of our brother, friend, community board member and chief supporter, Dr. Uko Moses Akpan Okpok, who originates from Ikot Assat Nsit, Nsit Ibom Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. We hereby extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Uko Okpok. In his shortened life, Dr. Okpok has created a legacy that many Ibibio people in the United States and in Nigeria will not forget.

Dr. Uko Okpok was an ardent supporter of many community and charitable programs, including a substantial support to MMI USA INC's Mboho Unity School Project in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State. Dr. Okpok featured prominently during the inauguration of MMI USA and induction of new MMI USA members in Houston, TX in 2005. As one of the keynote speakers at that event, he chronologically gave a true picture why it is important for MMI USA to defend the culture and tradition of the Ibibio tribe and Akwa Ibom State in general. Dr. Uko Okpok has played other important roles to support MMI USA. When the project committee and the executive committee of MMI USA presented Dr. Uko Okpok with the master plan of the 9-classroom block project at the Unity School, Dr. Uko launched the project with a donation of \$5,000.00 toward the project. In his modesty, he did not want his donation announced. However, the chairman of the 2008 MMI USA convention in Atlanta, GA, decided to announce the donation from a "true son of the soil", stating that he has been reading Dr. Uko Okpok's article in support of Ibibio people in Ibom Forum. The project at Mboho Unity School was been completed under three years. [Information at <http://www.mbohousa.org/projects/>]

Dr. Okpok was a shining example and inspiration to many. His strength, courage and resilience shined through his personal, community and professional life. He was passionate about the MMI USA's image and dedication to operational excellence, quality and the achievement of results ("it's all about results," he frequently said). He was flexible, thorough, thoughtful, curious, and willing to listen to different viewpoints. While there have been many professional milestones in his life, however, in 2008 he accepted to be a community member of the Board of Trustee of MMI USA.

On behalf of all members and chapters of MMI USA INC, we sympathize with all those who are suffering from the loss of Dr. Uko Okpok, including the many children and students who have benefited from his scholarship programs and the school projects; his village people who enjoyed his free medical services and free medicine.

May his soul rest in perfect peace!

May God fill the void that he has left in this world!

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